

HAPPENINGS
OVER THE WORLD.

EXCITING AFFAIR.

The wife of a Respectable Citizen Shot By Dispensary Constables.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 25.—Four State constables, charged with the enforcement of the dispensary law, went at 6 o'clock this evening to the residence of John Stewart, a respectable citizen and a clerk in one of the biggest mercantile establishments in the city, for the purpose of searching it to see if there was any whiskey in the house. They went with a search warrant, but were met at the door by Mrs. Stewart. She sent for her husband, who on arriving indignantly refused to permit the search.

The constables stated that they had been informed that he had been selling whiskey contrary to the law, and were determined to make the search. Words followed and finally upon Stewart cursing constable Crawford the latter slapped him. Stewart ran into his house. His wife had come out on the piazza. From the doorway Stewart opened fire on the constables. Crawford returned it and shot Mrs. Stuart just below the heart. The woman was dangerously wounded but not killed. She is now lying in a critical condition at the city hospital. Stuart was also badly shot in the mouth, his tongue being nearly severed.

In the fusillade that followed Constable Crawford was shot through the left wrist. The sheriff and several policemen arrested the constables and carried them to a magistrate's office. The news of the shooting spread all over the city and soon four or five hundred infuriated men were in front of the office, making a big demonstration. The constables were kept prisoners in the magistrate's office all night guarded by the sheriff and his deputies. The two local military companies were ordered out and kept the crowd pressed back. There is no danger of lynching, but public feeling is wrought up to a high state, and if Mrs. Stuart should die, as now seems probable, feeling will run higher.

The Cuban Assembly.

Havana, Feb. 25.—The Cuban Assembly met to-day and heard the report of the committee which was sent to Washington some time since to confer with the Government regarding Cuban affairs.

The Assembly was clearly dissatisfied with the doings of the commission, inasmuch as its members had not acted in accord—one day telling the President that the Cuban army was composed of 30,000 men and the next that it consisted of 45,000; while the emissary who was sent to Cuba to ascertain the facts, on his return reported that there were 45,000 men in the Cuban ranks.

The commission presented a report of its conference with General Alger, Secretary of war and the Attorney General, but failed to lessen the Assembly's apparent feeling of disgust. It was finally decided to have the report printed and to hand a copy of it to each member of the Assembly in order that they might study it carefully. The fact that \$3,000,000 on a basis of \$100 for each soldier was accepted after efforts to obtain more failed, makes obligatory the Assembly's ratification of the account. General Gomez did not attend the meeting neither did he send the representative nor message. The next meeting of the Assembly will be held on Monday.

Governor General Brooke, General Ludlow, members of the Cuban Assembly, the members of the City Council, the Secretaries and other officials attended the banquet at the Facon Theatre to-day.

Captain Greble has finished his inquiry regarding the widows of Spanish officers. He found that 89 widows with one hundred and twenty children occupy government buildings and subsist upon army rations. These and many others who were self-supporting, were Spanish pensioners paid out of the fund maintained by deducting a percentage from the pay of the officers.

The fund has been accumulating since 1864. Capt. Greble finds that the cash and records have disappear-

ed. The books were probably carried to Spain with other archives and the widows have not been paid their pensions for twelve or fifteen months, and have been left to be supported by the charity of Cubans.

Will Rush to Manila.

Colombo, Island of Ceylon, Feb. 26.—The United States transport Grant, which sailed from New York for Manila on January 19th with troops under command of Major General Henry W. Lawton on board, arrived here to-day.

General Lawton received a cablegram from Major General Otis, in charge of the American military force in the Philippines saying: "Situation critical. Your early arrival necessary."

He also received from General Corbin, United States Adjutant General, a cable dispatch urging him to hurry. General Lawton ordered his officers to buy supplies regardless of expense, and the transport is taking on water and coal hurriedly.

She will try to reach Manila without further stop.

Army Appropriation Bill in the House.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Owing to the pressure of business, the House met at 11 o'clock to-day.

Mr. Henderson, republican from Iowa, stated to the House that on account of the great amount of public business to be disposed of during the remainder of the session it was desirable that the House meet hereafter at 11 o'clock.

Three appropriation bills were yet to pass the House, said he, and but three had gone to the President. An order to meet at 11 o'clock was made.

The House then went into committee of the whole and resumed the consideration of the Army Appropriation bill. General debate closed yesterday and to-day the bill was read for amendment under the five minute rule. Mr. Hay, democrat, from Virginia, the ranking minority member of the Military Committee criticised the amount carried by the bill, which, he said, was plainly insufficient to maintain an army of 100,000 men. The hearings he said before the committee, he said had shown that it cost \$1,000 to maintain one enlisted man serving in this country, and more while serving abroad. The bill appropriated \$79,000,000. His estimate was \$120,000,000. He charged that the friends of a large standing army did not desire to let the country into the secret of its enormous cost. But there would surely be a deficiency.

Mr. Hull said he frankly conceded that if the reorganization bill reported to the Senate yesterday became a law there would be a deficiency.

Mr. Hull, in the course of some remarks said he understood the Senate committee compromise army reorganization bill would never go to conference.

Mr. Underwood, democrat from Alabama, raised a point to order against the provision for an increase of the number of clerks, and being overruled, moved to strike it out. The motion was lost.

