

CHINA'S MINISTER MAKES A VERY BOLD ASSERTION

Says China's Neutrality is Only Temporary and the Best Diplomats Cannot Tell What a Day Will Bring Forth

Russian Stupidity is Again to the Front—Another one of Her Sea-Fighters Blown Up by a Mine at Port Arthur.

(By Associated Press)
New York, Feb. 22.—In an interview with the Chinese minister, according to a World dispatch from Berlin, he says that China's neutrality is only temporary. He says that no one, not even the best diplomats, can tell what a day may bring forth. "This war is to be fought in Chinese territory," he said. "China may be expected any day to decide that this continued neutrality is neither possible nor desirable. Thirty thousand well-drilled Chinese troops are stationed in the province of Chili, ready at a moment's notice. The Chinese minister admires the Japanese, and sympathizes decidedly with their efforts."

More Russian Stupidity.
Chee Foo, Feb. 22.—The captain of the German steamer Pronto has just arrived from Dalny, and says that besides the gunboat Yenez, which was accidentally destroyed by her own mines, the Russians have just lost another ship by accident. It was a small cruiser, but the name was not learned.

In trying to dodge a mine, she ran on the rocks, and then slipped off into deep water and sank. There was no loss of life. The Russians deny that the 1,000 Japanese who landed at Pigeon Bay have been annihilated.

Port Arthur is said to be entirely out of beef and vegetables, and is drawing a slim supply from Dalny. Troops are being rushed toward the Yalu river with all the expedition possible.

The Pronto was sent to Dalny for refugees, chiefly Japanese women. On leaving Port Arthur with all lights out it was fired on by a Russian cruiser, fifteen shots striking her upper part of her hull and her funnels, and she was subsequently explained that she was mistaken for a Japanese torpedo boat. The entrance to Dalny is honeycombed with mines. Nothing was seen of the Japanese or Russian fleets.

The small Russian cruiser reported destroyed in the above dispatch is probably the Boyario, previously announced as having been blown up by a mine at Port Arthur February 13th, and which another account said ran on the rocks while endeavoring to pick up a number of mines which had been brought to the surface during a storm. It is stated in a St. Petersburg dispatch that the entire crew of the Boyario, 197 men, were lost.

Servia's Attitude.
Paris, Feb. 22.—M. Hefvitz, the Servian minister here said today that from the time of the rupture relations between Japan and Russia, the sympathy of all Servia has been with the Czars. In Servia no one intended to seek profit by the Russian embarrassment or to foment the revolt in the Balkans. It is believed this is also the attitude of other Balkan states.

Without the support of Austria and Russia they would be powerless to settle the situation in the Balkans. War came in the Balkans, Russia and Austria would intervene to prevent a change in the status quo. Moreover, such war would be dangerous because it would end in economic disaster and the financial and industrial situation of the principal cities would be gravely embarrassed. Servia only asks to be allowed to collaborate in the work of supplying reforms in Macedonia.

British Vessel Captured by Russians.
London, Feb. 22.—Owners of the British steamer Rosalie, from Cardiff for Vladivostok and which sailed from Nagasaki January 18, has been captured by the Russians at Vladivostok.

Conditions at Vladivostok.
Nagasaki, Feb. 22.—The steamer Shoberg has arrived from Vladivostok with twenty white foreigners, 1,500 Chinese, and 50 Japanese. It brings in addition forty survivors of the Japanese steamer Nakonoura Maru, which was sunk by a Russian cruiser's squadron February 17. The Vladivostok squadron intended to bombard Hakodate, but a snow-storm prevented the vessels from entering the Straits of Tsushima. They intend to make another attempt to reach Hakodate in March, with the cruisers, five torpedo boats, and armed transports. The civilians at Vladivostok are ordered to leave, owing to the scarcity of provisions. The government is taking everything available. The Chinese, seized by the panic, are leaving by the wholesale.

Sounds of Firing.
Port Arthur, Feb. 22.—Sounds of desultory firing at sea are heard almost nightly, and this morning firing was

again heard. This is doubtless due to the attempted approach of Japanese torpedo boats, but nothing serious has developed.

The garrison is in excellent spirits and is firmly convinced of the ultimate success of the Russian arms.

Russian Gunboat Ordered to Leave.
Shanghai, Feb. 22.—Urged by the Japanese consul Here Tacti, ordered the Russian gunboat Manjur, to leave the harbor before five o'clock this afternoon but the order was ignored. It was reported that a squadron had been ordered to enforce the Taoti's demand and to enable Japanese steamship companies to resume service between Japan and Shanghai.

