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Two million tons of sugar are consumed annually in this country, while the entire product last year from all the sources under the control of the United States, including cane, beet, maple and sorghum, was barely one million tons.

One of the natural curiosities of the Rhine—the Laufenberg fall—is to be turned to commercial use by the erection on it of a turbine plant capable of producing thirty thousand horsepower at low water. Thus materialism is taking the place of sentiment in the show places of the Old World as well as on this continent.

President Harper of Chicago university, in a recent address, has spoken with great frankness about the prospect of careers for which college courses are especially designed. He said the "learned professions" are now four in number, Pedagogy being added to Law, Medicine and Divinity. He insisted that all four of them are now overcrowded to the starvation point.

Next to New York's \$35,000,000 tunnel, the biggest municipal undertaking now on the tapis is Philadelphia's scheme to filtrate its water supply, for which the magnificent sum of \$12,000,000 has been appropriated and placed in the hands of the mayor for prompt work. No doubt it will be worth the money if it accomplishes the purpose aimed at, and relieves a great and wealthy metropolis of the perils that always go with impure drinking water.

The Samoans are rapidly becoming up to date. A dispatch states that in a recent cricket match at Savaii the competing teams and their respective admirers took offence at a decision of one of the umpires and indulged in a free-for-all fight, which resulted in ten men being killed and the field being covered with wounded. Just how the umpire fared the dispatch does not state, but had the incident occurred on a ball field here his name would undoubtedly head the list of casualties.

There are few bits of news more satisfactory than that the island of Dry Tortugas, with its mighty fortress, has been transferred to the navy, and will henceforth serve as a fortified naval base and coaling station, remarks the New York Tribune. It is the first such station ever possessed by the United States, and it is just where such a one is most needed. It will be a veritable "Gibraltar of the Gulf" for the protection of our southern coast, the guardianship of our Caribbean possessions and sentinelship over the eastern approaches to the canal that is to be. We salute the flag upon Fort Jefferson! Long may it wave!

The dealers in automobiles seem to have overlooked a useful point in not advertising more copiously the special adaptability of their machines for Sunday use. The great objection of the more scrupulous Sabbath-keepers to permitting folks to take their carriages out on Sunday has been that it makes too much work for servants and horses. This is a fairly sound objection, for the desire to make Sunday, as far as possible, a day of rest for all hands has a great deal to recommend it. But an automobile, especially the sort that the owner himself guides, need make hardly any Sunday work in the stable, states E. S. Martin, in Harper's Weekly. At a pinch it can even stand unwashed until Monday morning. Neither coachman nor groom is needed to take it out, or even wait at home until it comes back. It is the ideal Sunday vehicle, beating even the bicycle, since its use is neither so laborious as to impair due Sunday rest nor incompatible with Sunday clothes.

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BOER CAPITAL SURRENDERED

Such a Report Is Firmly Believed In London.

NO CONFIRMATION IS RECEIVED

Latest News From South Africa Indicates That the War Is About At An End.

A London special, under date of June 1st, says: Belated messages from Pretoria confirm the reports of the departure of President Kruger with his cabinet and staff officials Tuesday night, and the selection at a meeting of citizens of a committee to administer the city provisionally.

Since these telegrams left on Wednesday nothing apparently has reached Lourenzo Marques by telegraph from Pretoria. Possibly the wires have been cut. Possibly the Boer censorship at some intermediate point interrupts telegrams.

So thoroughly is the country imbued with the belief that Pretoria has fallen, that Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, speaking at a meeting of the university of Birmingham, proposed a message to the queen congratulating her upon the "capture" of Johannesburg and Pretoria, which was sent to the afternoon newspapers.

Although the war office has not received a word about it, no one in London harbors the idea that the Boer capital is not already in the hands of the British or about to be there. The possession of Johannesburg, at all events, as Lord Roberts has telegraphed, is a fact. States Attorney Smuts did not depart with President Kruger, but remained in Pretoria. The present seat of the Boer government, according to a dispatch from Lourenzo Marques, dated May 31st, is Middleburg, but it will probably be shifted further east.

The Boers lately confronting Roberts appear to have gone eastward, also toward the Lyndenburgh region. The defenders of Laing's nek, when their positions becomes too perilous, will probably trek straight northward toward Lyndenburgh. When this concentration takes place there will be possibly 20,000 men, who may hold out for a time with scattered bands of guerrillas elsewhere.

