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TARBORO STREET.

Fire in Portsmouth, Va.

Norfolk, March 28.—Portsmouth was visited early this morning by a disastrous fire, which destroyed property valued at between \$150,000 and \$200,000, consisting of a Catholic church, two public halls and twenty-seven dwellings. Most of the latter were frame structures. As a result of the conflagration 200 persons are homeless to-day.

At 3:35 the fire was gotten under control. Fully fifty houses in different parts of the city caught from flying sparks and cinders, but were saved by prompt action of bucket brigades. There were no fatalities so far as known.

The Catholic church was valued at about \$60,000. The insurance upon all the property burned will probably not aggregate more than \$50,000.

A Newspaper Correspondent Reported Killed.

Washington, March 29.—Consul General Lee has sent the State Department the following telegram:

"Havana, March 28.—Mr. C. E. Crosby, of New York, representative of the Chicago Record, is reported to have been killed while watching with field glasses a combat between Spanish and insurgent forces near Arroyo Blanco, close to the boundary of Puerto Principe and Santa Clara. He came to the island 30th January. He is said to have been graduated at St. Cyr, France."

CASTORIA.

The facsimile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* is on every wrapper.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD.

Laugh and the world laughs with you,
Weep, and you weep alone,
For this brave old earth must borrow its mirth—
It has troubles enough of its own.

Sing and the hills will answer,
Sigh, it is lost on the air;
The echoes bound to a joyful sound,
But shrink from voicing care.

Rejoice and men will seek you,
Grieve, and they turn and go,
They want full measure for all your pleasure,
But do not want your woe.

Be glad, and your friends are many,
Be sad, and you lose them all;
There are none to decline your nectared wine,
But alone you must drink life's gall.

Feast, and your halls are crowded,
Fast, and the world goes by;
Succeed and give, and it helps you to live,
But no man can help you to die.

There's room in the halls of pleasure
For a long and lordly train,
But one by one we must all file on
Thro' the narrow aisles of pain.

GREECE'S SECRET SO LETY.

The Flag Borne by Constantine's Regiment—The National League—Dr. Quinn Active in Helping Greece.

The flag borne by the regiment commanded in person by the Crown Prince Constantine, of Greece, who has just gone to the frontier, is the one unfurled by Germanos, archbishop of Patras, April 5th, 1821, in the romantic and beautifully situated monastery of Wagaspoleon, near that city. In times of peace this relic is kept with a group of other blood-stained flags near the throne room of the Palace at Athens. I saw it last fall. Germanos belonged to the National League, or Hetaeria, an organization which forced the present crisis and which extends wherever Greeks live.

This league has 50,000 members, near and within the walls of Constantinople, and a declaration of war means death to the Sultan and destruction to Constantinople. Russia's spies have kept more closely in touch with this powerful society than the King of Greece or any European power. A Russian nobleman travels incognito continually in the Levant and has several bright young men to make report to him. Sometimes his headquarters are on the island of Zante, sometimes in Petra, Athens or Constantinople. Archbishop Germanos was moved to unfurl that flag by the following circumstance: For thirteen years the Suliot, under Marcos Bozzaris had been fighting Ali Pasha, just as the Sphakiotes in Crete have been fighting for centuries. They won a victory which infuriated the Sultan, and to avenge it he killed all the learned young Greeks, who, on account of their accomplishments, had been appointed interpreters in his palace. After murdering these young Greeks, the Sultan ordered the Patriarch of Constantinople, the ranking prelate in the Greek Church to be killed and his head to be hung on a hook fastened in the walls of the city. The order was obeyed and indignation from one end of Greece to the other arose to a fever heat. The secret society, or National League, grew rapidly, and the members have been waiting for years for an opportunity to throttle Turkey. The power of Russia and her allies has been the only impediments to the freedom and annexation of Crete and Macedonia to Crete for years. This National League has four orders. Where the commander lives no one knows. He has plenty of money, and is far more powerful than the King of Greece. He de-

creed that Greece should occupy Crete and his plans were ready before Prince George's flotilla was ordered to sail. It is probable that Crown Prince Constantine and Prince George both belong to the order. They were born in Greece. Only native Greeks can become members of the society. This is why King George is not a member, and this fact gives rise to the talk about his abdication in favor of Crown Prince Constantine. King George is popular and is in the prime of life. There is no other reason for his abdication except this tremendous power of the Hetaeria, or National League.