Students Create Disturbance.
Vienna, Feb. 22.—Following a service of intercession in the Russian Church at Brague for the success of Russian arms, several hundred students gathered in front of the church and created a disturbance. They then proceeded towards the United States consulate, where they intended to make a hostile demonstration, but the police closed all the streets leading to the consulate and after some opposition succeeded in dispersing the demonstrators and in arresting many of them.

A Decisive Battle.
Washington, Feb. 21.—The State Department received a cablegram from Minister Powell dated at San Domingo, Feb. 16, saying: "A decisive battle has been fought between the government forces and the insurgents. It extended over two days and resulted in a victory for the government. The insurgents are in retreat."

ACCUSED OF WIFE MURDER.

Col. Myers, Five Times Married, Accused of Awful Crime.
(By Associated Press)
New York, Feb. 22.—Following the death late last night of Mrs. Florence Myers, 46 years of age, from morphine poisoning at a boarding house in West 44th street, the woman's husband and a colored nurse were arrested. They are said to have administered morphine tablets to Mrs. Myers. This they admit, according to the police, but allege that the woman was addicted to the use of morphine. The husband is Col. Frederick Myers, a veteran of the civil war, 71 years old, this being his birthday. The dead woman is said to have been Col. Myers fifth wife.

Mrs. Hill Passes Away.
(By Associated Press)
Washington, Feb. 22.—Mrs. Hill, the widow of the late Senator Ben. H. Hill, of Georgia, who has been ill here for some time, died here yesterday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. H. I. Thompson, in the 75th year of her age.

ALL STATE OFFICES ARE CLOSED TODAY

Many Honors are Heaped Upon Hon. W. J. Bryan at Raleigh—Governor Aycock the Guest of Honor at a Banquet at Southern Pines.

(Special The News)
Raleigh, Feb. 22.—All the State offices are closed today on account of Washington's birthday.

State Treasurer L. R. Lacy and Assistant Commissioner of Labor and Printing W. E. Faison left this afternoon for Charlotte to attend the North Carolina Grand Council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Mr. Faison is Vice Supreme Councilor of the Supreme Council of the United States.

Many honors are being heaped on Hon. W. J. Bryan during his stay in Raleigh. He arrived Sunday morning at 5:30 o'clock, and was the guest of Editor Joseph Daniels, the Democratic national committeeman for North Carolina. State officials and judges of the Supreme Court were guests with Mr. Bryan at a dinner Sunday evening. Chief Justice Walter Clark entertained Mr. Bryan at tea. In the afternoon Mr. Bryan was greeted by an immense audience at the First Presbyterian church, where he delivered an address under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. of the A. & M. College.

This morning at 11 o'clock he was given a drive over the city, and at noon a largely attended public reception was held at the college. This was followed at 1 o'clock by a lunch with the A. & M. cadets in the college dining room.

At 5 o'clock Mr. Bryan was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Col. Benehan Cameron. Mr. Bryan will deliver his lecture, "The Value of an Ideal," this evening at 8:15.

Gov. Aycock and Private Secretary P. M. Pearsall went to Southern Pines this afternoon, where the Governor will be the guest of honor at a banquet at the Piney Woods Inn, given by the citizens of Southern Pines.

The Society of Cincinnati held their annual meeting at the State Library here today and elected Wilson G. Lamb of Williamson, president; J. C. Davis, of Baltimore, vice president; Gen. Chas. L. Davis, of the United States Army, secretary; Marshall DeLancy Haywood of Raleigh, assistant secretary; W. D. Carstherphen, Plymouth, treasurer; Benham Cameron, assistant treasurer and Bishop Joseph Blount, of Raleigh, chaplain.

Mr. Franklin Brevard McDowell, of Charlotte, was one of the ten new members elected.

BARON HAYASHI SAYS OPERATIONS WILL BE DELAYED

It Will Probably be Two or Three Months Before Aggressive Operations in Manchuria Will Take Place.

Japanese Will Content Themselves With a Thorough Organization and Advancing Construction of Yalu River Road.

(By Associated Press)
London, Feb. 22.—The latest advices received by Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, lead him to believe that the Japanese troops may wait two or three months before undertaking aggressive operations in Manchuria. He said:

"We have found Russia so unexpectedly prepared for war that I should not be surprised if the Japanese troops content themselves with establishing a thorough organization, and advance the construction of a railroad toward the Yalu river. "Russia appears to be less prepared than China was in 1895. I believe that only three trains a day can be run through Manchuria. Supposing these were equally divided between troops and supplies, as would be necessary, Russia could not possibly strengthen her land forces before April."

"Japan's naval coup was so unexpectedly successful that I think the troops will take their time. The shallow inlets are now frozen over. Especially in this time of Port Arthur, where the near landing of troops is impossible, owing to the ice."