A ROAST FOR PECK.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, Wants Light on Work of Our Paris Commissioner

In the senate, Friday, Mr. Jones of Arkansas, made a vigorous attack upon the administration of the Paris exposition commission by Commissioner General Ferd W. Peck. Up to January, 1900, he said Mr. Peck had accounted for less than \$400,000 of the \$1,400,000 appropriated for exposition purposes. He demanded to know where the balance of the appropriation had gone. The so-called detailed statement that had been submitted contained such items as \$72,000 for clerk hire, \$3,724 for personal traveling expenses of the commissioner general, etc., which Mr. Jones believed were ridiculous as "details."

"It is time," said he, warmly, "that this sort of thing should cease. These statements ought to be itemized in accordance with the mandate of the law." He then read a dispatch from Paris indicating dissension among the American commission, some of whom had been charged with endeavor to compel exhibitors to pay for the space allotted to them in the exposition. He believed an investigation necessary.

Mr. Hale, republican, of Maine, said he personally inclined to the opinion that the Paris exposition was a bad performance.

Mr. Jones, continuing, said that the air has been full of rumors that there have been most extravagant and unreasonable expenditures of the fund provided for the American exhibit, and we all know there never has been any satisfactory report as to how this money was used.

ALL COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

In Foreign Troops Which Have Been Sent to Peking.

Advices from Tien Tsin, China, state a special train started for Peking Thursday afternoon with the following forces:

Americans—7 officers and 56 men.
British—3 officers and 72 men.
Italians—3 officers and 39 men.
French—3 officers and 72 men.
Russian—4 officers and 71 men.
Japanese—2 officers and 24 men.

The foreign contingent also took with them five quick fire guns.

It is rumored that foreign troops will be opposed at the first gate of the Chinese capital outside the wall.

PARAGRAPH CAUSED ROW.

Colored Newspaper Editor of Augusta, Ga., Narrowly Escapes Rough Handling By Mob.

Augusta, Ga., narrowly escaped more violence last Saturday night, growing out of a publication concerning the recent killing of Alex Whitney and the lynching of his murderer, William Wilson. Saturday afternoon more than 200 white men marched from an indignation meeting on the river back a mile across town to The Georgia Baptist office on Campbell street, near Gwinnett, to demand a retraction from the editor, and at night another party was organized to force Editor White to leave town and to wreck his printing office.

The indignation in the community arose over a paragraph published in The Georgia Baptist, a denominational negro paper, published for years past by Rev. W. J. White. It purported to have been copied from another paper, "The Bee," said to be published in Washington city. It was as follows:

"The lynching of William Wilson, a popular young mechanic, in Augusta, Ga., a few days ago, is another one of those damnable sins for which the south must be held responsible. Mr. Wilson died upholding the virtue of one of Georgia's most refined and highly respected young ladies. The white wretch who offered the insult fell at the hands of this young martyr and the unpleasant thought that such a brilliant career had to be sacrificed for one portraying the worst type of criminality is not only unfortunate, but sad to the very extreme."

The entire statement was so palpably false that it filled the friends of young Whitney with indignation.

An indignation meeting was called and the publication denounced and it was proposed to run Editor White out of town, to wreck his newspaper office, while some even wanted to tar and feather him, or do him other violence. The meeting decided upon the appointment of a committee to wait upon White and demand that he sign an apology and a repudiation of the article.

In the meantime White had gone to The Herald and Chronicle offices and stated that he did not know the paragraph was in his paper; that it was published without his knowledge or consent; that it was absolutely false and he was anxious to put a card in both papers repudiating it and apologizing for its publication in his paper.

The following is the card which the committee presented to White:

"The infamous article that appeared in The Georgia Baptist on May 31st as a clipping from The Bee, was inserted without the knowledge or approval of the editor of this paper, who hereby emphatically disclaims connection with its publication.

"I cannot sufficiently deplore the fact that this disgraceful article appeared in our paper, apparently as the expression of the opinion and sentiment of the editor of this paper. And further I deplore, repudiate and denounce the article and all the sentiments it contains, and further guarantee to the white people of Augusta that it is not the intention of The Georgia Baptist to offend by upholding any such dastardly acts as that referred to in the article in question. I further guarantee to the white citizens that no such offense will again occur in the columns of this paper. I respectfully ask the morning papers to publish this denial and promise to print it in large type in The Georgia Baptist."