Boy Killed with an "Unloaded Pistol."

La Grange, N. C., Feb. 27.—Johnnie Jones was killed in the country, about three miles from here, Saturday afternoon. It was an accident caused by an "unloaded" revolver. His brother Otho was trying to extract the exploded shells when the pistol fired, the bullet entering Johnnie's head just behind the right ear, and ranged upward and forward. The boy killed was fifteen years old. His brother was about two years younger.

Poisoned with Doctored Wine.

Amesbury, Mass., Feb. 25.—A family of five, who lived on a farm near Whiton, N. H., have been poisoned, and the father, mother and one child are already dead. The other four children are at the point of the point of death and physicians have little hope for their recovery. The farmer's name was Horace Bates. Before his death he said that a few days ago he received a bottle of wine from a friend and that yesterday noon all were taken ill. Charles May has been arrested and will be held for inquest.

Good tobacco 25 cents per pound at Young's.

STATE NEWS.

We understand that during the recent snow storm many hogs and cattle perished in the Pee Dee islands. We heard of one man who lost twenty five head of cattle and a number of hogs.—Fair Bluff Times.

The Greenville Weekly says: The snow, freeze, thaw and rain have filled the creeks, branches and other streams to overflowing and great damage has been done to roads and bridges.

There were enough rabbits killed in this country during the snow to feed an army. The news of great slaughters of them comes from all over the country. A party near Atlanta killed 103 in two days, without guns or dogs. And a party near Mr. Fred Hay's killed 118 in one day.—Monroe Journal.

Wednesday morning Mrs. G. H. Watson met with a very serious accident which came nigh being fatal. She suffers from rheumatism, and was bathing her lower limbs with gasoline before an open fire when the liquid became ignited. Before help could arrive she was painfully burned. The fire destroyed the carpet and spread to the ceiling before it could be extinguished.—Smithfield Herald.

The Charlotte News says: Mr. J. F. Carter, formerly of Salisbury, died from an overdose of laudanum at the Charlotte hotel Saturday afternoon. Carter was seen on the streets that morning shortly before noon hour. He told one or two parties that he had taken the drug and that he would die. Carter was formerly superintendent of a card mill in Salisbury. He was in Charlotte en route to Shelbyville, Tenn., to visit relatives. He was about 50 years old.

Lawrence Pulliam, ex-cashier of the National Bank of Asheville, who gave himself up to the sheriff at San Francisco, Cal., in January arrived in Greensboro Thursday afternoon in charge of a United States marshal from California. He was turned over to Marshal Milikin. Pulliam left Asheville five years ago last December, with his account short. It is said that he left the bank for the express office with \$5,000, but failed to ship the money or return. He was not heard from until he surrendered. It is said that Pulliam spent all of the \$5,000 and did not have money enough to come home on. That is thought to be the reason he surrendered.—Ex.

Seaboard Air Line.

Baltimore, February 25.—A prominent financier, who is in a position to know, said to-day that the Florida Central and Peninsular railroad has been bought by people owning the Georgia and Alabama and Seaboard Air Line. He believed the intention was to incorporate the road with the other two into a compact Southern system. The details of this scheme, he said, he was in a position to give. J. Skelton Williams, of Richmond, Va., president of the Georgia and Alabama and the Seaboard Air Line, was in town to-day, but would neither affirm nor deny the rumor.

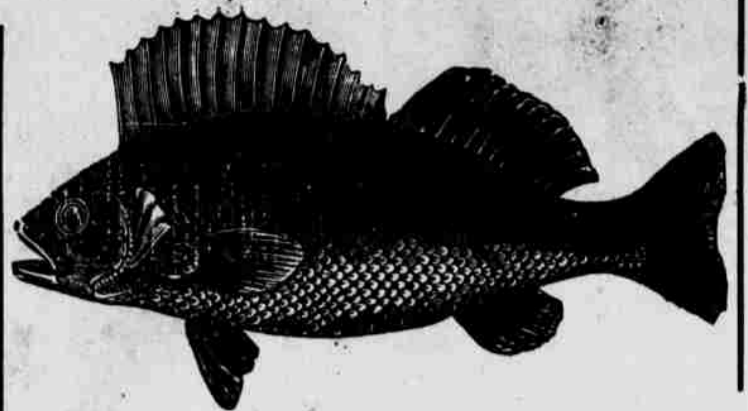
A Wild Shot.

The other day Bennie Higgs was down in the Skinner ravine hunting, with a small rifle. He shot at a bird and the ball did more damage than was intended. Jesse Reid, a colored man, was sitting down asleep on the other side of the ravine, and had his hands folded across his breast. The ball from the rifle struck him in both hands, cutting a piece of flesh out of a finger on one hand and entering the back of the other hand.—Greenville Reflector.

A Black Beast's Crime.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 25.—Julius Alexander, a young negro, committed an outrage upon Mrs. Tyce Mullis, a young white matron, at her home in the northern part of Charlotte. After several hours hunt by the police and private citizens, he was found at a festival at Biddle. Mrs. Mullis identified him promptly. The scratches she made on his face in the struggle were plain and every circumstance pointed to his guilt. There is great indignation at this terrible crime and there was some talk of lynching, but the law will probably be allowed to take its course.

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