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STOCKS ARE PANIC

In London American Securities are Depressed.

N. Y. EXCHANGE TO CLOSE

Will Demoralization Cease is a Wall Street Rumor—London Markets Nervous—Rothschild's Denial.

New York, Dec. 21.—It is reported on Wall Street this morning that the stock demoralization is continuing the board of governors will hold a meeting to act on the proposition to close the exchange for several days, or weeks.

Pennsylvania, Dec. 21.—L. H. Taylor and Company assigned this morning. It was one of the largest bankrupt firms in the city.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Every banker in the city looks for the end of the financial flurry Monday.

London, Dec. 21.—The stock exchange market opened panic. American railroad stocks are demoralized, notwithstanding the fact that in the first hours of the session prices were better than at the close of the market yesterday.

London, Dec. 21.—Late this afternoon prices are more steady. The idea is spreading however, that it is unsafe to invest in American securities.

New York, Dec. 21.—Despite the President's financial message there is a continued rush to sell in stock exchange. The Senate action on the boundary had no effect. Active stocks are all lower and bonds more active, greatly shrunk.

FITZ HUGH IS READY.

He Says he Will be Found Willing to Staff the Battle.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 21.—Gen. Fitz Hugh Lee, nephew of Robert E. Lee, today said that he did not believe the their would be war with England. He endorsed the message and said that in the event of war he would fight.

Christmas Eve at Grandpa's.

The infant class at Edston Street School will on Monday night give an entertainment and the Sunday School "Christmas Eve at Grandpa's" is the title of the play.

To Insure Safety of Missionaries.

Constantinople, Dec. 21.—Minister Terrell has gone to Smyrna to confer with Admiral Selbridge regarding steps to be taken to insure the safety of American missionaries in Asiatic Turkey.

Head-On Collision.

Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 21.—A head-on collision occurred between two passenger trains on the Frankford branch of the Philadelphia and Reading, at Frankford suburb. Two were killed and a number injured.

Old Things Not Loaded.

It's a double action and works without any trouble at all, said Mr. J. C. S. Lumsden, as he showed a Smith and Wesson revolver to a customer this morning.

Everything Moves up Except the Price.

The Press-Visitor, enlarged, is only \$5 per year or \$5 cents a month as heretofore. We continue to go forward but the price remains the same. If you can beat the Press-Visitor at \$5 per year we will give you \$5.

HOW WILL THEY ANSWER?

What it is said Dr. Winston will Fling at Drs. Taylor and Kilgo.

Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Wake Forest, and Rev. John C. Kilgo, of Trinity, will have a troublesome question to answer when they commence their "State aid" tussle with Dr. George T. Winston, of the University. The latter will make his fight as before, principally on the ground that his institution is a holy undertaking, and one which should be sanctioned by the State.

The Baptists and Mr. Kilgo (for Methodists generally are not yet in line) depend for their support on the planter classes; on the inhabitants of rural districts; their great strength is with the Peoplar.

Now a "pop" hates a trust far more than his Satanic Nibs. So if affairs become serious, the people will see a University "stomper." And from his mouth will come burning words. And loud will he rail at trus.

The burden of the song will be: "Look thou at those who seek to destroy us. We get support from the hard-earned taxes of the people, they from the 'conscience money' of bloated monopoly. Wake Forest is allied with the Standard Oil trust through its endowment; belongs to the American tobacco trust. So will you send your youth to a State institution, or to colleges where economics are bound to be for the few, against the many."

Something of demagoguery; but fire is sometimes used to fight fire.

Greatly Needed in the South.

Mrs. Sallie Bruner Potts, sister of Mr. T. K. Bruner, Secretary to the Board of Agriculture, who graduated with honor and distinction at the William W. Backus Hospital, Norwich, Conn., as a professional nurse, is now taking a post-graduate course to be completed soon. She will visit this city in February, stopping with her brother, Mr. Bruner.

One of the great needs of the South is experienced nurses. All such positions heretofore have been filled by Northern women. It is gratifying to know that quite a number of Southern women are now filling high positions, even in Northern institutions, as professional nurses. Would that more of our Southern girls could enter this great field of usefulness and become independent and at the same time reflect honor and credit upon their native State.

