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## GENERAL NEWS.

### Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Sixteen negroes claiming to be English subjects have complained to the English consul at New York of injuries received in the recent rioting in that city.

"Joe Patchen" Wednesday lowered the track record of 2:06 made by "John E. Gentry" over the half-mile track at Goshen two years ago. Patchen's time was 2:05 1/2.

The wholesale and retail hardware establishment of the Henry Walke Co., Norfolk, Va., was damaged \$50,000 by fire and water Wednesday morning. They were fully insured.

Gov. Shaw, of Iowa, has appointed Congressman J. P. Dolliver, of Fort Dodge, to be United States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator John H. Greer.

At Baltimore Wednesday morning the extensive plant of the Maryland Telephone Construction Co. was destroyed by fire, the origin of which is unknown. The loss is estimated at \$112,000.

Harry Welsh, machinist, at Newport News, Va., stood before a mirror Wednesday and shot himself through the head, dying almost instantly. A protruded speck was the cause of the suicide.

While descending a heavy grade on the B. & O. railroad, a hand car jumped the track near Brooks Run, W. Va., and with seven men fell into a creek bed 40 feet below. Two of the men were instantly killed.

Comptroller Tracewell, of the treasury, has rendered a decision in which he holds that the Hawaiian Islands, under the act of May 25th, 1900, constitute an integral part of the United States, and therefore officers of the navy therein are serving within the realm or dominion of the United States.

Miss Mary Kincaid, of Dudley township, Kansas, the only township in the United States which gave Palmer and Buckner a majority in 1896, has put J. Bridley, Republican, and W. Williamson, Democrat, to hustling. Both are in love with her and want to marry her. To get rid of their importunities she promised to marry the one who carried his township for his party at the coming election. And now there will be at least two hustlers in that township.

A fireman on a Southern passenger train, bound to Charleston, became violently insane at Reidville, S. C., Wednesday. He took possession of the engine, and for nearly an hour held the cab against the entire train crew, and was only subdued finally by means of a shotgun, just as he set the train in motion. The engineer dismounted at the station to examine the machinery, and when he attempted to mount the cab found the fireman, crazed it is supposed from heat, armed with a big hammer, with which he tried to smash the engineer's skull. The train crew was quickly summoned, and for three-quarters of an hour they endeavored to disable the maniac fireman with bricks and stones, and at the same time keep him from starting the train. The express messenger finally got his shotgun, and crawling up on the rear of the tender, just as the lunatic got one hand on the lever and started the engine, fired a load of shot into the fireman's legs, disabling him. At the same moment the engineer scrambled into the cab, and overpowering the fireman, shut off the steam.

### FIGHTING IN TRANSVAAL.

**British Losses Near Ventersburg.**  
**Boers Massing Their Forces and Artillery at Machadodorp.**

Twyfelaar, Aug. 20.—Through secret intelligence agents, the British authorities learn that Gen. Louis Botha, the commander-in-chief of the Boer forces, Gen. Lucas Meyer, the commander of the Orange Free State forces, and Gen. Schalk Burger, vice president of the Transvaal republic, with 8,600 Boers have assembled at Machadodorp (generally understood to be the headquarters of President Kruger on the Pretoria-Delagoa Bay railroad), with the whole Boer artillery, including the heavy pieces at Pretoria.

London, August 22.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated August 21:

"Lieut. Col. Sitwell, reconnoitering near Ventersburg, engaged the Boers. Two British were wounded. Lieuts. Spedding, Davenport, Surtees and Watson, and a medical officer and 24 men are missing.

"Hamilton has crossed the Crocodile river.

"Paget and Baden-Powell engaged the commandoes protecting DeWet, August 20th. Lieut. Flowers and one man were killed. Lieut. Kirby and six men were wounded.

London, August 23.—President Kruger, according to a dispatch from Lorenzo Marques to The Daily Express, has issued a proclamation counter to the latest proclamation issued by Lord Roberts. The Transvaal president says: "It will help you nothing to lay down your arms or to leave your commandoes. Every step homeward means a step nearer St. Helena."

### A LITTLE MAN WHO WOULD RATHER SHOOT THAN EAT.

**Odds Didn't Figure With Jack Watson When He Concluded to Go Into a Melee, and His Nerve Once Saved an Innocent Man.**

"The gamest man and the best fighter that I ever knew—and I've known quite a number in my day—was little Jack Watson of California," remarked Senator William M. Stewart of Nevada one day in Washington when he was in a story telling mood to a party of interested listeners.

"Watson had been a member of Jack Hayes' famous company, and, though he didn't weigh over 120 pounds and in height measured but 5 feet 6 inches, he would fight at the drop of a hat the biggest man that ever breathed. I don't know what state gave him birth, but he was a native of the south, and all the pioneers of Texas knew him well.

