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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Caleb Powers has issued a statement in which he says he has been made the victim of a judicial farce.

Sergt. Buck Taylor died at Washington City Sunday. He was a close friend of Gov. Roosevelt and was with him in Cuba. He was at one time chief cowboy in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. He died of consumption contracted in Cuba.

At Alexandria, Ind., the entire plant of the Kelly Axe Manufacturing company, valued at $800,000, was destroyed by fire Sunday. It was the largest axe factory in the world, employing some 800 or 1,000 men when running at full force.

Allen Nichols, 26 years of age, of Nicholls, N. Y., was almost instantly killed by a Big four freight train in East Alton, Sunday. Young Nichols, while attempting to board a moving train, missed his footing and fell between the cars. His body was cut in two at the hips. Although fatally hurt, he lived long enough to give his name and the address of his parents, who are well to do.

Mrs. James Strathie, of Atlantic Highlands, N. J., is dead, after suffering for a week from well-defined symptoms of hydrophobia. A month ago Mrs. Strathie's son died of the same disease, both mother and child having been bitten by a playful puppy. It was not until the son's death that the dog was killed and found to have been diseased. The mother was taken ill a week ago, and in spite of the best medical treatment, she died at noon Sunday in awful agony.

At Rhinelander, Wis., Wm. F. Fenlon, one of Rhinelander's most foremost citizens, was shot and killed by J. Bascom Robbins, a salesman for a Chicago crockery company. Robbins, it is alleged, insulted one of the women clerks in Fenlon & Co.'s store, and Fenlon drove the salesman out of the establishment and pursued him to within a block of the hotel. Fenlon later went to the hotel, and as he entered the office, Robbins, who was standing near the desk, fired, killing him instantly. Robbins was arrested.

At Philadelphia, Sunday night, while frightening a crowd of negroes by pretending she was a ghost, Florence Almond, aged 14 years, was struck on the head with a brick, thrown by one of the negroes and killed. The negroes were gathered on a lot at 57th and Ludlow streets, when the girl, who lived near by, wrapped a white sheet about her, and suddenly appeared before the crowd. The negroes scattered in all directions, and the girl was about to return home when the brick was thrown. She died in a few minutes.

Kansas is experiencing one of the most severe droughts in the history of the state, and the general opinion is that the Kansas corn crop will be the smallest, in proportion to its requirements for feeding, that has been raised in many years. In 1899 the crop was 225,000,000 bushels. Secretary Coburn's report of conditions on August 4 indicated a yield this year of about 145,000,000 bushels. Since then there have been two weeks of hot, dry weather, which has further materially reduced conditions, and the most liberal estimate of well informed men on 'change do not exceed 100,000,000, while many place the crop at not over 75,000,000 bushels.

Commercial relations between the United States and Spain have been fully restored. The figures of the Treasury bureau of statistics for the fiscal year 1900 show that the exports from the United States to and imports into the United States from Spain in the fiscal year 1900 were larger than any year since 1893, and within a few hundred thousand dollars of the highest record ever made in the commerce between the two nations. Exports from the United States to Spain in the fiscal year 1900 were $13,399,680, against $10,912,745 in the fiscal year 1897, the last full year preceding the war, while the imports into the United States from Spain in 1900 were $5,950,047, against $3,631,973 in the fiscal year 1897.

At Lincoln, Neb., James Burnham, publisher of the Wymoran, at Wymoran, Neb., shot and killed his father, Capt Collins A. Burnham, at their home Sunday. A coroner's jury exonerated the son. Both father and son were prominent political workers in the county. The killing was in self-defense. The son gave himself up to the officers. The elder Burnham was a captain in the civil war, and while a genial man when sober, he was a fiend when intoxicated. Many times he had threatened to kill all members of his family. Sunday the father came home and made an assault upon his son. He was armed with a butcher knife, and after getting his son in a corner, was in the act of plunging the knife in his body. When there was no other alternative, the son drew a revolver and fired a shot which went through Capt. Burnham's heart killing him instantly.

