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GENERAL

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Over 30,000 veterans are in attendance upon the Grand Army encampment at Chicago,

The Tremont and Suffolk cotton mills at Lowell, Mass., closed Saturday, and will not resume work until Sept. 4. The shut down affects 2,500 hands.

The Yaqui Indians, in the state of Sonora, Mexico, who have been at war with the Mexican government for over a year, are now suing for peace and en-deavoring to be re-instated on their former reservation and retain their property.

W. A. Brady, manager of Jeffries, said Saturday in regard to Fitzsimmons' challenge to Jeffries: "I have covered Fitzsimmons' deposit of \$2,500 to make a match with Jeffries for the championship, and will meet Fitzsimmons today to decide on the time and place of meet-

At New York H. M. Stridiron, a weathy Chicago lumber merchant, was shot twice in the head in his room at the Vendome, Monday morning, by H. J. Ford, of Boston, his friend, who then blew out his own brains. The double tragedy was the result of a murderous frenzy, induced by heat and excessive drinking.

A pavilion of merrymakers at Union Hill, N. J., was struck by lightning Sunday afternoon, killing two men and shocking many. The lightning took off the upper part of one man's ear and burned one side of another man's mustache. A policeman on duty at the park had a shoe torn from his left foot.

The department of labor estimates the output of gold from the Klondike for the season of 1897-1898 at \$12,000,000.

The estimate for 1898-1899 was \$17,-000,000. This government collected \$700,000 in royalties. This data is contained, with other information on the subject, compiled by S. C. Dunham, in a bulletin just issued, entitled, "The Yukon and Nome Gold Regions."

Ashby Pugh and George Symms, both colored, while at work thrashing on the farm of Mack Cain, near Winchester, Va., Saturday, became involved in a quarrel.
When Simms threatened to kill Pugh, at
the same time advancing toward him,
Pugh struck him with a pitchfork, fracturing his skull and tearing his eye out.
The injured man is still unconscious and physicians say he will die. Pugh has not

There were several incipient riots in New York city Sunday, the direct cause being the shooting on Saturday night of John Brennan, a white messenger boy, aged twenty, by John Davis, alias "Lamplighter," a negro. Brennan was one of a crowd of whites who taunted Davis, and bullets from the black's revolver lodged in his stomach and chest. He is in a hospital and likely to die. The rough white element began to search out negroes. Several negroes are in hospitals in consequence of attacks upon them.

J. C. Niblet, a prosperous lumber dealer, of Branchville, Va., tried to commit suicide Saturday night by jumping into the harbor at Norfolk. Niblet is nearly 60 years old, and has a family at Branchville. He came to Norfolk on business several days ago. The only theory upon which his attempts to drown himself can be explained is that he became crazed by whiskey. Mr. Odell, a commission merchant, saw the would-be suicide leap overboard and went to his rescue. When fished out Niblet cursed and violently abused his rescuer, and made another attempt to leap overboard. Odell summoned the police, and the lumber, man was carried off to police headquarters, where he was locked up. ville. He came to Norfolk on business

To Cure a Cold in One Day lake Laxative Bassic Quinner Tantata, Al fruggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W Shows's signature is on each box. sec.

aved From the Wolves.

A few years ago one of the boys that Colonel Cody had under his charge was Johnny Burke No-Neck, who is now being educated at college. He was the only surviving Indian after the battle of Wounded Knee Creek on Dec. 29, 1890, and was found, a helpless baby, under a bush by No-Neck, who was fighting with the United States soldiers. The baby was carried to camp and named after Major John Burke, who is one of Colonel Cody's aids, as well as the Indian who rescued him. The poor little papoose was saved none too soon, as he would have been deed by wolves before the next day and dawned.

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Story of the Butterfly-How to Make Black Ink That Is Black-A Curious Puzzle,

Once I was a fat caterpillar. You would not think so now as you look at my beautiful wings, would you? I used to watch the butterflies sailing about and wish I could fly as they did. I could only crawl and could not go very fast.

I used to feed on milkweed leaves. liked them as well as you like bread and butter, little boy.

One day a little girl broke off the leaf on which I was feeding and took it, with me on it, into a room where there were many children. Some of them said, "What a pretty caterpillar!" I had stripes of yellow, black and white across my back.

A lady took me and put me into a glass jar. I could not get out. Every day the children brought fresh leaves for me to eat. There was nothing else for me to do, so I ate and ate and grew very fat.

By and by I began to feel sleepy. I spun a covering to keep me warm, rolled myself up in it and had a long, long

One day I awoke and tried to throw off my clothes, but they seemed very heavy, and I could not move them at

move. Something seemed to have grown on my back, and I could not get rid of it.

