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THE YELLOW FEVER RAGING

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER REPORTS ON CONDITIONS.

Says That Report of Deaths Occurring in Cuba are not Given out. A bad Condition of Affairs.

Washington, D. C., March 14.—H. J. Ormsby, of Wisconsin, who spent the last five months in Cuba as special agent of the war department, said today that the yellow fever is now and has been, for some time past raging heavily. He says the reports of actual deaths from that disease are not allowed to go out.

GOOD OFFICES OFFERED.

UNITED STATES MAY BRING ABOUT PEACE

Offers to Mediate in the South African War. London Officials Think it Will Be Accepted.

London, March 13.—The United States government has offered the British government its services as mediator with the view of effecting peace in South Africa. Lord Salisbury has not yet replied. It is learned that there is little doubt but that he will decline the good offices of the United States in terms as cordial and polite as those in which the offer was couched.

London, March 13.—The cabinet at a meeting today will be made acquainted with the nature and extent of the proposals submitted by the Boer presidents to Great Britain through the United States government but there is little prospect that an official statement will be issued after the meeting unless word is received that Choate has presented the Kruger-Steyn note to the foreign office.

London, March 13.—Government officials here believe that peace is now assured, and that the United States will act in a mediatory capacity to bring it about.

PEACE PROMOTORS MOBBED.

The Mob Smashes Plate Glass.—Military Called Out.

London, March 13.—An attempt to hold a peace meeting at Scarborough last night resulted in a riot. The husband of Olive Schreiner was the principal speaker. The police were unable to control the crowd, and the meeting was abandoned. The crowd then went around to the various stores owned by the promoter of the meeting and smashed plate glass valued at \$5,000. The mayor read the riot act but this had no effect. At 10 o'clock this morning the military was called out to disperse the mobs.

REPLY TO KRUGER

London, March 13.—Lord Salisbury in the House of Lords read the government's reply to Kruger. The concluding sentence is as follows: "Her Majesty's government cannot reply to your honor's telegram, saying it is not prepared to assent to the independence either of the South African Republic or the Orange Free State."

Mrs. Nelson Improved.

Mrs. P. M. Nelson, who has been in Salisbury with her brother, Jas. Hill Ramsay, for several months, under care of Salisbury physicians, left this morning with her husband for their home near Faunsdale, Alabama, in improved health.

PARTISAN DECISIONS.

THERE IS BUT LITTLE HOPE FOR CRAWFORD.

A Six Thousand majority in the Virginia Case was Overturned and the Republican Seated.

Washington, D. C., March 13.—The contested case of Wise vs. Young, involving the title to the seat of the second Virginia district having been disposed of, the North Carolina contests will be the next to be considered.

The first of these cases which will be taken up will be that of Pearson against Crawford. In view of the record made by the House of Representatives in overturning a majority of more than 6,000, in the 2nd Virginia district there is but little reason to hope that the result of the contest involving the seat in the 9th North Carolina district will be any different, as the majority on the face of the returns for Mr. Crawford was comparatively small. However, from the decision of the House in the Alabama and Virginia contests, the question of majorities does not seem to cut much figure.

The next case probably to be considered will be that of Dockery vs. Bellamy. In this case, the friends of Mr. Bellamy are more hopeful, and believe that the House may vote to permit Mr. Bellamy to continue in the seat. They may vote not to consider the case, which would give the Republican members of the House who do not wish to vote to unseat Mr. Bellamy a chance to keep him in his seat, without going on record directly in favor of voting for a Democratic contest.

The close vote in the House yesterday in the Young case on the minority resolution, which came very near being adopted, declaring Young entitled to the seat, was due to the fact that several Republican members absented themselves without being paired. For a time it looked as if Young might keep the seat.

Mr. Bellamy left the city Saturday for his home at Wilmington, North Carolina. Mr. Bellamy himself is very confident that he will get the better of his opponent in the contested case, and that he will continue to represent his district in Congress until the end of the session. Mr. Bellamy will return to Washington in a day or two.

Representative Kitchen, of North Carolina, who has been on a visit to his home, has returned to Washington, and was registered at the Metropolitan Hotel on Monday. Mr. Kitchen was present in the House yesterday. He is very sanguine concerning the political outlook in North Carolina.

Attorney General Walsler, of North Carolina, who is in the city for the purpose of arguing a case before the Supreme Court has been quite sick at the Hotel Raleigh, but it was announced Monday morning that he is much better, and hoped to be able to appear in court, as had been previously arranged.