Does it Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the ONLY remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boschee's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. For sale by the Temple-Marston Drug Co.

VANCE MONUMENT UNVEILING.

A. & N. C. Will Run a Special Aug. 22. Low Rates of Fare.

All the A. & N. C. coaches to go through to Raleigh without change, including the elegant Atlantic and North Carolina parlor buffet car "Vance."

Special train for accommodation of all persons on the line of the A. & N. C. R. R., giving seven hours in Raleigh to witness the ceremonies of unveiling the statue of Z. B. Vance. Special to return same day. Fare for round trip, when tickets are purchased,

GOOD FOR ONE DAY, AUGUST 22, 1900.

M. City to Raleigh and return	$3.10
Newbern to " " "	3.00
Dover to " " "	2.90
Kinston to " " "	2.45
LaGrange to " " "	2.05

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL TRAIN.

Leave Morehead City	4.20 a. m.
" Newbern	6:05 "
" Dover	6:47 "
" Kinston	7:07 "
" LaGrange	7:27 "
Ar've Goldsboro	8:00 "
Leave "	8:30 "
Ar've Raleigh	10:30 "

Returning special train will leave Raleigh for Goldsboro and A. & N. C. stations at 6:00 p. m.

Leave Goldsboro	8:20 p. m.
" Kinston	9:20 "
Ar've Newbern	10:30 "
" Morehead City	11:40

S. L. DILL, General Supt.

Wanted to Warn Him.

Sir Algernon West tells this story in his "Recollections:" One day the late Sir George Campbell, who had a very strident, loud, rasping voice, called on Sir Algernon, who was then secretary to Mr. Gladstone, to talk over the land question.

After he had been in conversation about three minutes the office keeper appeared, bearing the card of an M. P. who, he said, was very anxious to see Sir Algernon. The latter said he was sorry to be engaged. In another minute he appeared with the card of a well known peer who was most desirous to have a word with him. Again the latter said he was too busy to see him just then. In another minute the man again came in with a huge card saying the lord mayor and sheriffs of London wanted to speak to Sir Algernon West very urgently in the next room.

Sir Algernon apologized to Sir George and went out to such great dignitaries. When he got out of the room, the office keeper startled him by saying, "There ain't nobody here, sir, but I was afraid a madman had been shown in to you by mistake, and I wanted to warn you, sir."

Old Fowls For Eating.

Farmers should eat more of the poultry that they grow. It is nearly always a high priced meat, says The American Cultivator, but it is so very largely because when young and well fattened the flesh is more easily digested than any other. Most of those who grow poultry content themselves, through mistaken ideas of economy, with killing for home use only those that are old, tough and unsalable. These last, however, are not to be despised. If cooked long enough over a slow fire to reduce the muscular parts to tenderness. It is time rather than great heat that is required to make all old animals good to eat and to some tastes better than the young. All kinds of meat should be cooked long enough to make them tender. There is more nourishment in the old fowl than there is in a broiler, and if it is cooked long enough it will be quite as good.

The Best Prescription for Chills

and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price, 50c.

Newbern Journal: Mr. Christopher Humphrey died very suddenly half-way between Maysville and Belgrade on Sunday afternoon. He was going home in his cart when heart failure seized him and he must have died in a few minutes. The inquest was held on Monday morning. He was buried Monday afternoon.

The laws of health require that the bowels move once each day and one of the penalties for violating this law is piles. Keep your bowels regular by taking a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when necessary and you will never have that severe punishment inflicted upon you. Price 25 cents. For sale by J. E. Hood, druggist.

FIRING ON PALACE.

Imperial Quarter Pekin Under Bombardment. Americans Entered Legations With Loss of Only Eight Wounded. Communication of Allies Cut. Fighting Continues Within the Walls. Dowager Empress Said to Be Detained in The Inner City. Chinese Army Making a Last Stand Behind Formidable Defenses.

Washington, August 20.—From Gen. Chaffee yesterday the war department received official confirmation of the fall of Pekin and the rescue of the besieged legationers.