I crawled over some dry-leaves and got out of the jar and walked on the window sill.

Soon a little girl said, "Oh, see the lovely butterfly!" I looked around, but could not see one. Then some children came up to me and said again, "See the lovely butterfly!"

Then I know they meant me, and I knew what was on my back. I had wings-just what I had always wanted. I spread them out that I might see them. Now I could fly!

I tried it and fell. But after trying a few times I could do it very well. How happy I was!

the lady opened his morning window, and I flew out into the sunshine. I have had a lovely time flying about and stopped here to rest a mo-

Now I must be off again. I wish the kind children who fed me had wings too. Flying is so much more fun than walking. I know you would like it. little boy. Now off I go. Goodby!

How to Make Black Ink.

With black ink selling at 5 cents or so a bottle it seems hardly worth while for one to use homemade lnk, but the trouble is that all black ink is not black by any means. The following recipe, however, which, by the way, is some 200 years old, tells you how to make a black ink that will not fade and which is dead black in hue. Here is the recipe:

One quart of rainwater filtered through a close woven cloth, three ounces of bruised galls, one and one-half ounces of sulphate of iron (green copperas) and two and one-half ounces of gum arabic. Coarsely powder the galls and put into a bottle with the other chemicals; stir them up and add the water. Securely close the bottle and place in the sunlight, letting the bottle stand until the gum arable and copperas have dissolved, occasionally stirring the contents to bring this about. Shake the bottle each day for a month or six weeks, then add some 20 drops of carbolic acid to prevent mold, and your ink is ready for use.

A Curious Puzzle.

The following is a very curious puzzie. Try it, all of you:

Open a book at random and select a word within the first ten lines and within the tenth word from the end of the line. Mark the word. Now double the number of the page and multiply

the number of the page and multiply the sum by five. Then add 20.

Then add the number of the line you have selected. Then add five. Then multiply the sum by ten.

Add the number of the word in the line. From this sum subtract 250, and the remainder will indicate in the units column the number of the word, in the tens column the number of the line and the remaining figures the number of the page.

YOUTHS DEPARTMENT JAPAN ADVISES

Conditions Laid Down Preliminary To Negotiations. Desire to Keep The EmpireIntact. Latest News From Pekin States That the Allies Still Await Instructions From Their Governments. No Declaration of War.

London, Aug. 27.—A Shanghai dispatch to The Times, dated Sunday, says:

"Li Hung Chang has received a telegram from Pekin stating that the Japanese troops alone occupy the palace. The Japanese government has renewed its assurance to protect the persons of the emperor and empress.

"Li Hung Chang has also received from the minister of foreign affairs at Tokyo advices that negotiations are impossible until China has appointed plenipotenti-

advices that negotiations are impossible until China has appointed plenipotentiaries acceptable to the powers. It suggests as suitable to appointment the Nanking and Wuchang viceroys to act with Li Hung Chang, and also advises that it is necessary that China should express regrets, acknowledge formally her errors, and spontaneously offer to make complete indemnity. If this advice is followed Japan will be ready to assist to the utmost.

TO KEEP THE EMPIRE INTACT.

But after trying many times I was at last able to crawl out of my warm bed. "The Japanese government has shown by this advice and by the protection of the palace in Pekin that it consistently I was stiff at first and could hardly aims at avoiding everything likely to endowe. Something seemed to have grown on my back, and I could not get the dynasty, the preservation whereof is considered essential to the integrity of the empire. Two immediate tegrity of the empire. Two immediate objects are to prevent a spread of the disturbances south and to endeavor to arrange early negotiations. Nevertheless certain Chinese people will misinterpret and construe as a sign of weakness any failure to exact punishment for the empress and those immediately responsible. Any compromise would only sow the seeds of future trouble." seeds of future trouble."

The latest news from Pekin indicates that the situation there is unchanged. The Imperial City is still invested, but has not yet been occupied. The allies, when the last message left, were still refraining from aggressive action, pending instructions from their governments.

The Pekin correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, wiring August 19, reasserts that the empress dowager fied westward.

that the empress downger fled westward, and adds: "She has a bodyguard of 1,500, and as the mountainous character of the country would prevent artillery following, it is believed that she will not be pursued."

This correspondent reports everything quiet on the date of his dispatch, but a telegram to the same area.

telegram to the same paper from Tien Tein, dated August 24, asserts that 1,000 Russians, Germans and Japanese had pushed forward from Pekin with the intention, it was assumed, of pursuing the

fleeing empress dowager.