Congressman Atwater is working hard to have Raleigh selected as a point for the taking of observations of the eclipse of the sun, which is scheduled to take place on May 28th next. A delegation from Raleigh will be here in a week or so to aid Representative Atwater.

Some Trouble at Gold Hill.

Sheriff Peck received a telegram Sunday from Gold Hill asking him to come and get a lawbreaker. The charge against the fellow is assault with intent to kill. The sheriff wired to send the criminal with a deputy, but he had not yet arrived this afternoon. No further news of the affair could be learned.—Concord Standard.

STEYN'S BROTHER PRISONER

ROBERTS SENDS SOME NEWS TO LONDON.

Authorized French to Seize Railway station at Bloemfontein. Two Important Heights Taken.

London, March 13.—Roberts wires from Venters Vlei this morning that he directed General French if there were time, to seize the railway station at Bloemfontein and thus secure the rolling stock. At midnight he received a report from him that after considerable opposition he had been able to occupy two hills close to the railway station commanding Bloemfontein. A brother of President Steyn is a prisoner. He is now starting with the third cavalry and a brigade of mounted infantry to re-enforce the cavalry division. The rest of the force will follow as quickly as possible.

London, March 13.—Roberts cables this morning that French has entered Bloemfontein. In a previous dispatch Roberts said that 821 were wounded and about sixty or seventy killed and missing. It is thought that these figures refer to the total casualties among Roberts forces since he started to Bloemfontein after Cronje's surrender.

HORTON LAW REPEALED.

Albany, N. Y., March 13.—The Lewis bill repealing the Horton boxing law was reported favorably in the Senate this morning. The one vote in opposition to it was that of Donnelly, of New York.

SIEGE CONTINUES.

London, March 13.—Mafeking dispatches dated the 6th say that the siege continues. Col. Plumer is within four days march.

HEAVY FIGHTING.

Mafeking, March 13.—There has been heavy fighting here. The Boer wagons are trekking away. All are well.

OOTON MARKET.

New York, March 13.—April 40, May 81, June 32, July 30, Aug 16, Sept. 328.

"Are you able to stand a terrible shock?" asked the rich broker's gardener, as he rushed into the former's private office. "Heavens! What is it? Speak, man! Don't keep me in suspense! I can stand anything better than your terrible silence!" "Your wife eloped, this forenoon, with your automobile driver." "Oh! By George, you had me scared for a few seconds, I thought something might have happened to that new orchid of mine."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Semi-Weekly Begins.

The first issue of the Semi-Weekly TRUTH-INDEX was published today, and will be issued hereafter every Tuesday and Friday. By this arrangement our readers will get a twice-a-week paper at the same price they have heretofore paid for a weekly. The news service will be improved from week to week and our readers may rest assured that nothing of importance will escape them. The subscription price remains the same as heretofore—\$1 per year.

Mr. Klutz Returns.

Mr. Theo. F. Klutz, Jr., who has been spending the past month in Washington with his father, has returned home and will resume the practice of law. Mr. Klutz says that his sister continues to improve and her recovery is fairly certain.

THE WEATHER.

The weather forecast Fair tonight and warmer tomorrow.

THE EVER BUSY REAPER.

DEATH CLAIMS TWO MORE SHINING MARKS.

Mrs. Rice, After Long and Patient Suffering, Dies.—Death of Mr. George Allen Saturday.

After a lingering illness Mrs. A. M. Rice, of Woodleaf, a sister of Mrs. W. G. Watson, of this city, died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Rice's last illness has extended over a period of months and her death has been expected at any time for the past four weeks.

Throughout her illness she has been a patient sufferer. Buoyed up by a beautiful faith that guided her life she patiently, uncomplainingly waited and welcomed the end.

Mrs. Rice's maiden name was Miss Julia Lawrence and she was born and raised in the community where she died. Her standard of life was the Golden Rule and she lived up to it. Her life's history may be summed up in the gentleness of manner and pure unselfishness that were characteristic of the woman.

Her married life was a happy one and the death angel has broken ties in this home that were born of love and tenderest affection.

The funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock from Unity church.

Dr. J. E. Smoot, of Concord, and Mess. W. G. Watson and J. H. L. Rice, of this city, went up to Woodleaf this morning to attend the funeral.

Mr. George Allen, a young man well known in this city and a brother-in-law of Capt. L. A. Frazier, of this city died at Wolf's Creek, Tennessee, Saturday.

Mr. Allen was a victim of consumption and had been in failing health for several months. His death had been expected for several days.

Mr. Allen was a big-hearted, popular young man and his many friends here and elsewhere will be grieved to learn of his death. He was for many years in the employ of the Southern Railway Company and resided at Charlotte for some time.

