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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

It is announced that the Empress Dowager of China has been captured by Russian forces at Jochol.

A formal order was issued by the war department Monday retiring General Wheeler, who has reached the age limit of 64 years.

Gen. Buller on Sept. 8th captured the Boer position at Spitzkop. The Boers retreated, losing heavily. The British had 13 men killed and 25 wounded.

Robert E. Lee, Jr., is to take the stump in Virginia for Bryan. He is the son of Gen. William H. F. Lee and grandson of the immortal, peerless Robert E. Lee.

It is reported that cannibals killed and ate the members of a party of explorers sent by Mr. Wells from Mexico to explore the Tortugas Islands, Gulf of California.

Consul General Goodnow reports the number of Americans and British missing and probably killed during the Chinese uprising was 93, while 170 others in Chi Li and Shan Li provinces are unaccounted for.

A horrible tragedy occurred at West Station, Miss., Monday morning. George W. Moore, a prominent merchant of the place, who has been suffering with periods of insanity for some time, administered strychnine to his wife and two little children, telling them it was quinine to keep off chills. Within a few minutes all three were dead. Moore then took a pistol and fired two bullets through his own heart, falling to the floor across the dead body of one of his little children.

A dispatch from Houston, Texas, Sept. 10, says: There is no doubt that the cotton crop has been seriously injured throughout southern and central Texas. Owing to the excessive rains this year, the cotton has grown to weed more than ever known, and in some fields it ranges from six to ten feet high, and is very rank with leaf. The wind has whipped and twisted the stalks, beating the open cotton out of the boll and the rain has beaten it into the ground, so that it is ruined.

Lemons and the Voice.

A singer in grand opera contradicts the statement frequently made that lemon juice is excellent to relieve a slight hoarseness. It may clear the voice at first, but only for a short time, and the strong acid is extremely injurious to the vocal chords. To soothe and relieve the congestion that produces the hoarseness this singer says that nothing is better than the white of an egg whipped to a stiff froth.

Thought of Him.

Papa—Are you sure that you and mamma thought of me while you were away?
Grace—Yes. We heard a man kicking up a great row about his breakfast at the hotel, and mamma said, "That's just like papa."



We put certain chemicals together, chemicals which have a known result. We make no immoderate claims for them, and we confidently expect them to do what we say they will do.

Ayer's Hair Vigor will make hair grow.

Miss Moore, who is the postmaster at Welchburg, Ky., put this letter in her mail the other day:

"Last summer my hair was thin and short and was falling out profusely. I then began using Ayer's Hair Vigor, and two bottles of it gave me beautiful and glossy hair. My hair is now over a yard long, and my friends all wonder what has made it so thick and heavy."

Now that the secret's out we suppose her friends will stop wondering.

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JUDITH HATHAWAY.

Miss Judith Hathaway is a charming young actress who is said to be a coming star. She will play Jessica Falconer in "The Choir Invisible."

Too Classic For Them.

A resident in a small suburban town quite a long distance from Boston had a visit from a German friend who knew very little English but played the violin well. One of this resident's neighbors gave a "musical evening," and of course he and his visitor were invited. The German took his violin, and when his turn came he played one of his best pieces, from one of the great masters.

When he had finished, there was an awkward silence and no applause. The people were still looking expectantly at the German, who looked disappointed and flustered. The silence grew painful.

Finally the hostess, quite red in the face, edged over to the side of the German's friend.

"Can't you get him to?" she whispered.

"What do you mean?"

"Why, now that he's got tuned up isn't he going to play something?"—
Youth's Companion.

Her Opinion In Full.

The car turned sharply around a curve and the tall man who was holding on to a strap somewhat loosely was suddenly thrown from his upright position with a force that landed him in the lap of a dignified dowager sitting near him, while his high silk hat flew from his head and rolled down the aisle of the car.

"Sir," she said as he rose to his feet again with profuse apologies, "I am compelled to say that in my judgment you were lacking in that complete grasp of the strap which was essential to the highest efficiency in maintaining an upright attitude when turning a curve."

That was all. But it crushed him.—
Chicago Tribune.

Why Princeton Appealed to the Cleveland.

"Shortly after the removal of the Cleveland family to Princeton an unmarried lady, a close friend of Mrs. Cleveland, was visiting her," writes a close friend of the former mistress of the White House in The Ladies' Home Journal. "One day while the two women were in the nursery with the three little Cleveland girls, the friend said jokingly to Mrs. Cleveland:

"Mercy me, Frances, how are you ever going to get all your daughters married off? You see from me that mamma could not do it in New York."

"Exactly," replied Mrs. Cleveland. "But what better place could there be than a college town like Princeton, I should like to know?"

Hardly.

Miss D.—Angelina, why don't you marry Lieutenant Y?

Miss A.—First, because he has no brains—and he can't ride, dance or play tennis. What could we do with him?

"But he swims beautifully."

"Oh, yes; but one can't keep one's husband in an aquarium, you know."—
London Tit-Bits.

WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS.