City in Brief.

Judge W. S. O'Brien is at the Yarbore.

Judge D. Schenk of Greensboro is in the city.

Messrs. W. H. King & Co., have one of the most attractive Christmas windows in the city.

Mr. Dughl has, with his usual artistic taste, constructed a beautiful altar of tempting fruits and flowers in front of his store. It is very attractive.

That legislative committee has moved its pen, ink and paper from the Treasurer's office, and now puzzling its brain over the facts and "figgers" constituting the Auditors well kept books.

Mr. John Pallen purchased the entire right hand front window at Sherwood's today with all its beautiful novelties and presents. Mr. Pallen will make many hearts glad with the pretty things.

At the Tabernacle tomorrow, Mr. Stimms will fill his pulpit as usual and give a special invitation to parents to attend the night service, the subject being "King David's Grief over Absalom."

Plenty of Soldiers.

The Washington Times gives the following bit of information:

"The talk of war has developed one thing more than another—the value of the National Guard. When the civil war broke out, the militia of that day was found to be useless as soldiers. Many economists have held the same of the gardeners of today, but they are proved wrong.

"From all over the country come the news that, if wanted, trained troops are ready to take the field. Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts alone could send 30,000 trained men at a day's notice. But these troops are only the nucleus of the army that would be. The three national formations, which hold in the National Guard, is simply a skeleton. In these three States there are 20,000 men more or less trained and ready to help the volunteers. The number could be crealed to 100,000, and there would be enough of old men to believe the tramp slaves in a day."

EIGHTEEN POINTS DROP

Cotton Slumps At the Opening, But Recovers

CLOSE WAS STRONGER.

It is Said to be Apparent that Cotton is Going into Stronger Hands—Futures Unsettled.

New York, Dec. 21.—Liverpool opened 4-64 lower and declined 3-64 more. Spot sales, 8,000 bales, of which 7,000 bales American, 500 bales for export and speculation; middling, 4-1-2, dull; futures unsettled.

New York opened settled 18 points lower, lost 5 more points, but recovered 9 points, closing very steady at top prices. The financial trouble caused by the political complications, depressed the market. Cotton is going evidently now in stronger hands.

Options closed as follows: December, 7.85 to —; January, 7.85 to —; February, 7.91 to 7.99; March, 7.97 to 7.98; April, 8.04 to 8.05; May, 8.07 to 8.08; June, 8.10 to 8.13; July, 8.13 to 8.14; August 8.15 to 8.18; September, 7.87 to 7.88; October, 7.77 to 7.78; November, 7.76 to 7.78.

Chicago Grain Market.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Grain quotations closed today as follows: Wheat—December, 84 3-8; May, 87 5-8.

Corn—December, 35 1-8; May, 37 5-8.

Mr. Bledsoe Makes a Statement.

In an article published in your paper of December 16th, gross misrepresentation, and injustice was done my father add self by your informant representing us as coming in collision with sheriff and posse.

Whereas, in fact, there was no resistance offered to the sheriff by anyone.

The deputy sheriff present neither had nor needed any posse or other assistance to enable him to execute any legal process in which we were interested.

The association of father's and my name by your informant with a "dusky damsel" in an attempt to resist the sheriff in the performance of his duty was incorrect and an injustice to us.

I make this statement, less my silence might be construed as an admission that the injurious statement.

Moses A. Bledsoe, Jr.

The Press-Visitor published the matter which is above referred to upon the information of Deputy Sheriff Rowland, deeming it at the time to be entirely correct, and has since been informed by Mr. Rowland that the information as given by him and as published by us was correct.

Publications of news in these columns are always upon authority and such was the authority in this case. In connection with the above it should also be stated that the article in the Press-Visitor said nothing about a sheriff's posse.

ALL PREMIUMS PAID.

Citizens' Own the State Fair \$200.—Interest on Bonds Will be Paid.

