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## GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

English spinners have voted to stop using American cotton for the first 12 working days in October.

At a meeting in Boston Friday the national party abandoned its idea of keeping a presidential ticket in the field.

President Mitchell, of the coal miners, says nine big railroads are responsible for the present situation in the hard coal region.

On account of the stoppage of five additional collieries of the Reading company, the company is returning orders for coal unfilled.

There was a disastrous storm in northern and northwestern Texas Thursday night. Cotton is said to have been injured 10 per cent.

A cablegram received at the state department from Minister Conger, dated Pekin, Sept. 17, announces the arrival of Special Commissioner Rockhill at Pekin on that date.

Single-handed a masked robber held up a passenger train on the Northern Pacific Saturday morning, soon after leaving Athol, Idaho. The robber got \$500 in cash and a lot of jewelry and escaped.

At Pontchartraine, La., Friday night, a mob took four negro prisoners from jail and lynched them. They were charged with robbing the family of Henry Hollister and beating his wife so severely she lost her mind.

Judge Powers, of Utah, has given out a signed statement declining his appointment by acting Gov. Nebeker to the United States senate, on the ground that under the Quay precedent the senate would refuse to seat him.

Further reports from Lord Roberts say the Boers who remain in the field include a few irreconcilables, but that the majority are fighting under compulsion. Gen. Delarey, it is added, holds 300 burghers as prisoners in his laager.

William B. Dunton was arrested at the Chamberlain Hotel, Old Point Comfort, Saturday, charged with the embezzlement of \$10,000 from the Union National Bank of Chicago. Dunton came to Old Point accompanied by Dot Thurman, a Chicago woman.

The State Labor party in Montana refused to fuse with Populists or Democrats except on presidential electors. The convention's action in nominating the electoral ticket of the two parties is conceded to add materially to Bryan's chances for carrying the state.

Four masked men held up the express car on the St. Louis-Portland "Flyer" near the village of Woodlawn, Neb., forced their way into the car and compelled the express messenger to open the local safe, which they looted. Only a small sum rewarded the robbers.

A sheriff's posse fired on a body of striking coal miners and rioters at Shenandoah, Pa., Friday, and killed eight persons and wounded a little girl. Twenty-five hundred troops were ordered to the scene in great haste and reached there Saturday. The situation has become quiet.

The lawyers who are defending Estes G. Rathbone, the former director general of posts in Cuba, have asked the authorities in Havana for the indictment and extradition of Fourth Assistant Postmaster Gen. Joseph L. Bristow. He is charged with being technically more culpable than Rathbone.

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**Turkish Police Justice.**  
A trifling dispute between a Kurd and an Armenian on a street in Constantinople the other day led to an amusing instance of justice as it is dispensed by the Turkish police.

A tobacco box was found on the pavement, as alleged, by a Kurd. An Armenian claimed the box as his own. Neither would give in, and the dispute waxed warm. From words they were near coming to blows when a policeman came up, but he could not decide the question of ownership.

At last the Armenian suggested that the policeman ask what was in the box. "Tobacco and cigarette paper," said the Kurd promptly.

"The box contains nothing but 10 piasters," said the Armenian, smiling. The officer opened the box and, finding the Armenian was right, settled the dispute by giving him the box.

"The Armenian is the owner of the box," he said. "The Kurd is a liar." Here he smote the Kurd over the head. "Allah be praised! For my trouble in deciding this complicated affair I will keep the 10 piasters."

It was an Irish lawyer who in speaking of the death of a colleague said, "He left a brilliant future behind him."

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## REPLY TO BERLIN.

United States Will Provide for China to Punish the Boxers. Conger to Negotiate With Earl Li and Prince Ching. Escape of Chinese From Pei Tang Forts.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The state department tonight made public the text of the notes addressed by it to the governments of Germany, Russia and China in answer to inquiries from them as to the attitude of the United States toward various phases of the Chinese problem. Nowhere in the text is reference made to the withdrawal of the United States troops from China, but the official statement issued by the navy department in advance of the publication of the notes bears out the prediction that the government finally has decided upon such a material reduction of its military force as will amount to a withdrawal of the army as an offensive instrument. This statement from the navy department, moreover, is full of significance of a purpose on the part of the government to see to it that if there is any subsequent attempt at territorial aggression on the part of any of the powers who already have declared themselves as willing to abide by the expressed determination of the United States to refrain from seizing upon Chinese territory, then the United States is to lose no treaty right privilege which it now enjoys, by such action.