Baron Hayashi does not credit the report that 2,500 Russian soldiers have been killed in the utmost engagement at the Yalu river, as the Japanese troops are not there in sufficient numbers to inflict such a loss. The only naval engagement that Baron Hayashi expects in the near future is a possible attack on the Japanese fleet by the powerful Russian torpedo flotilla at Port Arthur. The minister credits the Russians with having hardly 100,000 troops in Manchuria.

ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL.

Reaches an Agreement as to the Blockading Powers.
(By Associated Press)
The Hague, Feb. 22.—The Arbitration Tribunal, which has been considering the claims of the blockading powers for preferential treatment of their claims against Venezuela, decided unanimously that these blockading powers, Great Britain, Germany and Italy, have the right of preference of 30 per cent. custom duties at Guaira and Puerto Cabello, the litigants to pay their own costs in the procedure and the costs of the tribunal. The United States has been commissioned to carry out the decision of the tribunal within the next three months.

Business Calm on Bourse.

(By Associated Press)
Paris, Feb. 22.—As the result of an official denial of the alarming reports as to the attitude of prominent financiers, the prices on the Bourse today were much firmer. From the opening upward tendency was apparent. During the day strong buying developed and in the second part of the session business was active and calm but a good tone continued to the close.

Meets in Washington, March 8.

(By Associated Press)
Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 22.—The sub-committee of the House Judiciary which held three sessions here investigating the charges against Federal Judge Swayne adjourned today to meet in Washington March 8th when it will report to the judiciary committee.

Scamle Case a Mistrial.

The jury in the Scamle case returned to the court room late Saturday evening and informed the judge that they could not agree on a verdict and the case was continued to the next term of court. The defendant was charged with burning his house at the Atherton Mill during the month of January. The work of the court was completed Saturday evening and an adjournment taken.

Grant Arrested.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Feb. 22.—Edward Belgar, who gave an address in Chicago, was arrested today at the White House and locked up, pending an examination of his mental condition. Belgar has written many letters suggesting that people be named in accordance with their occupations.

Negroes Denounce Bishop Brown.

(By Associated Press)
Boston, Feb. 22.—At a mass-meeting of colored citizens a resolution was adopted denouncing Bishop Brown of Arkansas for an attack on the negro race made by him in an address last week. The principal speaker was Wm. H. Lewis, assistant U. S. District Attorney.

FEBRUARY OFFENDERS.

Those Who Did Not Follow George Washington's Advice.

A number of offenders were called down by the police today while celebrating the anniversary of the "Father of His Country."

Jim Walker, a middle-aged man, employed in a local cotton mill, took too much booze in honor of the day and it went to his head rendering him incapable of getting about. He was locked up this afternoon.

Jno. Scott, colored, confiscated a box of soap, the property of Eccles and Bryan, it is said, to celebrate the anniversary of the "Father of His Country."

Logge Ballard, a colored man, celebrated Washington's birthday by sailing into a colored dance, Mattie Hall, who had Ballard arrested on a charge of assault. Ballard was resting behind the bars this afternoon.

At the police station at 3:30 o'clock there were several other celebrators of the "22nd" who had gone wrong in choosing the manner of celebrating and were accordingly taken in charge by the police.

Westminster School.

Prof. W. W. Brand, principal of the Westminster School at Wildmere, was here yesterday in the interests of his school. Mr. Brand's plans are now for a main building for his school. This institution is doing great work for education in Rutherford and adjoining counties. Although only two years old it has an enrollment of 110 pupils, and has a good prospect for a larger school next year.

Washington's Birthday.

Washington's birthday was observed in Charlotte by the closing of the banks and schools and the observing of Sunday hours at the postoffice.

The day passed off quietly here, the stock exchanges all being closed and as a consequence no markets were received today.

Most of the business houses of the city remained open, however, and considerable business was transacted.

Margolius Property Sold.

An interesting deal in city property occurred today in the sale of the Margolius home on North Tryon street to Mr. R. M. Miller, Jr.

Mr. Margolius and his son, I. Margolius, who are now in Norfolk, Va., in the bagging and tie business, were here today to be present at the sale.

The property includes a large and commodious frame dwelling located on the lot adjoining Mr. Miller's, 402 North Tryon.

Death of Col. Brock.

(By Associated Press)
Oshkosh, Wis., Feb. 22.—Col. Gabriel Brock died here yesterday after an illness of several months. Death was due to debility and old age. Col. Brock was one of Wisconsin's best known lawyers. He distinguished himself in the civil war, later was elected to congress as a Democrat and served one term as attorney general of the state.