The most popular American in Greece is Dr. Daniel Quinn, of the Catholic University. If a man of foreign birth could belong to this society he would long ago have been made an honorary member. He speaks modern Greek even better than his own tongue. He has spent years in Greece and knows the customs and sentiment of her people better than Delyannis, the present Prime Minister. I have heard a tourist say that if Dr. Quinn were ever to be appointed minister to Greece (and he is not an applicant, being a Democrat and the head of the Greek department at the University) the army of Greece would be called out to welcome him to her shores. He has done more for Greece than any other American, and is now aiding her cause in more ways than one.

Last Thursday Dr. Quinn delivered a lecture in Baltimore and next Thursday, by the invitation of Loyola College, he delivers another for the benefit of the starving and suffering widows and orphans of the Cretans. The money of the league goes to the men in the field, and to buy ammunition for the war that is imminent. That there is an understanding between Turkey and Russia is plain from the fact that Russian warships are passing the Dardanelles. This is a breach of the international treaty entered into between the powers of Europe, and Great Britain will have something to say about it before the week is over.—CHARLES EDWARD LLOYD in Charlotte Observer.

Aunt Rachel's Horsehead and Elecampane

Combined with Speer's Grape Juice and Rock Candy for public Speakers and Singers is being prescribed by many prominent physicians, which is a guarantee of its purity and its efficiency in curing pulmonary complaints. It is used in preference to Cod Liver Oil, and in many cases the curative results are quicker and more permanent. For sale by all druggists. Price 25 cents and 75 cents.

A Revival with Practical Results.

The late revival meeting has been the cause of putting some conscience money into circulation. One gentleman living in the country called at post office a few days ago and asked for his mail. He was handed a letter which he found to contain \$22, and a scrap of paper with these words on it: "This is your money." He did not understand why any one should be sending him money in that style, and after two or three days thought, concluded that it was from a man who had got ahead of him about that much in a trade sometime back. The other morning Belk Bros. received a letter containing \$1.06 and a note saying, "This is for a coat I beat you out of." Another man living in the country received \$15 which a man had unjustly gotten from him in a horse trade.—Monroe Journal.

HUMIDITY AND COTTON WEAVING.

Dampness Seems to Be an Essential to Quality.

The Government Weather Department has taken up and investigated the subject of the relation between humidity of the air and cotton manufacture. One of the essential conditions to the greatest degree of success in spinning and weaving fine cotton fabrics is a humid atmosphere and the more constant the degree of humidity the greater the measure of profitable spinning, especially as regards the finer members. The average spinning of England is said to be finer than that of the United States, and the average of the latter varies greatly with the geographical location, the finer spinning being done almost wholly in New England. It is suggested in a bulletin issued by the department, treating the subject fully, that the control of temperature and humidity by artificial means seems to offer the final solution of the problem in all cases where the establishment of mills in a relatively dry district is contemplated.—Ex.

ANOTHER WEYLER VICTORY.

Heavy Rebel Losses Reported—Spanish Loss Slight.

Havana, March 29.—General Hernandez Velasco, while operating in the hills of Pinar del Rio yesterday encountered at Cabesadas Rio Hundo a party of rebels, one hundred strong, under the insurgent general, Ruiz Riveria. The rebels occupied a strong position and fought stubbornly, but after an hour's engagement they were defeated and dispersed.

Major-General Rivera, suffering from three bullet wounds, and his chief of staff, Col. Bacalla, were taken prisoners, and Lieut. Terry, of the insurgent party, who was badly wounded by a fragment of a shell, was also left in the hands of the troops. The rebels carried some of their dead with them, but left ten on the field that they were unable to remove. The troops lost one man killed and one Lieutenant and twenty-four privates wounded. The prisoners, General Rivera, and Col. Bacalla were brought to San Cristobal, but Lieut. Terry died on the road.

Three Mayors and Three Boards of Aldermen

Wilmington at present has three mayors and three boards of Aldermen, one of which is Republican. The others are both democratic. An election was held yesterday under the law of the last legislature, which allows the election of one alderman from each of the five wards, and authorizes the Governor to appoint five. Three Democrats and two Republicans were successful in yesterday's contest. The Democrats claim that this law is unconstitutional, and the old board refuses to surrender. It met to-day and elected Democrats as treasurer and chief of police, and will make other appointments to-morrow. The Republican board also met to-day and chose Charles P. Wright as mayor and retained the other officials all of whom are Republicans until the first of April. The three Democrats elected yesterday met with five others whom they claim also to have been elected, and chose Hector McLean as mayor. It is said that Harris, the present Democratic mayor, will resign.—Wilmington Dispatch, March 25.