The dispatch of the American commander was not long, and contained few details, but the unconcealed satisfaction with which it was received by officials of the administration indicated clearly the anxiety that had been engendered by his prolonged silence. His last communication to the government, prior to yesterday's advices, was dated August 11, at Matow, about 30 miles from Pekin. The explanation of his silence is suggested in advices received by the navy department yesterday from Admiral Remey, who, telegraphing from Taku on the 18th, says the telegraph line between that point and Pekin is interrupted.

The cablegram from Admiral Remey contains some important information, not mentioned by Gen. Chaffee. He makes the startling statement, on Japanese authority, that the inner city of Pekin was being bombarded by the allied forces. Admiral Remey says, also, that the dowager empress is detained in the inner city by Prince Yungedo.

Advices received from the foreign office at Tokyo, Japan, by the Japanese legation in this city, confirm and amplify previous accounts of the capture of Pekin by the allied troops.

GEN. CHAFFEE'S DISPATCH.

Following is the text of the dispatch from Gen. Chaffee, as made public by the war department:

"Che Foo, Aug. 19, 1900.

"Adjutant General, Washington:

"Pekin, Aug. 15.—We entered legations' grounds at 5 o'clock last night with Fourteenth and light battery. Eight wounded during day's fighting: otherwise all well. CHAFFEE."

The dispatch, which was received during the morning, was transmitted immediately to the president at the white house. He expressed his gratification at the news it contained, particularly at the small loss sustained by the American troops. A copy of the dispatch likewise was sent to Adjt. Gen. Corbin, who is in New York.

It will be noted that the dispatch indicates that the American troops entered the legation grounds at 5 o'clock on the evening of the 14th instant. By the Washington officials and by the several legation officials to whom it was shown the date of Gen. Chaffee's communication is regarded as an error of transmission. It is believed that the word "fifteen" should be "sixteen." All previous advices, official and unofficial, have indicated that the legations were relieved on evening of the 15th, Wednesday, after a day of sharp fighting. Minister Wu, the Chinese representative, and Minister Takahira, of Japan, were quite positive on this point, all their official advices being that entrance to the city of Pekin was effected early in the evening of Wednesday, the 15th instant.

AMERICAN ATTACKING FORCE.

The fact that only the Fourteenth infantry and Riley's battery entered the city, as shown by Gen. Chaffee's dispatch, does not indicate that the Ninth infantry and the marines, who were so conspicuously gallant throughout the advance upon the capital, did not participate in the engagement which resulted directly in the rescue of the besieged legationers. It is pointed out as likely that Gen. Chaffee, acting in consonance with the other commanders, divided his force, leaving the Ninth infantry and the marines without the walls of the city, to act as a rear guard, to prevent the escape of Chinese troops by other gates than those through which the allies entered, or for some other excellent reason.

Only two battallions of the Fourteenth regiment are with Gen. Chaffee. They comprise about 800 men. This would indicate that only about one-third of Gen. Chaffee's force actually had entered the city at the time he sent his dispatch. The fact that only eight of the American force were wounded, none being killed, is regarded as notably fortunate.

FROM ADMIRAL REMEY.

Admiral Remey's dispatch, which contains much interesting information in few words, is as follows:

"Che Foo. (No date.)

"Bureau of Navigation, Washington:

"Take 18th. Telegraph line to Pekin interrupted. Information Japanese sources. Empress dowager detained by Prince Yungedo, inner city, which being bombarded by allies. Chaffee reports entered legation grounds evening 14th. Eight wounded during day's fighting; otherwise all well. REMEY."