"The little chap didn't provoke difficulties, but I verily believe he enjoyed fighting for its own sake, and odds didn't figure with him once he concluded to go into a melee. His long suit was shooting, and a deadlier shot never fingered a revolver.

"I shall never forget the first time that Jack Watson and I met, for the circumstance was of the sort that burns itself upon a man's memory. I was riding into a mining camp in Nevada county and stopped at a watering trough to let my beast drink. About the same time a stranger of very diminutive stature rode up, and while our animals refreshed themselves we engaged in some casual conversation. The stranger was Watson.

"Before we exchanged half a dozen sentences our attention was attracted by a great noise, and, looking around, we saw at least 200 men coming our way with a prisoner. The prisoner was a remarkably fine looking man, but his captors had stripped him to the waist, and the evident intention was to flog him.

"Before I could hardly realize what was happening Watson spoke up, 'Dare you go in with me and stop these men?' It seemed bravado, but there was a ring in the small one's voice that sounded like business, and I, being young and foolish, answered, 'I dare.'

"We rushed after the mob at racing speed, and when I got close enough to the leaders I yelled at the top of my lungs: 'Hold on, boys; you've got the wrong man!'

"This was an inspiration, for I really knew nothing of the case, but I hated to see such a magnificent looking fellow undergo the humiliation of a public beating. But my cry caused a halt, and with Watson beside me I repeated that they had the wrong man, and still using my highest notes, called for the appointment of a committee.

"It is curious how easily a mob is sometimes swayed. In less than ten minutes this one, previously so impassioned, had calmed down and was listening quietly to the investigations of the committee, of which I had been made chairman.

"It seems that the prisoner was, as I apprehended, a respectable and worthy man, and he had letters upon him that vouched for his integrity. He had been accused of stealing \$200 in gold by a miner, but we not only established his innocence, but started an examination that led to the discovery of the real thief.

"After this I saw Jack no more till one day in San Francisco, when I found him in a most wretched condition. He had gone to a political meeting where he was persona non grata, and there was immediate trouble. Jack killed two men, but was himself almost riddled with bullets. An old negro took me to him, and I found him in an apparently dying condition. If he had one bullet hole in him, he had 20. He had no doctor, no nurse, no food, no friend but the old ducky.

"I got him a room in a good hotel and the best physician money could hire. The doctor thought he had a bare chance to live, but was very dubious of his pulling through. His nerve saved him, and in a few weeks he was going around as game as ever.

"The next news of Jack came from Pasadena. He had gone to a ball and, aspiring to the favor of the belle of the town, roused the enmity of a dozen young gallants. The shooting began while the function was still in progress, but it was a bad day for Jack Watson's assailants, for when the firing ceased there were five of them corpses, while he escaped unscathed.

"Jack finally became a member of the legislature and, strange to say, died a peaceful death, respected and loved by all his neighbors."—Washington Post.

### AMERICANS ATTACK PALACE.

**The Empress Is the Heart and Soul of China, and Must Be Subdued.**

London, August 23, 4 a. m.—"Today 1,500 Americans attacked the imperial palace," says a dispatch to The Morning Post from Peking, dated August 15th, "and captured four of the courts. The American flag is flying over the imperial granary, and the imperial bank has been looted."

The Daily Chronicle publishes an interview with the Japanese minister in London, Kato Takaaki, which represents him as having said: "The empress is the heart and soul of China. So long as she lives, so long as she remains in China, whether the supreme power is taken from her or not, she will always be the greatest force, the one above all others to be reckoned with. The difficulty will be to get any one who can speak for her. I fear that the influence of Li Hung Chang is now of extreme little weight."

"The powers must come to an understanding quickly. Riots, anarchy, bloodshed and misery throughout China will be the inevitable result of a policy that does not immediately disclose itself. The government must be re-established."

The Japanese envoy expressed his approval of the reported American suggestion regarding a conference of the powers and said he believed that satisfactory pecuniary compensation could be secured if the resources of China were properly developed, despite the fact that her present revenues are pledged.

### Dispatch From Conger.

Washington, August 22.—The most important development of the day as to the actual conditions in Peking, came late in the afternoon, when the state department made public a dispatch from Minister Conger, dated at Peking only three days ago. It was given out with the following statement:

The state department authorizes the announcement of the receipt early this (Wednesday) morning through the consul at Che Foo, of a telegram from Mr. Conger, in the department cipher, to the following effect:

"Peking, August 19.—The entire city, with the exception of the imperial palace, is now occupied by Japanese, Russians, British, Americans and French. It is being apportioned into districts for police supervision. The Chinese army fled. The imperial family and the court have gone westward, probably to Si An Fu, in the province of Shen Si. No representatives of the Chinese government are in sight in Peking and the conditions are chaotic. The palace is expected to be taken immediately. Many missionaries have started for home, while others remain, in charge of the Christian refugees, numbering about 1,000."