The State Fair is very near on its financial feet again. Secretary Nichols today made the last payment on premiums, awards and expenses of the last Fair. There are one or two small payments of premiums due, but the parties have never called for them and there is no way of losing them.

Secretary Nichols hopes to pay the interest on the bonded debt this year, but he will be unable to do so until the remaining pledges made by the citizens of Raleigh are handed in. There is about two hundred dollars yet unpaid. The citizens who subscribed their names are good for the amounts subscribed and it is very certain when the amounts are paid in the Fair will be on such a financial basis as it has not been for years.

All credits to President Carr and Secretary Nichols for their efforts.

Meeting of the Board of Charities.

The State Board of Charities held their annual meeting in the city yesterday. There were present Dr. Chas. Duffy, president of the Board; L. J. Houghton, of Pittsboro; W. N. Jones and Capt. O. B. Denson, secretary, of Raleigh.

The usual routine of business was disposed of. The reading of the annual reports of the different State charitable and penal institutions consumed much time. The reports were found to meet all requirements for the most part and they showed the institutions to be in excellent condition.

Yesterday afternoon the members of the board took a drive to the insane asylum. They found this admirably managed institution to be in excellent condition.

Spain Wants a Loan.

Madrid, Dec. 21.—The Government is endeavoring to raise a loan of \$10,000,000 from the Spanish banks to cover the heavy losses in Cuba.

ANOTHER MESSAGE.

Cleveland Calls Upon Congress to Act—Action to Avert Financial Disaster.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Cleveland sent the following special message to Congress late this afternoon:

To the Congress: In my last annual message the evils of our present financial system were plainly pointed out and the cause and means of the depletion of government gold were explained. It was therein stated that after all the efforts that had been made by the executive branch of the government to protect our gold reserve, by the issuance of bonds amounting to more than \$102,000,000, such reserve then amounted to but little more than \$70,000,000, that about \$15,000,000 had been withdrawn from such reserve during the month next previous to the date of the date of that message and that quite large withdrawals for shipment in the immediate future were predicted.

The contingency then feared has reached us and the withdrawals of gold since the communication referred to, and others that appear inevitable, threaten such a depletion in our government gold reserve as brings us face to face with the necessity of further action for its protection. This condition is intensified by the prevalence in certain quarters of sudden and unusual apprehension and timidity in business circles. We are in the midst of another season of perplexity caused by our dangerous and fatuous financial operations. These may be expected to recur with certainty as long as there is no amendment in our financial system. If in this particular instance our predicament is at all influenced by a decent insistence upon the position we should occupy in our relation to certain questions concerning our foreign policy, this furnishes a signal and impressive warning that even the patriotic sentiment of our people is not an adequate substitute for a sound financial policy.

In view, however, of the peculiar situation now confronting us, I have ventured to herein express the earnest hope that the Congress, in default of the inauguration of a better system of finance, will not take reasons from its labors before it has by legislative enactment or declaration done something, not only to remind those apprehensive among our people that the resources of this government and a scrupulous regard for honest dealing affords a sure guarantee of unquestioned safety and soundness, but to reassure the world that, with these factors and the patriotism of our citizens, the ability and determination of our nation to meet in any circumstances every obligation it incurs do not admit of question.

I ask at the hands of the Congress such prompt aid as it alone has the power to give to prevent, in a time of fear and apprehension, any sacrifice of the people's interest and the public funds, or the impairment of our public credit, in an effort by executive action to relieve the dangers of the present emergency.

(Signed) GROVER CLEVELAND, Executive Mansion.

LARGE ATHLETIC CLUB.

To be Pushed to Success by Raleigh's Best Men—Amateur Athletics.

Last evening an enthusiastic meeting was held of those here who are deeply interested in the formation of what it is determined shall be a flourishing and successful athletic club. The action of last evening's meeting was the appointment of Mr. R. L. Burkhead as temporary chairman of a committee which he is to select to effect an organization, look out for suitable grounds and solicit stock.

The object of the club will be to encourage and promote every branch of athletic sport. There will be no professionalism, and it is hoped that having a strictly amateur organization, the people of this city may be brought to take an interest and a pride in the club.