At a conference of ministers and generals held at Taku Friday it was decided, according to The Daily Telegraph, to refer the fate of the Forbidden City to En-

Tien Tsin dispatches to Berlin, dated August 23, say: "The Japanese troops are in possession of the wall around the innermost part of the Forbidden City, but have not yet made their way to the imperial palace, owing to lack of govern-ment instructions."

Chinese Preparing to Attack Allies in Pekin.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Late yesterday a dispatch was received at the Japanese legation from the foreign office of Japan conveying the latest and most authentic information of the situation in and around Pekin. In a measure, the advices were of a disquieting nature, as they indicated that the Chinese had rallied their forces and were preparing for an attack upon the allies in Pekin. If it should prove that the allied forces were besieged in Pekin, it would account for the lack of advices from Gen. Chaffee.

DECLARATION OF WAR RUMOR DISCHEDITED.

The rumor from Che Foo of a declara-tion of war by Russia, Germany and Japan is discredited.

The rumor of a declaration of war by Russia, it is explained, may have grown out of the operations of the troops of the crar in the protection of the souththe crar in the protection of the southeastern frontier of his empire, or it may
have arisen from the reported statement
of the commander of the Russian forces
at Pekin that his government was at
war with China, and therefore he must
prohibit communication with the Chiness. Neither the operations of Russia on
her frontier nor the prohibition by a Russian general of communication with the
Chinese would constitute, it is said, a declaration of war by Russia. No general, by
a mere dictum, could declare war. Even
his statement that his government had
declared war, would not make it so.

The Allies Besieged. Chinese Hold Them in a Trap.

Tien Tein, August 27.—Late Pekin advices indicate that the relief force is besieged in Pekin. Pighting in the counts and southeast of the city is reported and the Americans and Sritish are engaged. Chinese bordes, 30,000 strong, hold the allies in a trap. More troops are needed.

TRAVELING MEN FOR BRYAN. Self-appointed Stump Speaker on An anti-McKinley Tour.

Hagerstown, Md., Aug. 26—W. J.Mallard, of Atlanta, Ga., a traveling salesman for a southern machinery firm, made an anti-Republican speech from a store box in the public square, in Hagerstown, last night. He makes stump-speaking a side issue as he travels through the country.

He says he has no money to hire halls, and as he is doing the speaking on his own account, he holds open air-meetings.

He denounced negro domination, the trusts, the protective tariff, and imperialism. He said the traveling men were almost unanimous for Bryan.

TILLMAN STIRS UP EDITORS.

Declares Four Leading Dalies Paid

Agents of the Whiskey Trust. Columbia, S. C., Aug. 26.—In his last speech of the state campaign, made at Marion last night, Senator Tillman, naming the editors of the Columbia State, Charleston News and Courier, Greenville News and Spartanburg Herald, the four chief dailies of the state, declared they had thrown every obstacle in the way of the success of the dispensary law since its enactment, and said he believed they were the paid agents of the whiskey trust. There will be scorching rejoinders. A Baptist preacher met the senator on the stand in joint debate. Tillman's friends tried to howl him down, but he came off best in the debate.

CAMPAIGN CLUBS

To Be Formed Throughout the State for Bryan and Stevenson.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 27.—Today a call was issued for a State convention of Democratic clubs here in September, signed by State Chairman Simmons, National Committeeman Josephus Daniels and Julian S. Carr. It is the purpose to form all these into Bryan and Stevenson clubs and also to urge all the "White Supremacy" clubs, formed for the State campaign, to become Bryan and Stevenson clubs. It is proposed to make this club movement a great one.

Dead as a Mummy, Politically.

Wilmington Messenger. The Washington Post's paragrapher

"Perhaps the Hon. Marion Butler fears that the North Carolina Democrats will

not allow him to make Bryan speeches in that State."

He can speak to his heart's content if if he can get audiences. But the North Carolina Democrats neither count on his help nor fear his opposition. He is as dead politically in this State as the mum my of Rameses II in the Alexandrian museum is dead to political success in Egypt under English occupation.

George White Will Leave.

Washington, D. C., August 25.—Geo. H. White, representative from the second North Carolina district, the only colored representative in the present congress (he was a member of the last congress, also,) will not be a candidate for re-elec-tion. He has also decided to leave North Carolina and go to some northern city, probably New York, and resume the practice of law.

Big Battle on in South Africa. London, Aug. 27.—Lord Roberts reports an all day battle with the Boers over a line of 30 miles last Saturday. The Boers made a determined stand. The Boer general had three long toms and many rapid fire guns. The battle seems to be still on.