EXORBITANT RATES

Demanded By Kansas City Hotels May Bar Democratic Convention.

At the time for the convention draws near Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, is in receipt of a number of vigorous complaints from the members of the national committee throughout the country over the action of the hotels in Kansas City in the matter of rates.

Many of the committee have written Senator Jones on this subject, requesting that a meeting be called with a view to reconsidering its action in deciding to hold the convention in that city. Senator Jones has taken the matter under serious consideration.

A VOLUNTARY PRISONER.

Convict Surrenders In Order To Plead His Case Before Commissioners.

Julius Bone, the young convict who escaped from the Dade county, Ga., convict camp, May 29th, is in jail in Atlanta.

The apprehension of young Bone is not due to the skill of the detectives nor the vigilance of the police. He is a voluntary prisoner.

He visited Atlanta Friday morning for the purpose, as he says, of personally going before the state pardon board to tell the prison commission that he is the victim of a judicial error.

This, he asserts, was the only motive of his escape from the stockade.

VETERANS IN PARADE

Old Soldiers at Last Given Chance For an "Outing."

THEY LINGERED AT LOUISVILLE.

Exercises Commemorating Jefferson Davis' Birthday Was Closing Event of Confederate Reunion.

The last exercises connected with the tenth annual reunion of the United Confederates Veterans occurred at Louisville Sunday when the ninety-second anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis was observed at Reunion hall, with services in memory of Mr. Davis, Winnie Davis, the "Daughter of the Confederacy," and the Confederate dead.

Although thousands of the Confederate reunion visitors had left the city, 5,000 persons attended the exercises. They were largely of a religious character, but nevertheless there was applause at times from the audience. General Stephen D. Lee, who presided, suggested that there be no demonstrations. The Rev. J. William Jones of Virginia, who delivered the sermon of the occasion, earnestly made the same suggestion, and a few minutes later caused not only loud applause, but one cheer, by relating a well known incident of Spottsylvania.

Mrs. Hayes, the daughter of Jefferson Davis, and her daughter, Miss Winifred Hayes, were on the platform, but as the services were concluding, had to hasten to a railroad station to catch a train. After they had left General Stephen D. Lee held up to the sight of the audience a battleflag bearing the same crepe it bore when it waved over the grave of Winnie Davis, who had always heretofore attended the reunions of the Confederate veterans.

General Gordon had been expected to preside and also to address the audience, but he was called away from Louisville and his place was taken by General Stephen D. Lee.

OLD VETS PARADE.

Although the reunion proper had adjourned, the veterans who had not left the city paraded the streets of Louisville Saturday. There was no formal parade, although about 5,000 veterans were in line, and fifteen musical organizations made the air ring with "Dixie." Every band in line played "Dixie," and the veterans yelled themselves hoarse. "Dixie" was the music of the day.

The big parade had been called off, but when the sun broke through the dismal cloudiness of the week old fellows could not resist the temptation and fell into line, marching through the principal streets of the city.

OLD OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

While the exercises of the reunion were in progress all the officers of the United Confederates Veterans were re-elected by acclamation. The election was put through in record time, the whole thing taking less than one minute. The list of officers is as follows:

General John B. Gordon, general commanding.

Lieutenant General Wade Hampton, Army of Northern Virginia department.

Lieutenant General S. D. Lee, commanding army of Tennessee department.

Lieutenant General W. L. Cabell, commanding Trans-Mississippi department.

The reunion was one of the most successful from a standpoint of business ever held. The work was done in a manner entirely satisfactory, and the demonstrations made cause the officers to believe that any feeling of unkindness that had existed toward the foe of the sixties has been wiped out.

DEFICIENCY BILL PASSES.

The last of the appropriation bills, the general deficiency, was passed in the senate Saturday, as was also the emergency river and harbor bill providing for numerous surveys and for certain other public works.

Mrs. Gladstone Slowly Dying.

It is announced in London that Mrs. Gladstone is in a semi-conscious condition and that her strength is declining steadily.

TAMPA FIRE SWEEPED.

Florida City Losses Heavy By Largest Blaze In Its History.