The promoters are prominent men, men who stand high and are honored in the community. The interest taken by this class of substantial citizens is remarkable.

Several sites are proposed. One is on the Roylan property on Hillsboro street, another on Blount street, back of Peace Institute, still another on the Mordecai property. It is proposed to have within the grounds a prepared quarter-mile track, for bicycle and track team purposes, a baseball, football, in croquet and golf grounds and several tennis courts. The association will have all sorts of athletic teams.

It is hoped next fall to have a gala week of sports which will draw crowds to the city and furnish pleasing and harmless sport and amusement.

Killed on the Week.

News was received here today of the death of an aged man, probably 75 years old, on a beach on the Atlantic Coast. His name was Benzo, between Nelson and Fayetteville. His name was Benzo, between Nelson and Fayetteville. His name was Benzo, between Nelson and Fayetteville.

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Those ordained were Charles and Frederick Fetter, brothers, and J. A. Cranfield, of Charlotte, West Virginia.

Rev. Cranfield is to take charge of St. Savior's Chapel in Raleigh. For five years before applying for Episcopal orders he was a minister in the Methodist church.

"FESTIBLE" AND "RAZZOO."

Concise Story of Miss Gudger's Bloody Victory—In the Pen Now.

"Oh, Tempora; O, Mores." Oh, festibles; oh, "razzoo's." Oh, church; oh, missionaries; how many crimes are committed in your name!

It is with a colored church, a missionary society, a "festible" and the habit of members to stroll about with "razzoo's" in their bloomers that the story deals. How frail is humanity, specially colored humanity, when there is blood on the moon, and a "festible" in the church! And why is the deadly "razzoo" not tabooed? And what business has a woman got with a "razzoo" anyhow? If she has whippers they will make her a feature at the dime show; so why should she shave? And "razzoo's" were made for whippers.

But railing philosophy grows irksome. Miss Gudger, dark, divinely tall and her crisp curled hair jetty black, was recently president of the Women's Aid Society of Rev. Tompkins' church in Banoms county.

Today she was brought here in disgrace. She must serve some twelve months in the penitentiary—for what? That she didn't leave the "razzoo" at home.

Scene the First.—The blazing lights of innumerable lamps; the gay throng of the colored elite of the neighborhood; the stark glare of glinting shirt fronts and the sparkle of diamonds on dusky neck and shoulder; Miss Gudger standing at ease, receiving the guests; note the proud, cool gaze.

Scene the Second.—The crash of a lamp to the floor; the wild rush for life to windows and doors. In the middle crush, from whence the curses and groans and shrieks of anger rise fustian, a frantic mass of fighting femininity. What is that bright flash of light? "Tis the "razzoo"! And the next moment Miss Gudger is standing alone, bedraggled, but victorious; and her two adversaries lie groaning on the floor. She sheathes the bloody weapon and retreats composedly.

Case Bell.—A mighty foot on tender corn; wild invective, haughty answer. But today the dark curtain dropped on the last act. The audience will meet the heroine not again, for a year at least.

ETEE, HE THOUGHT HE WAS.

But the Slow-Moving Clamps of Law Got Him at Last.

George A. Gilmer, alias W. F. Rankin, has thus far in life had an existence of exciting and varied-colored experiences.

Some years ago in Catawba county he earned much money by the intricate evils of those "him-ism" games, whose perpetrators are called guilty of "false pretense."

But long before the slow-moving clamps of the law had come down enough to squeeze their intended prey, the bird had flown.

For some time the victims of the game nursed their financial wounds and saw no relief in sight, no hope of revenge.

Then came the news that in the Virginia penitentiary Gilmer, or Rankin, was serving time; for in the neighboring State his game had not worked.

Just before the sentence expired Governor Carr made requisition. So when the prison gates opened the other day and Gilmer stepped out, he supposed freedom, he was re-arrested.

Sheriff Wilcox came to North Carolina with his prisoner yesterday; now he will be tried in Catawba for his prior crime.

MOONSHINERS ENROUTE.