Chaffee and His Men to be Located Pleasantly in the Philippines, but Within Easy Reach of China, if They Are Needed There Again.

Washington, Sept. 10.—The developments of the day in the Chinese situation still point to a speedy withdrawal of the United States troops from China. Gen. Chaffee has added the weight of his opinion to that already entertained by many officials here. It is probably significant that the general's statement on this point was given publicity by the administration.

No confirmation is at hand of the report that Great Britain and Germany have joined in an agreement to remain together in Pekin, regardless of the attitude of the other powers. Should this be true, the fact doubtless, would hasten the rearward movement of the American troops, for there is a firm determination to avoid becoming involved in any clash between the powers, such as might reasonably be expected to follow the execution of this reported Anglo-German programme. It does not follow that because the United States troops are to be withdrawn this autumn, from China, that our interests will be left completely at the mercy of the other powers. On the contrary, such disposition will be made of these troops that they, with others, if necessary, can be returned to China. To this end, the entire army of Gen. Chaffee will be quartered in some of the pleasant portions of the Philippines. If they are wanted again in China they can be transported inside of a week, thoroughly refreshed and fitted for effective action.

The Whole Thing Turned Over to Li Hung Chang.

Washington, Sept. 10.—The Chinese minister has received an imperial edict conferring on Li Hung Chang extraordinary power for the complete settlement of the Chinese trouble. It gives him authority to make any terms according to his own discretion, without referring them to the emperor.

Germany and England Will Not Evacuate.

London, Sept. 10.—A special dispatch from Berlin says that Great Britain and Germany have agreed not to evacuate Pekin until full satisfaction for the recent outrages has been obtained.

Free of Charge.

Any adult suffering from a cold settled on the breast, bronchitis, throat or lung troubles of any nature, who will call at Temple Marston Drug Co., will be presented with a sample bottle of Boschee's German Syrup, free of charge. Only one bottle given to one person, and none to children without order from parents.

No throat or lung remedy ever had such a sale as Boschee's German Syrup in all parts of the civilized world. Twenty years ago millions of bottles were given away, and your druggists will tell you its success was marvelous. It is really the only Throat and Lung Remedy generally endorsed by physicians. One 75 cent bottle will cure or prove its value. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

GALVESTON'S DEAD.

The List Will Exceed 1,500. Half Of the City is Destroyed. Awful Scenes of Wreck and Ruin.

Houston, Texas, Sept. 10.—Richard Spillane, a well known Galveston newspaper man, and day correspondent of the Associated Press in that city, reached Houston today, after a terrible experience. He gives the following account of the disaster at Galveston:

"One of the most awful tragedies of modern times has visited Galveston. The city is in ruins and the dead will number 1,500. I am just from the city, having been commissioned by the mayor and citizens' committee to get in touch with the outside world and appeal for help. Houston was the nearest point at which working telegraph instruments could be found, the wires as well as nearly all the buildings between here and the Gulf of Mexico being wrecked. When I left Galveston shortly before noon yesterday, the people were organizing for the prompt burial of the dead, distribution of food and all necessary work after a period of disaster. The wreck of Galveston was brought about by a tempest so terrible that no words can adequately describe its intensity, and by a flood which turned the city into a raging sea. The weather bureau records show that the wind attained a velocity of 84 miles an hour, when the measuring instrument blew away, so it is impossible to tell what was the maximum.

The storm began at 2 o'clock Saturday morning. Previous to that a great storm had been raging in the gulf and the tide was very high. The wind at first came from the north, and was in direct opposition to the force from the gulf. While the storm in the gulf piled the water upon the beach side of the city, the north wind piled the water from the bay into the bay part of the city. About noon it became evident that the city was going to be visited with disaster. Hundreds of residences along the beach front were hurriedly abandoned, the families fleeing to dwellings in higher portions of the city. Every home was opened to the refugees, black or white. The winds were rising constantly and it rained in torrents. The wind was so fierce that the rain cut like a knife.

"By 8 o'clock the waters of the gulf and bay met, and by dark the entire city was submerged. The flooding of the electric plant and the gas plants left the city in darkness. To go upon the streets was to court death. The wind was then at cyclonic velocity, roofs, cisterns, portions of buildings, telegraph poles and walls were falling, and the noise of the wind and the crashing of the buildings were terrifying in the extreme. The wind and waters rose steadily from dark until 1:45 o'clock, Sunday morning. During all this time the people of Galveston were like rats in traps. The highest portion of the city was four to five feet under water, while in the great majority of cases the streets were submerged to a depth of ten feet. To leave a house was to drown. To remain was to court death in the wreckage.

"Such a night of agony has seldom been equalled. Without apparent reason the waters suddenly began to subside at 1:45 a. m. Within 20 minutes they had gone down two feet and before daylight the streets were practically free of the flood waters. In the meantime the wind had veered to the southeast."

Horrible Aftermath. Burying the Dead at Sea.