The startling feature of the dispatch is that fighting within the city of Pekin was continuing, according to the advices of Admiral Remey. The inner, or, as it is popularly known, the Forbidden City, evidently had not been taken. It is surrounded by a massive wall of solid masonry more than 20 feet high, and it is not regarded as surprising that the Chinese should make their final stand within its shadows. Prior to the receipt of the dispatch it was accepted generally as a fact that the dowager empress, in company with the emperor and a large suite, had left Pekin. While nothing is said in Admiral Remey's advices as to the whereabouts of the emperor, it is deemed scarcely possible that he left the city without the empress dowager. Some doubt of the accuracy of the information received by Admiral Remey is expressed, particularly as the Chinese minister, Mr. Wu, is very positive that the emperor, empress dowager, and the entire Chinese court left Pekin before the arrival at the gates of the allies.

LaGRANGE ITEMS.

FREE PRESS BUREAU,
LAGRANGE, Aug. 20, 1900.

Rev. D. H. Petree returned from Trenton today.

Mr. Ivey Smith, of Fieldsboro, spent Sunday here.

Miss Nannie Sutton is visiting her brother at Cadez.

Mrs. Nancy McGowans is visiting at Mrs. Julia A. Creech's.

Our town is largely represented at Kinston court this week.

Mr. Jno. A. Clark, of Wilson, was here for a short while Sunday.

The Presbyterian and Baptist Sunday schools picnic at the Springs today.

Miss Eula Rouse came from Greensboro Monday to visit her brother, Mr. T. R. Rouse.

Mrs. Dr. Riddick has returned to Portsmouth from a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. M. Hadley.

Miss Fannie Dixon has returned to her home at Dixonville, after visiting Miss Rosa Creech.

Mrs. N. C. Newbold left last week to join her husband at Asheboro, where they will teach.

Mr. James E. Carraway, of Newbern, is filling the position of cashier for Rouse Brothers, bankers.

Miss Blanche Murchison left Thursday to visit friends in Virginia before going to Gastonia, where she goes to teach.

Mrs. L. M. Bodie, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hardee, returned to her home in Nashville, N. C., today.

Mr. W. A. Thompson was elected cotton weigher by the board of town commissioners the first Monday night in August.

Mr. J. O. White, who has finished putting up the machinery in Mr. G. F. Smith's cotton gin, will leave for Kinston today, where he goes on a similar errand.

The visiting young ladies were given a pleasant evening at Miss Virginia Stanton's on Wednesday night, and Miss Georgia Joyner on Thursday evening entertained them most hospitably. From observations we think the young people like to have company and show their appreciation by making the guests happy.

Mr. John D. Walters jumped from the train this morning, while the train was moving at a rapid rate, and dislocated his right shoulder and seriously injured his knee. He found Judge Robinson on the train after it had started and asked him to excuse him from jury duty. The judge complying, he jumped with above results. The train had gone several hundred yards from the depot before he made the unfortunate leap.

INSTITUTE ITEMS.

August 20, 1900.

Miss Daisy Gray returned Sunday from LaGrange.

Mrs. P. M. Hardy returned Friday from Trenton.

Miss Maude Dawson returned Sunday from Ormondsville.

Miss Nettie Hardy spent several days of last week in Kinston.

Mr. L. C. Turnage spent Saturday and Sunday at Ormondsville.

Mr. J. A. Aldridge spent a few days of last week in Jones county.

Mrs. D. H. Dixon, of Hookerton, is visiting her mother, Mrs. N. E. Patrick.

Mr. A. L. Hollowell, of near Kinston, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. N. E. Patrick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Duke, of LaGrange, spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. S. P. Hardy's.

Miss Lucy Brooks, after spending some time here, returned to her home near Grifton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brothers left Sunday for northern cities to purchase his fall stock of goods.

Mr. Walter Arthur and sister, Miss Alma, of near Snow Hill, spent Sunday at Mr. J. E. Turnage's.

Institute played ball against Falling Creek Saturday. Score 9 to 7 in favor of Institute. Mr. Frank Langly, of LaGrange, umpired the game.

LOST!

Many golden opportunities have been lost by those who suffer from rheumatism. By taking Rheumacide now they will be permanently and positively cured. Sold by J. E. Hood.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

The Raleigh cor. Newbern Journal says the Aberdeen & Asheboro railroad has taken off one train, so scarce is water, and notifies shippers it may have to stop entirely.