Western Carolinians in Great Numbers Met by Police in Washington.

A party of nineteen United States prisoners, moonshiners from North Carolina, says the Washington Times arrived at the Baltimore & Potomac depot in charge of United States Deputy Marshal Thomas J. Allison. They come from the four Northern districts of North Carolina, and represent the worst types of illicit distillers the government has yet had to deal with.

They are on their way to Albany, where long terms of imprisonment await them. A detachment of police from the First and Sixth precincts were at the depot to meet them. They were detained at headquarters until this afternoon, when they left on a Northern train.

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THIRTY-NINE ARE DEAD

All Victims Found—Work of Rescue Ceased.

A FIRE DAMP EXPLOSION

Caused the Disaster—The Dynamite Found Intact—Buried Today—Bodies Shipped Home.

Two white horses aboard the S. A. L. northbound train this morning contained the black, burned bodies of two unfortunate miners who were victims of the appalling disaster at Camcock. Their names were Frank McKay and John Covey. On Thursday morning McKay and Covey, with five comrades, went to work at Camcock for the last time until after the Christmas holidays. They expected to go home to see their families and loved ones who they had lived with for a lifetime. There is joy in these Pennsylvania homes today, where the arrival of the men from Camcock are expected, for they have not been made aware of the fact of the catastrophe. What must be their joy turned to grief, when the bodies of the dead arrive and the story is told them of the death-dealing disaster.

On board the train was Ed. Swegart and R. E. Fink, who were accompanying the remains of the two dead men to their Pennsylvania home in Ramey, Pa. Swegart was in the night force, and to express it in his language "it is a lucky that I was." Mr. Swegart formed one of the noble band of rescuers, never leaving the mine until all the dead were removed.

Mr. Swegart, who left the mine this morning says all the dead have been found and accounted for, and the work of rescue has ceased. The last two bodies were discovered early this morning, making in all 39 killed. One of the bodies was badly mutilated, which was occasioned by flying timbers.

As stated in yesterday's Press-Visitor, the explosion was occasioned by fire damp gas. This theory was made positively certain last night, when the dynamite which the mine officials thought caused the explosion, was found. The packages were just as they had been placed. Mr. Swegart said that had the 250 pounds of dynamite exploded, not one of the 66 men would have come out alive.

The dead bodies have been prepared for burial and removed from the temporary morgue. The crowding of relatives and spectators around the shaft of the mine is with the past. Only the regular clock like escape of steam from the steam pump minds a person of the working mine. At the little cottages situated around the mines, a farewell link is being given black, charred faces of the dead, which will be hid from humane gaze forever by the setting of the sun this evening. Last evening two badly mangled bodies were buried.

The injured are doing well and contrary to expectations, it is thought all will live.

Swegart and Fink say they will return to their Pennsylvania home, but never to do work in a mine. They will seek other employment. Mr. Swegart says this accident convinced him that it was better to mope a living on top of the earth. He says it will be difficult to get any of the old miners to resume work in that mine again. They consider it dangerous.

A great many negroes worked in the mine. The race is perhaps the most unenlightened of all others. Mr. Swegart says he does not think another one will ever enter the mine.

It is his opinion that the mine can be put in condition to work in two weeks. The mine was not torn up but in exceptional place. There is very little debris.

It is the greatest burying day in the history of Camcock.

Blaney Lynch is a gray-headed man, but a much younger man than his hair and iron-ray moonstache would indicate. Blaney is the man who runs the machinery at the Camcock coal mines. In the past two days so more efficient and timely assistance has been rendered the dead and dying than by "Old Blaney," a son of Erin. When others shrunk from moving and shrouding the dead, this big-hearted old man was always in the van to do a kind turn. Blaney has a great big heart in his breast.

One of the sad features of the appalling disaster is the removal of the dead for such a great distance from their mothers, wives and children. Probably one-third of the number killed, were Pennsylvanians. Of this number the majority were married and the families reside in Pennsylvania. The tidings these people obtained of their husbands came in the shape of a weekly allowance. Up to the last night most of the families of the dead who reside in the Northern State of Pennsylvania were notified of the result of the disaster and how near it affected them. "Unless they see the name of their relations in some paper as dead, the chances are that they will remain ignorant on the subject until the time for the regular allowance arrives."