A disastrous fire that involved a loss of at least two hundred thousand dollars broke out in Tampa, Fla., at 11 o'clock Saturday night in the building on Franklin street occupied by the dry goods house of Cohen, Friedmann & Co., and at 1 o'clock Sunday morning the block and the Jackson block adjoining were in ruins.

The latter block was occupied by Vatterlan & Co., shoes, and Mason & Co., dry goods, whose stocks are practically ruined.

Cohen, Friedmann & Co.'s stock, valued at \$25,000, insurance 50 per cent.

OLD SOLDIERS ADJOURN.

Next Confederate Veteran Reunion Will Be Held in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Confederate reunion was brought to a close at Louisville Friday night. The next gathering of the old veterans will be at Memphis, Tenn. The struggle for the reunion by the Tennessee city was not a very hard one because it had been conceded that the reunion would go there next year if New Orleans did not ask for it. The candidates were Memphis, Jacksonville and Buffalo.

Friday was to have been the biggest day of the reunion, but an almost continual downpour of rain precluded the possibility of the grand parade, which caused a feeling of distinct disappointment in Louisville.

Briscoe Hindman, of Louisville, was elected commander-in-chief of the United Sons of Veterans by acclamation Friday morning after Walter Colquitt, of Atlanta, the retiring commander, had refused to accept a reelection.

An interesting incident occurred when the report of the committee on resolutions was read. Among the recommendations was one that "the Confederate veterans recognize with appreciation the language of General Daniel Sickles at the recent reunion of the army of the Potomac at Fredericksburg, and reciprocated the feeling shown; that the reunion of Union soldiers or Confederate soldiers attended by the president of the United States and his cabinet showed that there is no sectionalism in recognition of valor of the American soldier; that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Society of the Army of the Potomac."

When the vote was called on this there were cries of "No."

General Gordon declared the resolutions adopted, but hearing the "noes," resubmitted the question.

W. H. Burgwyn, of North Carolina, who presented the resolutions, made a strong speech urging the adoption of the resolutions. J. H. Shepherd, of Virginia, secured the floor and announced that he was opposed to the resolution and asked that it be voted down. He said:

"I want no coqueting with those Yankees who defeated us. For God's sake don't accept anything from Union soldiers. Vote it down, my comrades, vote it down."

The hall was instantly in an uproar, men calling "vote," "question," "no," "yes" and yelling indiscriminately. There were loud calls of "Gordon!" "Gordon!" The commander came to the front and was greeted by frantic cheers that for several minutes prevented his voice from being heard. When silence was partially restored he said:

"I trust the day will never come while I stand on southern soil among the chivalrous men of the south when I will refuse to send a message of cordial greeting to an enemy. (Cheers.) I know the sender of this message. On the heights of Gettysburg he stood gallantly in my front and it was my bullets that sent him to the rear with a leg off, and, for me, I am going to reciprocate the kindly message of the northern soldiers."

Wild cheers greeted this speech, and on a vote the resolution went through with a rush.

ATLANTA CARPENTERS STRIKE.

They Demand That Employers Recognize Their Organization.

The carpenters and joiners in Atlanta, Ga., went on a strike Friday. Six hundred men walked away from their jobs to return no more, they say, until their organization is recognized by employers and their demands complied with. These demands are for a day of eight hours work; a uniform price of 25 cents per hour for their work, as a minimum wage, or \$2 per day, with half price of minimum wage for overtime and double time for legal holidays and Sundays; recognition of their organization by the employment of none but union men by contractors, builders and planing mill managers.

PUBLIC DEBT GREATLY DECREASED.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business, May 30, 1900, the debt less cash in the treasury amounted to \$1,122,608,811, a decrease for the month of \$2,193,774, which is accounted for by the redemption of bonds.

WILL MEET IN RALEIGH.

Commissioners of Agriculture Hold Convention August 26th Next.

The next meeting of the Cotton States association of the commissioners of agriculture will be held in Raleigh, N. C., on August 26th. There will be a three days' session.

All of the commissioners of agriculture, state chemists, directors of the state experimental stations, state veterinarians and presidents of agricultural colleges are members of the Cotton States association.

James Wilson, United States commissioner of agriculture, has in response to an invitation, consented to deliver an address at the meeting.