

**THE NEWS IN BRIEF FROM.**

Items of News of the Past Week Gathered from Various Sources.

The salary of the Japanese soldier is 45 cents per month. Of course a man with a salary like that would not care whether he lived or died.

Two men were killed, two fatally injured and one severely hurt as the result of a dynamite explosion in the Batson oil field, near Houston, Texas, one day last week.

A terrific explosion of dynamite, which occurred at Mount Vernon, N. Y., last Tuesday, caused injuries to about 10 persons and did damage to property that is estimated at \$100,000.

The coroner's jury closed the inquest in the Morrison lynching case at Lancaster, rendering a verdict to the effect that Morrison came to his death at the hands of parties unknown to them.

The contract for the new Methodist college at Hyatt Park, Columbia, has been awarded to Granby & Jordan, of Greenville. The buildings are to cost over \$100,000 and will be ready by next fall.

John Swanson, of the firm of Swanson, Cairns & Co., cotton brokers, of London, recently made a trip through the cotton belt of the United States. He estimates the present crop at 11,500,000.

Three young white men of Saluda county have been sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years for killing a defenseless and harmless old negro. This will have a deterrent influence on the lawless of that county, and of others also.

A gutta-percha and rubber manufacturing company, of Toronto, has made a belt for the grain elevator of the Inter-Colonial Railway at St. John's, which is one of the largest ever produced. It is of rubber and measures 3,259 feet. Its weight is nine tons.

Whaling agents in New Bedford, Mass., have received dispatches from the whaling fleet, which has been cruising in Arctic waters the past season, stating that 49 bowheads and 8 right whales had been caught. This year's supply of whalebone will be about 112,000. The last sales of bone were made at about \$5 a pound.

In the United States Circuit Court Judge Brawley has signed an order deferring the Columbia term of the Court from the fourth Tuesday of November to the second Tuesday of January, at which time all witnesses, jurors, parties out on recognizances are required to put in their appearance. The order adjourning the Court to a later time was made necessary by Judge Brawley having to sit with the Circuit Court of Appeals, which convenes at Richmond, Va., on November 15.

Two cases of murder and suicide of similar nature occurred in Chicago last Tuesday within two hours of each other. J. M. Skala, a butcher, fatally shot his wife and then himself. The shooting is said to have been due to business troubles, growing out of the fact that the wife, in her own right, was the proprietor of a meat shop. Shortly afterwards Wm. Kuhlman, publisher and president of a mining company, was shot and fatally injured by his former partner, Henry Holtze, who immediately killed himself. Holtze is said to have believed that he had been swindled by Kuhlman.

Emanuel Michael Friend, one of New York's well known criminal lawyers, died suddenly in that city last week. The cause of death is not known, but it is thought to have been heart failure. Among the many celebrated cases with which Mr. Friend was connected as counsel was the defense of "Frenchy," also known as "Ben Ali," and "Jack the Ripper," who was charged with the killing "Shakespeare," in the East River Hotel in New York. Other cases were that of Dr. Kennedy, charged with killing Dolly Reynolds and Augusta Naek, who, with Martin Thorne, was indicted for the murder of Wm. Guldensuppe.

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Typical of other communities in the South is the fact that the farmers of Granville county, North Carolina, have \$700,000 in bank, more than \$100,000 of which is in the two banks at Oxford.

**A NOTED CRIMINAL.**

Woman Whose Notorious Trade Raises the Indignation of an Empire.

Berlin, November 3.—The Hamber baby farmer, Elizabeth Wiese, has been found guilty of the murder of five infants and a long series of other grave crimes. In accordance with German law she has been sentenced five times to death, once for each murder. For perjury and forgery she was sentenced to six years' penal servitude. Another curious pendant to her sentences was the loss of honor for the remainder of her natural life. The details of the trial were revolting in the extreme, proving the woman to be a monster of iniquity.

The story of her career is one of the most revolting in the criminal annals of the empire. It appeared from the evidence given at the trial that she was born at Hanover in 1859, her maiden name being Berkeley. After a somewhat checkered career in her native province, where several prosecutions and imprisonments for illegal operations and imposture had rendered it impossible for her to carry on her calling of midwife, she moved to Hamburg, renting an expensive residence in one of the fashionable thoroughfares. Here she established herself as a professional foster mother.

Her method of procedure was to insert in both German and foreign papers prominent advertisements, in which the adoption of children born out of wedlock was promised in return for a single monetary payment. These notices brought her many clients from the fashionable, as well as from the humble, ranks of society. For instance, it is stated that for taking over a child whose parents belonged to the highest circles of the town of Hanover she received a fee of \$1,000 in addition to \$250 as hush money. At the same time she inserted in the papers other advertisements to the effect that a "young and beautiful girl" appealed to noble minded gentlemen for temporary pecuniary assistance and forced her own illegitimate daughter into improper

relationships with men who replied to these thinly veiled enticements. She visited London, and the names of persons said to be resident in the English metropolis were mentioned in the course of the trial just closed.

It was further alleged against her, though on this count she has been acquitted, that she attempted to poison her husband, who found her proceedings not to his liking. One of the children adopted by her is said to have been the child of an English woman of title. Of the children whom she was paid to take, those whose age made the proceeding profitable, were corrupted. Other she poisoned with morphine, throwing their bodies into the Elbe, or burning them in her kitchen fireplace. The crime of infanticide was brought home to her in no fewer than five specific cases, and how far that number was from completing the gruesome tale of her iniquities there is no means of knowing. The dramatic feature of the trial was the appearance of the woman's husband and daughter as witnesses against her.

**Clubbing Offer for the Farmer.**

We are pleased to announce to our farmer patrons that we have a clubbing rate with "The Progressive Farmer," an excellent agricultural paper published weekly at Raleigh, N. C. We offer The Courier and "The Progressive Farmer" together at \$1.75 per year. The Progressive Farmer has recently purchased the Greenville Cotton Plant and proposes to conduct a paper of equal interest to the farmers of the two Carolinas. There will be a number of contributors for the paper from this State. The two papers for \$1.75 per year.

**Pension for Every Child.**

Chicago, November 4.—When Mrs. Francis M. Norton, in addressing the Social Economics Club, advocated a State law which would grant every mother a pension for every child born, she was applauded.

"This," said she, "would stop commercial marriages and marriages would be for love. When a woman is independent she will not marry for a home. A pension for child-bearing would make her independent in every way."

One confused mother suggested that a pension system might increase desertions. She was frowned upon.

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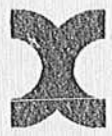
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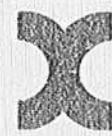
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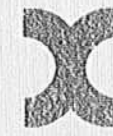
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