The notes themselves are brief, considering the importance of the topics treated. The Russian and Chinese answers being in the form of diplomatic memoranda, are short to a degree rarely seen in diplomatic exchanges. But in both cases being completely responsive and favorable to the inquiry they will escape criticism on that score.

The answer to the German note is carefully phrased so as to soften the unqualified refusal of the United States government to make the punishment of the Chinese ringleaders a condition precedent to negotiations. Also it is noted that in the expression of a purpose to insist upon the ultimate and proper punishment of these offenders, the state department goes far beyond the German declaration on the subject. The announcement that the department intends immediately to begin through Mr. Conger, conferences with Ching and Li Hung Chang, although distinctly marking the fact that these are only preliminary to final negotiations, will have the effect to force the other powers to an immediate determination of their policies in this matter.

## CHINESE ESCAPE

Under the Noses of 8,000 Allies. Allies Lose Heavily.

Taku, Sept. 20.—Four thousand Russian, 3,000 German and 1,000 French troops, with a detachment of Austrian marines, began the attack upon the Pei Tang forts at daylight. The attack was answered briskly from the forts, the bombardment continuing until noon, but it was noticed that the forts did not reply after 10 o'clock.

The allies sent forward at noon to discover the reason of the cessation of the fire from the forts and found them deserted, there being only four dead Chinese men within the walls. The allies were much chagrined, as they believed they had the place completely surrounded, making escape impossible; yet over 3,000 men got away in broad daylight. The Russian artillery fire had proved effective and the forts were badly damaged.

The British and Italian commanders had decided to join in the attack but their troops had not arrived in time.

The entire line between Tien Tsin and Taku shows reinforcements were heading for the forts.

Three members of the allied forces were killed and 50 were wounded through the explosion of mines laid along their line of march.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—A dispatch received here from Tien Tsin gives the loss of the allies at the capture of the Pei Tang forts at 120 men, including seven Germans. The Chinese, the dispatch adds, escaped in boats.

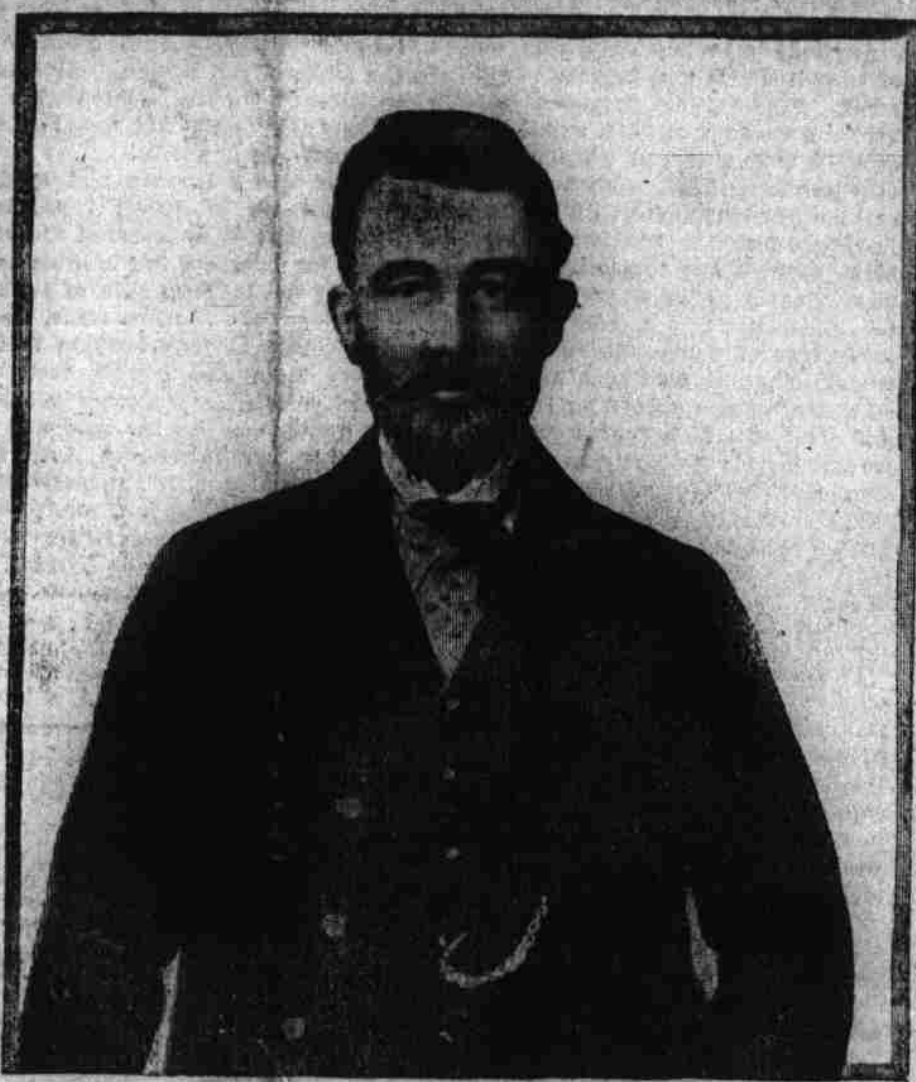
Mr. W. W. Pritchard, of Spring Hope, was mangled in a cotton gin Wednesday morning about 7 o'clock. He had just completed a gin and was examining some detail, when he got his right arm caught in the saws. He was instantly drawn up to the gin, and before help could arrive and the gin could be stopped he was horribly cut. Dr. Whitehead, of Rocky Mount, who was summoned, hopes that the arm can be saved, says the Wilson Times.