Galveston, via Houston, Sept. 11.—The dead are being buried at the point of Winchester. Armed guards patrol the streets. A force of the burial squad takes up the dead, load them on drays to be hauled to barges on which they are towed out into the gulf by tugs and dumped into the sea. This manner of burial is imperative. Mayor Jones gave the order, declaring that the living must be protected from pestilence. Famine and pestilence are the appalling aftermath. Thirty-five thousand persons are exposed to this new and grave danger. There is not a drop of water in Galveston, except what is brought from the mainland by boat. There is neither meat, bread or vegetables. The city subsists on canned goods that escaped spoiling by the flood. The government has sent 35,000 rations to be distributed among the needy. The war department sends 10,000 tents for immediate use for the sufferers.

Papered With Bonds.

Wall paper having an apparent value of \$400,000, but in reality worth nothing, decorates the study of a New York business man. It is composed of thousands of 5 per cent bonds, engraved and printed at a cost of \$2,500 for a company which, failing to attract investors, died before it could be floated.—Chicago Chronicle.

Nothing in a Name.

"Where have you been until this shamefully unseasonable hour?"
"Been sitting in a 'quick repair' shop, my dear, waiting for my only pair of shoes."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Good chairs are the most difficult pieces of old furniture to find. They received harder use than other pieces of furniture and consequently were not quicker.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Republicans of the fourth district have nominated J. A. Giles, of Chatham county, for congress. The white and negro factions buried the hatchet.

A negro girl was burned to death at Newton Thursday. She attempted to start a fire in a stove by pouring kerosene from a can, which exploded.

B. S. Pittman, the man who shot Magistrate Charles F. Kirby in Selma township Thursday, escaped from the officers Friday and is still at large.

The first Presbyterian church of Raleigh will be dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 16th. Rev. W. W. Moore, of Richmond, Va., will preach the dedicatory sermon.

W. A. Guthrie appeals to the circuit court of appeals from Judge Simonton's order that the Blackwell Durham Tobacco company be sold November 5, for not less than \$4,000,000.

The Laurinburg Cotton Seed Oil Mill was destroyed by fire at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, resulting in a loss of between \$20,000 and \$25,000, with \$9,000 insurance. The fire originated in the cotton gin from a match in a lot of cotton, and rapidly ignited all other buildings of the plant. In addition to the three buildings of the oil mill, two private warehouses that were partly filled with seed and merchandise were burned.

George Butler, Senator Marion Butler's brother, and fourteen other Populists were bound over to Duplin county court Monday on the charge of criminal libel. Butler was charged with writing and the others with endorsing an article in the Caucasian, the Populist organ in North Carolina, accusing Democrats in the last election of openly and boldly stealing votes. A hearing was had before Justice J. F. Woodward at Warsaw. He fixed bail in the aggregate at \$1,000, and it was given.

Whiteville News Items: A horrible murder was perpetrated near Old Dock, in Lee's township, on the 27th of August. The trouble between Rufus Register and O. M. Lewis grew out of a dispute about some land. Register giving Lewis the d—n lie and striking him with his fist and also with a paining on the neck and shoulder stunning him. Lewis procured his knife and as Register undertook to hit him again he caught the lick with his hand and stabbed Register in the shoulder. D. J. Register, father of Rufus Register, who was standing nearby, struck Lewis with a pole four or five feet long on the right side of his head, which blow caused almost instant death. The coroner's jury, held the following day, rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death at the hands of D. J. Register.

Salisbury Truth-Index: Will Myers, an employe of the Union Copper mine, fell from an ore bucket, a distance of 70 feet and when picked up at the bottom of the shaft was a mangled mass of bone and flesh. Myers had been on duty under ground and was coming up to the surface in the bucket. He thought that the landing had been reached and the doors closed and stepped out of the bucket. His mistake was apparent in an instant. Down, down he went until he had fallen seventy feet to the bottom of the shaft, falling upon the stony surface. When he was brought to the top and given medical attention it was found that one leg was broken above the knee, a joint shattered, jaw bone broken, ribs crushed and a fracture of the temple. Every attention was given the unfortunate man but the attending physician holds out no hope for his recovery. Myers is a married man and has several children.

CALL TO TOBACCO GROWERS.

An Important Meeting to be Held in Raleigh Oct. 24.

To the Tobacco Growers of North Carolina:

It has been determined to have a meeting of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers' association in Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 24, 1900, at 11 a. m. (fair week). This meeting will be addressed by prominent speakers upon following subjects: Local Co-operation Factories, the Jordan Plan, other plans to be submitted, The Farmer and the Trust and Anti-Trust Legislation. County Tobacco Growers' associations are urged to send delegates to this meeting. Individual growers and all persons interested in advancing the price of leaf tobacco are invited to be present and participate in this meeting. Planters in Virginia and South Carolina are asked to co-operate with us. The interest being manifested in this move for better prices promises to make this one of the most important agricultural meetings ever held in this State. For information and literature, write T. B. Parker, state secretary, Hillsboro, N. C. Reduced rates will be given on all railroads.

J. BRYAN GRIMES,
Pres. N. C. Tobacco Growers' Assn.
Grimseland, N. C., Sept. 24, 1900.

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