Expected Tomorrow.

Mr. W. G. Newman is expected tomorrow morning from New York. He will leave for Gold Hill immediately on his arrival here.

School Closing.

The school at Union Academy will close Friday, March 23, followed by a picnic on Saturday, March 24, to which the public is cordially invited, young and old.

We hope to have and will have if nothing prevents, with us on that day the following gentlemen to deliver addresses; viz: Rev. C. A. Brown, pastor of Union church, and Mr. John M. Julian, of Salisbury, city editor of the TRUTH-INDEX, and possibly Prof. Coon, superintendent of the graded school in Salisbury.

To these addresses the patrons of the district and voters of the township are especially invited. We feel sure that you will not regret the time lost in coming out to hear Prof. Coon on local taxation and Mr. Julian perhaps on politics and Rev. Brown possibly on education.

We again extend to the public an invitation to come and spend the day with us in the interest of education.

Ladies' Please Attend.

The ladies of the different societies of the First Presbyterian church of Salisbury are earnestly requested to attend at the prayer meeting tomorrow evening, to arrange for a lecture by Dr. Guernant, to be delivered some evening next week.

PASTOR.

BISHOP GALLOWAY HERE.

TO BE AT METHODIST CHURCH TOMORROW NIGHT.

Lectures in Charlotte Tonight. Lecture Tomorrow Night Begins at 7 o'clock Sharp.

Bishop Galloway, of Mississippi, was in the city this morning on his way from Greensboro to Charlotte, where he preaches tonight.

Tomorrow night Bishop Galloway will be in Salisbury at the First Methodist church. He will begin his lecture at 7 o'clock sharp in order to make connection with the Shelby train at Charlotte.

He is described as one of the brainiest and most eloquent divines in the Methodist church in the country and his reputation is of a national character.

He returns to Salisbury tomorrow morning from Charlotte.

The Musical Concert.

The musical concert at the Methodist church, which was to have been given last Friday night, has been postponed until Friday night of this week. Every one is invited to attend this concert and help a worthy cause. The proceeds will be devoted to the completion of the Methodist church at the Vance mill.

Pythian Gathering.

Several Salisbury Pythians take in the celebration.

A number of Salisbury Pythians went down to Charlotte this morning to attend the Pythian banquet which will be given there tonight.

It will be a gala occasion for the Pythians of North Carolina and will be largely attended by members of this order from all sections of the State. The following Pythians from Salisbury went down this morning: G. T. Dickert, C. R. Barker, W. L. Rankin, Max Levy, John Monroe, J. H. McNeely, J. J. Evans and C. W. Mowery.

Most of this party will return to Salisbury tomorrow morning.

Sewerage System Delayed.

Mr. Burkhalter, who has charge of the sewerage system here, tells us that the work has been very much hindered for the past week account of unfavorable weather. With good weather it is expected that the system will be entirely completed within the next four weeks.

For Primaries.

There is some talk here of asking the State convention to order primaries for the United States Senatorship, as there are so many excellent and well qualified aspirants in the field that it seems to be hard for the average Democrat to make a choice, says the Salisbury correspondent of the Raleigh Post.

Mr. Spencer's Platform.

"I am not a candidate, strictly speaking, for the legislature," said Col. Bill (O. W.) Spencer this morning when I called on him for an interview.

"If my friends wish to run me, however, I have no hesitation in stating my position. My platform is 'E pluribus unum, now, henceforth and forever! On this platform will I stand or fall. I know there is some considerable opposition to this policy but I have always been honest in expressing my sentiments to my constituents and don't propose at this late day in life to all my convictions for a mess of pottage."

Further than this Mr. Spencer refused to be interviewed. His friends are working heroically to secure his nomination.

J. HED ENN.

BRIEFS CAUGHT ON THE FLY.

THE PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO, LITTLE LOCALS.

Items of Interest Condensed and Billed Down.—The Personals and Brief News Items of a Day.

Miss Mamie Bays went to Charlotte this morning.

J. H. Drake, of the Southern, was in the city last night.

Col. A. H. Boyden spent Monday at High Point and Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Murphy returned last night to Savannah, Georgia.

Mrs. A. L. Young went to Charlotte this morning on a visit to relatives.

Richard Smith, a former Salisbury man now of Concord, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. J. E. Hennessee was quite sick last night. We are glad to learn that he is better today.

The little son of Mr. C. H. Swink, who has been threatened with pneumonia is improving.

The TRUTH-INDEX is in receipt of an invitation to the Newbern Fair, the week beginning April 16th.