**Well Healed.**  
It is recorded of a young fop who visited one of the Rothschilds that he was so proud of his malachite sleeve buttons that he insisted upon exhibiting them to his host.

The latter looked at them and said, "Yes, it is a pretty stone. I have a mantelpiece made of it in the next room."

Nature has given us two ears, two eyes and but one tongue, to the end that we should hear and see more than we speak.—Socrates.

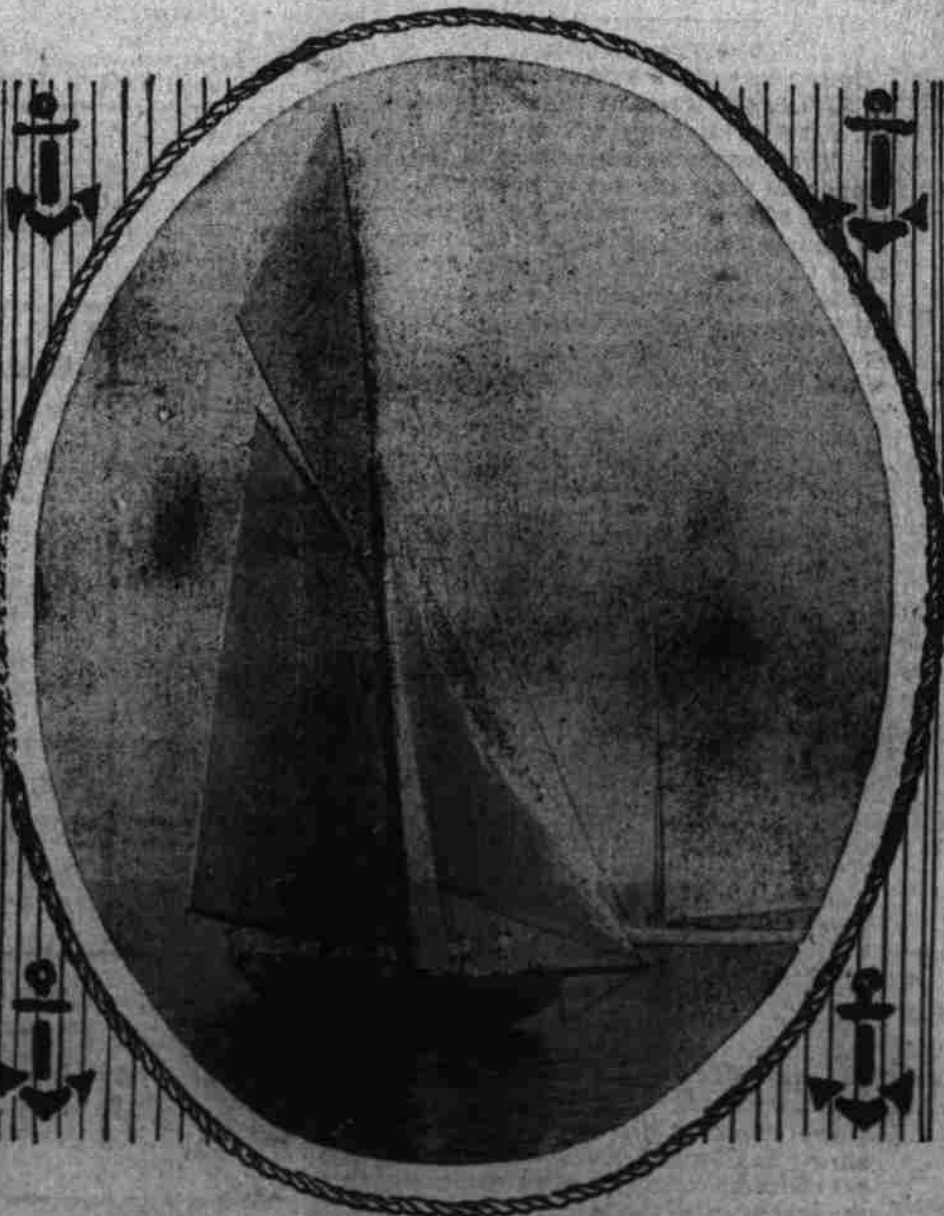
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## GENERAL DE WET.