He Knew the Sex.

"I understand you have consented to your daughter's marriage to that young Swiftpace," said the old friend.

"I have," replied the father. "I guess you don't know the young man," suggested the old friend pointedly.

. "On the contrary, I know all about him," answered the father, "and I also know all about my daughter and a few things about the sex in general. If I had refused my consent, ten to one she would have married him anyway, but, having given it, the odds are easily ten to five that she will tire of him and throw him over before they've even set the day for the wedding."-Chicago

Curiosity Satisfied. Burly Tramp-Wot's th' good of a little dog like that? Mrs. Bural-To keep off tramps.

"He, be! Wot kin that little critter "He can bark. That will wake up

the big dogs under the porch."
"Yes. mum. Good day, mum."-New York Weekly.

For some reason the man who has no money to buy food is never seized with a desire to acquire fame by break-ing all records for fasting.—Atchison Globe.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

Greenville Reflector, Aug. 27: Rosa Lee Hardy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hardy, died Sunday in Ayden. The burial took place this afternoon at the Ayden cemetery. Services were con-ducted by Rev. W. L. Bilbro.

Newton Enterprise: Mr. A. C. Boggs has started a Belgian rabbit ranch. These rabbits are much larger than other breeds and are said to weigh when dressed from 5 to 10 pounds. They multiply very rapidly and live on the surplus vegetables of a farm. The meat is fine for food.

There was a severe storm at Waxhaw Thursday evening. A new store, not quite completed, belonging to Mess. Rockman & Heath, was completely demolished. Some carpenters working in the building were caught in the wreck and kept fast until rescued by outsiders. Two or three were hurt, though not seriously.

Clinton Democrat: Mrs. M. H. Oates, of Taylor's Bridge, recently had a hen to steal her nest some distance from the house. A partridge laid in the same nest with the hen. The hen sat on both the partridge and the hen eggs, and the re-sult was that the hen surprised Mrs. Oates by bringing up a brood of six partridges and six chickens.

Webster's (Reidsville) Weekly: Crops have suffered severely from the drought and hot weather. Corn has withered and dried and tobacco has sun burned and blistered. A farmer of the Berry section said last Saturday that with a good season from now on not more than half a crop of corn would be made.

Tobacco in this section will fall badly

behind on quality. Greensboro Record: Twenty-one persons were added to the family of Mr. Albert Farrington, of Deep River township, one day this week. There is nothing at which to be alarmed, however, for it was "regular" in every sense, though a little out of the ordinary. It came about in this way. Mr. Farrington was a widower with 11 children and on Wednesday last married Mrs. Hayworth, a widow with 10 children. After the marriage the children were moved to Mr. Farrington's house in squads of four Mr. Farrington's house in squads of four each and he at once found it necessary se his stock of beds,

The summer session of the University, just closing, has been well attended and excellent work has been done. This session includes the teachers' school, the summer term and the summer law school. The total number in attendance has been 145. The prospects for the coming session are most encouraging. There have been an unusual number of applications for rooms, and everything points to a large attendance. The Carr dormitory stands ready for occupation and the exterior work upon the Alumni building is practically complete. The filter, engine, etc., for the water works have come and work upon this will be pushed as rapidly as possible. Examinations for entrance will begin on September 12, and continue three days. The fall registration will be held on September 13, 14 and 15.

South Carolina Cotton Crop Cut Short 100,000 Bales.

Atlanta, Aug. 25.—A special to The Constitution from Columbia, S. C., says: "South Carolina crops have suffered disastrously from the hot spell combined with the drought. Recently a few local showers have fallen over very limited areas, but otherwise there has been no areas, but otherwise there has been no rain in August. Some farmers estimate the cotton yield has been reduced 40 per cent., but only allowing a loss of 12 per cent. on the acreage planted, the loss will be 100,000 bales, or \$4,000,000. The loss on other crops, sugar cane, late corn and hay will make the total over \$7,000,000. Unless there are general rains within a very few days the drought will become a disaster. Cotton fields are as white as they generally are late in September, but over half the bolls that are showing the white are unmatured, being burst open by the heat, and the lint is showing the white are unmatured, being burst open by the heat, and the lint is without value. Many of the plants are dying, the leaves drying up and falling off, and no more blossoms are coming. Nothing can save the farmers from the loss already sustained, but rains would start the plants to blossoming again and late frosts would permit the new bolls formed to mature.

Question Answered.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest cale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers and grandmothers never thought of using anything else for Indigestion or Bihousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of Appendicitis. Nervous Prostration, of Heart failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system and that is all they took when feel