Mrs. W. B. Wood came in last night from Statesville after spending a short while there with relatives.

Rev. John Wakefield went to Albemarle this morning to assist Rev. Mr. Arrowood in a series of meetings.

Miss Rose Williford, of Concord, who has been visiting Miss Carrie Richwine, returned home this morning.

J. W. Alexander, of Charlotte, who spent yesterday at Gold Hill, was in the city last night on his return to Charlotte.

Dr. Brown to Resume Work.

Mr. Henry Biles received a letter last week from Dr. Dillon Brown stating that he would be here in about two weeks, to go to work I suppose. Dr. Brown said last fall when he left he would commence building one of his dams in March. We have some unbelievers yet. They say it is seeing before believing.—Stanly county correspondence.

Uniform Rank.

The Uniform Rank, K. of P., will meet in their Castle hall tonight at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired as arrangements will be made for the annual sermon at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday night.

WM. H. OVERMAN, Capt.

Rowan's Choice.

Everybody up here seems to be of one opinion as to the fact Rowan will cast her vote for Chas. B. Aycock for Governor, and for W. P. Wood for Secretary of State. It seems to be generally conceded that Aycock will be nominated on the first ballot.—Salisbury correspondent of Raleigh Post.

Mr. Varner's Candidacy.

Mr. H. B. Varner, of Lexington, was in the city this morning on his way to Charlotte to attend the Pythian banquet there tonight. Mr. Varner is a candidate for commissioner of labor and printing and tells us that he has been very much encouraged by the promises of support that have come to him from all quarters.

Out on a Strike.

New York, March 12.—About 2,800 cigarmakers, of which number nearly eight hundred are girls, employed by the firm of Kerbs, Wertheim & Schiffer, are on strike. The strikers have asked for an increase of wages running from 20 to 30 per cent. and that the factory go under the control of the union.

CLUB MEETING LAST NIGHT

MEMBERS MUST PAY UP VERY SOON.

Given Until March 22nd to Pay Initiation Fees. Part of the Furniture has Arrived. Fees are Due.

A meeting of the Old Hickory Club was held at the city hall last night.

It was decided at this meeting to fix a limit for the payment of initiation dues to the club. Mr. D. L. Gaskill, as chairman of the purchasing committee, was called upon to make a statement of what the committee had done. Mr. Gaskill stated that the committee had purchased all the furniture and part of it had arrived. It is expected that the entire order would be here in a short while. The secretary was called upon to give a statement as to the amount collected for initiation fees.

On motion of Mr. Gaskill it was ordered that all dues for initiation should be paid on or before the 22nd inst.

The club hopes to be able to open up in its new quarters by the 1st of April, if not earlier.

Mr. Liddell Here.

Mr. W. L. Liddell, one of Charlotte's leading citizens is spending the day in the city on business. Mr. Liddell has been employing machinists for his big shops in Charlotte.

PAINTED THE TOWN.

And Forfeited a \$10 Bond For Their Trouble.

Louise Allen, of Greensboro, and Dallis Morris, formerly of Salisbury but now of South Carolina, arrived in the city Saturday night with the determination to paint the town red.

They succeeded in doing the town but incidentally were done themselves. They chartered a carriage and started on a drive of the city at 1 o'clock Sunday morning. The officers investigated the case when their carriage drove through Main street and pulled both parties. They posted a \$10 bond and forfeited the bond by failing to appear in the mayor's court Monday morning.

Rev. McNairy Installed.

Revs. Gerney Weber and J. M. L. Lysterly and Dr. C. B. McNairy went to Concord Saturday night and returned to the city this morning. They were present at the installation ceremonies of Rev. W. W. McNairy, of the German Reform church at Faith, yesterday morning.

MRS. MURPHY'S FUNERAL.

Remains Brought Here Sunday From Alabama and Interred.

The remains of Mrs. Susan Murphy arrived here Sunday morning on the 11 o'clock train from the South and were met by the pall bearers. They were taken to the home of Capt. Thomas Murphy on East Innis street, where they remained until the hour for the funeral. Many friends of the deceased called at the home and viewed the remains. The funeral services were conducted from St. Luke's Episcopal church at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon by Rev. F. J. Murdoch, D. D.

The pall bearers were: Hon. John S. Henderson, Hon. Kerr Craige, Col. A. H. Boyden, Mess. O. D. Davis, Joseph White, Henry Horah, S. F. Lord and D. B. Julian.

The remains were interred in the English cemetery.

"There is only one thing that prevents me from raising a good head of hair," said the bald man. "What's that?" asked his wife. "I can't raise the price of a wig," sighed the bald man.