Here is the man whose matchless military skill has been prolonging the war in South Africa. Great Britain's soldiers have never had a foe more worthy of their steel than General Christian De Wet, the brave Boer who has harried Lord Roberts' forces and led his best officers on many a wild goose chase over the veldt. Had it not been for De Wet the cause of the Boers would have been dead months ago. Even the British have been impressed by his valor. Here is what the London Sketch had to say of him in a recent number: "We all like a brave and skillful foe. General Christian De Wet has so frequently given a whole cordon of pursuing brigades the slip that he has won sincere admiration even from those he has outwitted. A born soldier, Christian De Wet offers an example of activity, steadfastness and of earnest thoroughness in the performance of duty, which are the essentials of success in any walk of life, military and civil alike. This costly war will not have been in vain if it teaches the war office and the nation that we can no longer play at soldiers."



## THE RAINBOW, YOUNG VANDERBILT'S BIG SLOOP.

Racing 70 foot yachts is truly a millionaire's sport. Here is a picture of young Cornelius Vanderbilt's big sloop Rainbow, which recently contested for the Lipton cup.

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### The Missionary's Race.

Cannibal King—Bring on the big gridle and let's roast this fellow.

Captured Missionary—O king, but give me a dose of quinine before I die! You see, I am a victim of the habit. I consume three ounces of quinine every 24 hours.

Cannibal King—I pass this fellow up. I can still taste that quinine I sent you two months ago. Ugh!—Ohio State Journal.

### After the Honeymoon.

She—You married me for spite. He—Well, if any one heard you talking to me nowadays he'd say I hadn't married in vain.—Syracuse Herald.

## STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Louisburg will have a street fair and carnival on October 9th, 10th and 11th. The Carthage Blade states that Hasty Langly, of Glendon, was drowned at Deep River, near his home, a few days ago.

Ernest Chamblee, the 19-year-old son of Mrs. A. B. Chamblee, of Durham, was drowned in the Neuse river, twelve miles from Durham, Friday morning.

Mr. W. A. K. Williams, of Warrenton, has gone to Grand Rapids, Mich., where he will engage in the manufacture of glass counters, says the Warrenton Record.

The United States has bought a little island within a few yards of the town of Beaufort, and on it will establish a biological laboratory. It is said that as much as \$10,000 will be expended there.

Wilson Times: Just as we go to press (Friday) we learn the sad news of the death of the venerable ex-Judge J. W. Lancaster, who has been sick some weeks. The deceased was 84 years old, and the oldest member of the Wilson bar.

The cotton gin of N. M. Blalock and James Jordan, 12 miles south of Raleigh, was burned Saturday, together with 15 bales of cotton. Loss \$1,200 to \$1,500; partly insured. It is said that the flames originated from friction of the rapidly running machinery.

Brigadier General John M. Wilson, chief of engineers, United States army, orders the construction of an important addition to the secondary battery of Fort Caswell. There will be six fifteen-pounders and one five-inch gun, making the total number of the secondary battery seven. Of the two guns with the mounting of which the secondary battery was commenced, one is a five-inch gun and the other four and seven-tenths. All are rapid-firing.

Fire at Concord Friday morning about 2 o'clock burned the house of John Isenhour, colored, and occupied by Mrs. Christiana McLelland, no insurance; a house owned by Mr. C. B. Wagoner, \$450 insurance; the Lutheran parsonage, insured for \$500; two stores belonging to Mr. M. C. Walters, insured for \$400 each; the house of Mrs. Mary Pless, insured for \$500, and most of the furniture in the dwelling houses and the goods in the stores. The total loss is about \$5,000, with \$2,500 insurance.

Washington Gazette-Messenger: Mr. Robert Jennett, of Lake Comfort, Hyde county, says the great fire that so much had been written about of late is still burning. That since it was first discovered it has burned over a tract of land thirty miles long and two miles broad, and now the great Donnell farm is on fire. The land burned over is burnt about on an average of three feet deep, and, though the damage was great, the majority of the land swept by the fire was a kind of a prairie and was worthless only for the timber that was on it.



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