Raleigh cor. Newbern Journal: The streams are nearly dry. Swamps never before dry are so now. Wells have gone dry in great numbers. Corn in some localities, like Beaufort county, is cut off 30 to 40 per cent. Tobacco in Pitt has been cut off greatly. The commissioner of agriculture says the drought and heat have done great damage in the mountains, in streaks, as in other sections. Many farmers say they regret that they used any fertilizers on cotton, as fertilizers "fired" the crop.

Among the industrial enterprises in the State for the past week are a new cotton mill at Zaphonia and a silk mill which will probably be started at Raleigh. Other developments are a big furniture factory at Kernersville, two oil mills at Wadesboro, a furniture factory at Thomasville, known as the Cramer Furniture company. Probably the largest contract of the week is that for development of a water power in Rutherford county, and the building of a 65,000-spindle mill. R. R. Haynes is president of this big enterprise. The new Shelby cotton mills started to work on the 14th with 3,000 spindles and 175 looms.

The first lightship to withstand a dozen storms, or even more than a few weeks of service, off the deadly Diamond Shoals the "American grave yard of shipping," as the famous sands of Cape Hatteras are known, will be in commission again in a few days. The lightship is now being fitted out at Norfolk after the tremendous battering she received in last winter's storms, and when ready to return to her anchorage will be in better shape to befriend the mariner than ever. In her absence for repairs, many vessels have struck off the stormy cape, and several have left their bones there. The Coast Survey steamer Blake returned to port Sunday after making surveys off Diamond Shoals for a new anchorage for the lightship, which is to be placed on the outer edge of the eastward shoals, where most of the wrecks occur. She is now provided with a fog horn, operated by steam, which will add greatly to her efficiency. The anchors and cables necessary to hold her in place are mammoths, even of their kind.

DE WET DEMANDS BADEN-POWELL'S SURRENDER.

Lord Roberts Threatens to Take the Severest Measures in the Case of Burghers Who Violate the Oath of Neutrality, and to Burn Buildings in Which the Enemy May Find Shelter. Case of Lieut. Cordua, Implicated in Plot to Kidnap Roberts.

Pretoria, Aug. 18.—Gen. De Wet appeared yesterday at North Commando Nek., held by Gen. Baden-Powell, and sent in a flag of truce asking the surrender of the British force. Gen. Baden-Powell replied, asking what terms De Wet was prepared to offer. De Wet is evidently moving eastward.

Gen. Lord Roberts is issuing new, severe and rigorous orders, rescinding those previously issued.

Lord Roberts' proclamation, after reciting the fact that many have broken the oath to maintain neutrality, and that the leniency extended to the burghers is not appreciated, warns all who break their oaths in the future that they will be punished by death, imprisonment, or fine. He declares that all burghers in districts occupied by the British, except those who take the oath, will be regarded as prisoners of war and transported, and that buildings on farms where the enemy or his scouts are harbored will be liable to be razed.

THE PRETORIA CONSPIRACY.

The case of Lieut. Cordua, of the Staats Artillery, charged with being concerned in the plot to kidnap Lord Roberts, was concluded today. Lieut. Cordua's counsel admitted that the accused was guilty of breaking his parole and of attempting to plan a conspiracy, but he asserted that the attempt was a failure. Counsel also maintained that Gano suggested the entire plot and egged on the prisoner. On these grounds he asked the court to find that the charges had not been proved, and begged its mercy for his client.

Gano, who is said to be of American birth, denied having suggested the plot.

Counsel for the prosecution will sum up August 20.

Durban Aug. 19.—Sir William Stokes, surgeon in ordinary to Queen in Ireland and consulting surgeon to the forces in South Africa, died here today. He was born March 10, 1839.

"My baby was terribly sick with the diarrhoea," says J. H. Doak, of Williams, Oregon. "We were unable to cure him with the doctor's assistance, and as a last resort we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I am happy to say it gave immediate relief and a complete cure." For sale by J. E. Hood.