Minister Conger makes no mention of his desire to come home, and it is stated officially that this government has made no suggestions that he return to this country.

### Troops Will Remain in China.

Washington, August 22.—It was hoped in official circles that when Gen. Chaffee should be heard from, he would report that the work of the American expeditionary force had been accomplished by the rescue of the ministers and that the blow struck at the Boxer insurgents by the foreign column had dissipated these revolutionists and left China with hands free to make peace with the civilized world. Instead of this, however, Gen. Chaffee had to report an utterly chaotic condition of affairs, and the capture of a capital whence all the heads of government had fled. There was nothing for the victors to do but to prevent anarchy by administering on a derelict empire, which had fallen into their hands. Therefore, the prospect opened up by Chaffee's dispatch is that the American contingent, of necessity, will be detained in China for some time to come, probably for the whole winter. This will necessitate the hurried completion of preparations that already have been begun comfortably to subsist our army through the severe winter weather which will soon close in on Northern China.

### Fears for the Allies.

London, August 23.—The foreign consuls at Shanghai, not having received anything from Peking other than on August 17th, fear that the Chinese troops are operating along their rear, cutting off communications.

The country residence of B. F. Sprinkle, near Reidville, was burned Tuesday morning about 7 o'clock. The fire was caused by a defective terra-cotta chimney pipe. The loss is estimated at \$5,000, with \$2,600 insurance.

### 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, "Boscher's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but always inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try our bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. For sale by the Temple-Norton Drug Co.

### AN OHIO MOB

**Want to Lynch a Negro. The Mob Attacks City Prison. Two Persons are Killed and Many Hurt. Prisoner Spirited Away.**

Akron, Ohio, August 22.—Between one and two o'clock this morning officer John Duffey arrested a colored man who, during the day confessed to Prison Keeper Washer of having attempted to assault Christians, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Maas, industrious and respectable people who live on Perkins' Hill. The prisoner gave his name as Louis Peck. He is about 40 years old, married and recently moved here.

The story of his confession spread like wild fire through the city and officers learned that an attempt would be made tonight to lynch him. In police court today Peck pleaded guilty and was bound over to the common pleas court. His bail was placed at \$5,000.

Several thousand people gathered about the city prison, searched it without finding the prisoner. They repaired to jail, failing to find the man, they went to the court house which they ransacked. The mob then returned to the city prison which was again surrounded and hundreds of people forced their way into the prison for the second time, insisting that Peck was there. Mayor W. E. Young at this time, appeared at one of the windows in the upper part of the building. He addressed the mob as best he could, saying that Peck had been taken out of the prison at 4 o'clock by Sheriff Kelly, and driven out of the city in a closed carriage. The people in the mob would not believe the mayor, and continued to yell and demand that Peck be surrendered.

At 10 o'clock the mob began for the third time to attack the city prison. Some one in the crowd began shooting at the building. This was followed by several more shots. The officers in the building appeared at the windows and began to shoot over the heads of the people. A man with a shotgun then fired at the officers.

### CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES.

It is said several officers were wounded. The crowd then began to smash in the windows of the city building and the firing became general. Hundreds of shots were exchanged, and one boy, name unknown, was carried dead from the street. It is certain that dozens of men were wounded. A report has been received from the city building that one of the city officers had both of his legs broke, and that another was badly wounded.

Two persons were killed and many were hurt.

Shortly after midnight the mob broke into a hardware store and stole all the firearms and ammunition they could find, including guns, rifles, and revolvers, and proceeded to the city building and opened fire on the defenders, and finally set fire to the Columbia Hall, which adjoins the city building.

They will no doubt set fire to the city building before morning, as the flames are spreading rapidly.

### PRISONER AND VICTIM IN CLEVELAND.

Cleveland, Ohio, August 22.—This afternoon Sheriff Kelly, and Prosecutor Wanamaker, of Summit county, arrived in Cleveland from Akron with two colored prisoners, Louis Peck, accused of assaulting the little Maas girl, and William Howard another colored man, accused of a minor offense, whom the Akron authorities thought it best to remove from within reach of the mob. Both were locked up in the county jail. Peck tells contradictory stories, but admits that he took the little Maas girl out riding last Monday.

### MILITARY AT AKRON

**Five Persons Killed. Two Million Dollars Damage.**

Akron, August 23.—The Fourth regiment arrived here this morning and marched through the streets with fixed bayonets. The mob fled before the soldiers. The city hall is in ruins. The loss of that alone is one million. The mob started for the home of chief of police, the troops hurrying to disperse the crowd. Five were killed and two are dying. Two buildings were burned and one partially wrecked. Property worth two millions was destroyed. Two of the dead are babes, one was shot dead in its mother's arms. The mayor and city officials were besieged in the city hall two hours before they escaped through the rear window.