MR. BRIMLEY TO WED.

The Popular Curator to Marry Miss Edith Jane Taylor, the Sister.

The people up in the agricultural building, in the museum, in the State Chemist's and Commissioner Patterson's and Major Wilson's offices, have something to talk about and grow merry over. It is far removed from official duties, or even from the approach of Christmas, itself. For one of the members of that comfortable colony is to join the mighty army of benedictines; and all the rest will go to the wedding and be merry as they speed their comrades along the second lap of life.

The man is Mr. Herbert H. Brimley; and his bride-to-be is Miss Edith Jane Taylor, daughter of Mr. William Taylor, of Stephenson's.

"Col." Pink Reavis was happy as he showed the following invitation to-day: "Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor invite you to the wedding of their daughter, Edith Jane, to Mr. H. H. Brimley, Tuesday, December 31st, at half past eight o'clock, at their residence, Raleigh, N. C."

Mr. Brimley is widely known. All who know him at all, admire; those who know him well, love the man.

Miss Taylor is a young lady of special beauty and has a large number of friends, who are lavish in their praises. So here's Happy New Year, Mr. Brimley; to you and your fair, young bride.

Venezuela's Stolen Territory.

The British are entitled to just so much territory in Guiana as Holland had a clear title to when she ceded that country to Great Britain in 1814.

Holland claimed that her boundary line between Guiana and Venezuela was the Essequibo river, but when the British succeeded to her title they claimed that the Essequibo river meant the entire watershed draining into it. They then pushed their possessions westward. In the course of time they passed beyond the watershed, which did not extend beyond the Maroo river.

In 1811 the Schomburgk line was run, extending to the mouth of the Orinoco. Venezuela vigorously opposed this boundary, and in 1844 Lord Aberdeen, the British premier, gave up the Essequibo line and proposed a compromise. But the controversy remained unsettled and in 1881 Lord Granville proposed a new line.

With the discovery of gold fields west of the Schomburgk line the British pushed forward and claimed still more territory. All the time this robbery was going on, from 1814 down to the present day, Venezuela has protested. She has urged Great Britain to arbitrate, but the inevitable reply of the British has been: "There is nothing to arbitrate."

Recently the United States has endeavored to persuade Great Britain to agree to arbitrate, but without avail, and it is now probable that Congress will take the matter in hand and put England upon notice that she must either have her claims tested before some impartial tribunal or give up all of the Venezuelan territory which she has seized since 1814.

The frequent changes which the British have made in their boundry line show that it is their purpose to seize and hold as much of Venezuela's productive territory as they can successfully defend.

War in Washington.

Marshall O. J. Carroll returned from Washington last night, where he has been for several days on official business. Mr. Carroll says Venezuela is the sole topic of conversation and that everybody, populists and republicans included, are loudly praising the President.

"Why bless my soul, had I heard a republican say that he believed Cleveland would be chosen president unanimously next time." Mr. Carroll says some "Washington people really believe that there will be war."

The Giants Want to Play Here.

The New York giants are coming. That is, if they can get a team to play against, and a Park.

Manager Irvn indicated a letter to the manager of the Raleigh baseball team, which was duly received here a few days ago. The New York team desires to be in Raleigh at least one week. If there was a suitable park in the city, there would be no doubt about the team coming.

Plan is being carried on in a quiet manner, which will likely develop in something tangible and of great interest to Raleigh.

"A Dumb Man."

This is the topic at the man's meeting in the city at tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. J. F. Watson will be the speaker.

NEWS GATHERED IN

Condensed and Put in a Readable Form.

FACTS AND GOSSIPS.

Interestingly Told as Picked Up the Streets and Various Parties About Town.

Mr. Frank Hayes lagged for squirrels and three rabbits yesterday in four hours.

Two convicts were brought in from Jones county to the penitentiary today.

An alarm of fire was