It may save you time and money to be informed that, when you need a blood purifier, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the kind most in favor with the medical profession. It is the standard, and as such, the only blood-yurifier admitted at the Chicago World's Fair.

DIRECTORY.

DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

LOCAL TRAINS:

N. Bound.	S. Bound.
Between Florence and Weldon. No. 78. 1:42 P. M. Leaves Wilson	No. 23. 2:05 P. M.

Between Wilmington and Norfolk:
No. 48.
12:48 P. M. Leaves Wilson, 2:12 P. M.

"Shoo Fly" Wilmington to Rocky Mount:
No. 40.
10:23 P. M. Leaves Wilson, 6:15 A. M.

THROUGH TRAINS:
Between Florence and Weldon:
No. 32.
12:22 A. M. Leaves Wilson, 11:18 P. M.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:
R. S. CLARK, Chairman.
JOHN C. HADLEY, THOS. FELTON,
SHADE FELTON, J. H. NEWSOM

W. J. CHERRY, Sheriff,
J. D. BARDIN, Clerk of Superior Court,
J. H. GRIFFIN, Register of Deeds,
S. H. TYSON, Treasurer,
WM. HARRISS, Coroner,
J. T. REVEL, Surveyor.

TOWN OFFICERS.

ALDERMEN:
J. D. LEE, 1st Ward.
J. A. CLARK, 2nd "
U. H. COZART, 3rd "
GEO. HACKNEY, 4th "
J. T. ELLIS, 5th "

P. B. DEANS, Mayor,
JNO. R. MOORE, Town Clerk,
W. E. DEANS, Collector.

POLICE:

D. P. CHRISTMAN, Chief.
EPHRAIM HARRILL, FRANK FELTON
JAMES MARSHBOURNE.

CHURCHES.

St. Timothy's Episcopal church, Rev. F. C. Baylis, Priest-in-charge. Services: Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sunday School at 3 p. m., Week-days—Wednesdays and Fridays at 4 p. m. Holy days at 10 a. m. Celebration of Holy Communion on 1st Sunday in each month at 11 a. m., other Sundays at 7:45 a. m.

Methodist Church, Rev. J. B. Hurley Pastor; services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 5 p. m., J. F. Bruton, Supt. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30.

Disciples Church, Rev. D. W. Davis, Pastor; services on Second, Third and Fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday night. Sunday School at 3 o'clock, p. m., Geo. Hackney, Supt.

Presbyterian Church, Rev. James Thomas, Pastor; services on the First, Second and Third Sunday in every month and at Strickland's church every Fourth Sunday. Sunday School at 5 o'clock, P. M.

Baptist Church, service as follows: Preaching Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock and 8:30 p. m. Rev. J. A. Rood Pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday School at 5 p. m., D. S. Boykin Supt.

Primitive Baptist Church, preaching on 2nd Sunday by Elder Jas. Bass; on 3rd Sunday by Elder Jas S. Woodard; on the 4th Sunday and Saturday before by the pastor, Elder P. D. Gold. Services begin at 11 a. m.

LODGES.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 117 A. F. & A. M. are held in their hall, corner of Nash and Goldsboro streets on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights at 7:30 o'clock p. m. each month. J. D. Bullock, W. M.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Chapter No. 27 are held in the Masonic Hall every 2nd Monday night at 7:30 o'clock p. m. each month. Lat Williams, H. P.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 7 are held in the Masonic hall every 4th Monday night at 7:30 o'clock each month. W. H. Applewhite, E. C.

Regular meetings of Wilson Lodge, K. of H. No. 1694 are held in their hall over the 1st National Bank every 1st Thursday evening at 3:30 o'clock, p. m. B. F. Briggs, Director.

Regular meetings of Contentnea Lodge, No. 87, K. of P., are held in Odd Fellows' Hall every Thursday night. Visiting members always welcome.

Regular meetings of Enterprise Lodge, No. 44, are held every Friday night in Odd Fellows' Hall.