Chief of Police Harrison became de-ranked by last night's work and another chief has been appointed.

### Youtsey's Case Continued.

Georgetown, Ky., August 23.—Judge Cantrell today being satisfied that Henry Youtsey, is not in proper physical condition to stand trial for alleged complicity in the double murder, continued the case until the next term of court.

Owing to illness in the family of one of the attorneys for Combs, Whittaker and Davis, those cases also were postponed to the October term. The accused will be admitted to bail in the sum of \$3,000 each.

### Let Care a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Balm, Quinine, Tamarr, all druggists refer to the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Gentry's signature is on each box. adv.

## STATE NEWS.

### Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

Tarboro has just put in electric lights.

The Seaboard Air Line is about to erect a fine passenger station at Henderson; also a large brick freight depot. The new depots will cost \$20,000 or more.

Mr. Wesley Whitaker, for 20 years justice of the peace in Raleigh and one of its best and oldest citizens, died Tuesday night, aged 79 years. He was mayor of Raleigh for two terms.

The dwelling of Mr. Thomas Abernethy, of Mecklenburg county, was burned Wednesday morning. A defective stove flue was the cause of the fire. The loss is about \$1,000, with \$500 insurance.

While working in a tunnel near Donaha on the Wilkesboro railroad Wednesday a white man named Reynaldman was killed instantly by a cave-in. It required an hour to get his body out. A colored workman was also caught under the dirt, but he was rescued without serious injuries.

The Wilmington Messenger says a powder house near Wilmington has become infested with bumble bees so that the powder stored in the house can not be removed. Owing to the presence of the powder smoke can not be used to dislodge them, and as there is no water near by the hose cannot be used. It is a perplexing problem.

Wednesday night during a heavy storm lightning struck the cow sheds of the Charlotte Oil and Fertilizer Co. at Charlotte. They were ignited at once and were burned up. Inside the sheds was a large quantity of hay and straw. The sheds were of unusual dimensions, having been built to stall several thousand cows. The total loss was several thousand dollars.

The State Confederate Veterans' association met Wednesday night in Raleigh. Gen. Julian S. Carr was unanimously elected major general of the North Carolina division of United Confederate Veterans. The following were also re-elected brigadier generals of the various brigades of the association: Gen. J. G. Hall, W. A. London, F. M. Parker and J. M. Ray. A resolution was passed petitioning the next legislature to make sufficient appropriation for the soldiers' home. This resolution caused considerable discussion.

Charlotte Observer, 23d: Mr. W. R. Chapman was assaulted last night at his residence by three strange white men, one of whom cut him in the back with a knife. He said that the men came to his house about 11:30 and knocked at the door. He had retired, but got up and opened the door and asked what was wanted. One of the men said: "I want to see Annie." Mr. Chapman replied that no one by the name of Annie lived at the house. The men insisted that the woman was in the room and tried to enter the door, when Mr. Chapman struck him in the face, whereupon one of the men cut him with a knife, and all fled.

### FOUNTAIN HILL ITEMS.

August 23, 1900.

Mr. John Watford went to Kinston Sunday.

Mr. Heber Phillips visited Mr. Sherman Oldham Sunday.

Miss Mamie Phillips visited Miss Sallie Freeman Sunday.

Miss Mamie Barker visited friends near Ridge Spring Sunday.

The rain that fell last Wednesday evening did lots of good.

Miss May Brooks and Mr. Allen Barwick went to Ormondville last Saturday.

We had quite a hard wind storm last Monday evening, bruising tobacco very much.

Mr. John Baldree, of near Newbern, is visiting his sister, Mrs. T. G. Watford, this week.

Mr. Luther Barker had a barn of tobacco to get burned last Saturday evening that he had just finished curing that morning.

Misses Myrtle Oldham, Emma and Mary Brooks, Bessie Hooten and Mess. Mack Oldham, Joel Brooks, T. G. Watford, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phillips visited at Mr. Ed Jackson's Sunday.

Methodist Orphanage in Luck.

Raleigh News-Observer.

To the Editor:—From a letter just received from that live pastor, Rev. D. H. Tuttle, I learn that the Kinston M. E. Church has just raised \$760 on the 20th century educational thank-offering, to be applied to our Orphanage.

Kinston steps to the front. What other church will follow?

A thousand thanks to that noble church and her consecrated pastor.

Very respectfully,  
J. W. JENKINS, Agent.

Amendment Carried by 53,932.

Raleigh, August 23.—The State board canvassers met today and canvassed the vote on the Constitutional Amendment. The vote was for the Amendment 123,717, against the Amendment 126,385. Majority for the Amendment 53,932.