STATE CONVENTION BEGINS TOMORROW

Junior Order United American Mechanics—Hon Geo. E. Hood, Mayor Goldsboro to Preside—A Public Tomorrow Night.

Tomorrow morning in the Pythian Castle on South Tryon street, Mayor Geo. E. Hood, of Goldsboro, State Councillor, called to order the annual State Convention of the Junior Order United American Mechanics. The meetings will be attended by from 100 to 125 delegates from all over the State, Asheville, Greensboro, Raleigh and many other towns and cities where the order exists, having given notice of the fact that they will send delegations to the meeting as members of the convention.

A local committee with Frank R. McNinch, Esq., as chairman, has been busy at work today completing all arrangements for the opening of the convention tomorrow morning.

Some of the delegates will reach the city tonight but the majority are expected to arrive Tuesday morning.

A feature of the convention will be the public meeting in the county court house tomorrow evening at which Mayor P. M. Brown of Charlotte, has been invited to preside. This meeting will be open to the public and is held largely for the purpose of affording an opportunity to outsiders to understand more of the nature and aims of the organization about which some people seem to be in uncertainty. There will be a number of speeches at this meeting by prominent members of the order and others.

The election of State officers will be held on Wednesday the last day of the convention.

During their stay here the hundred or more delegates will also be the guests at other gatherings of a social nature held in their honor.

WORK OF STORM ON NEW YORK COAST TODAY

Schooner Cromwell Goes to the Bottom and Five of Her Crew Were Drowned While Trying to Reach the Shore.

Another Vessel Goes to Pieces on the Rocks Off Long Branch and Afterwards Sinks With Her Crew Still on Board.

(By Associated Press)

New York, Feb. 22.—During a dense fog two vessels went ashore today, one near Belport, L. I. and the other near Long Branch, N. J. The former was the schooner Benjamin C. Cromwell of Portland, Maine from Charleston, S. C., to Halifax with pine. The name of the other vessel is yet unknown. Mate of the Cromwell was drowned. One man reached the shore on a piece of wreckage and seven others clinging to the wreck in the hope that life-savers would reach them.

Repeated attempts of the life-savers to reach the wreck were unsuccessful and a close watch is kept for anything that might come ashore.

The three-masted vessel at Long Branch began to break up almost immediately under the heavy breakers. The fog and heavy seas made the work of the life-savers extremely difficult but repeated efforts were made to rescue the crews of the doomed vessel.

Five men were drowned in the wreck of the schooner Cromwell, off Belport. Only two of the crew of seven being rescued from the breakers when washed ashore on the piece of wreckage. The schooner was broken up by the heavy waves.

Shipwrecked Sailors.

New York, Feb. 21.—The German Sloop steamer Albano, Captain Kukenhold, which arrived today from Hamburg, brought to port Captain Parker and 21 shipwrecked men belonging to the British freight steamer Kentigen, which they abandoned at sea on February 16, in a sinking condition.

The Albano left Hamburg on February 3, experiencing very stormy weather. On the morning of February 16th a steamer showing signs of distress was sighted. She proved to be the Kentigen. The sea was breaking over her and her captain signalled "Wish to abandon ship." A life-boat was launched in charge of the chief officer and with great difficulty Captain Raymond Parker and nine men were rescued. Meanwhile the Kentigen launched one of her boats with the remaining 12 members of her crew, who, after a terrific battle with the waves, were taken on board the Albano.

Ashore on Long Beach.

Atlantic City, Feb. 22.—A boat is reported ashore North of Long Beach station. Owing to a dense fog the name is indiscernible.

THREE SUFFOCATED.

In the Burning of a Large Hotel in Chicago.
(By Associated Press)
Chicago, Feb. 22.—Fire today partially destroyed the building known as the Alhambra theatre, hotel and apartment. There were a number of narrow escapes. The loss is \$75,000. Three charred bodies were found, one woman and two men, who had suffocated in the rooms.

BARACAS TO TAKE PART.

In Reception to be Tendered the New Y. M. C. A. Secretary.

At a meeting of the Charlotte Baraca Union held at Tryon Street Baptist church yesterday afternoon, the members of that organization decided to accept the invitation of Secretary C. G. Huntington to take part in the reception at the Young Men's Christian Association Friday night in honor of Mr. D. A. Probert, of Philadelphia, Pa., the new secretary, to succeed Mr. Huntington who becomes State Secretary. President J. A. Durham appointed a committee consisting of the following named gentlemen to prepare the Baraca part of the programme for the evening of the reception: Messrs. W. M. Wheeler, J. A. Bivins, W. A. Horne, J. P. Lucas and J. P. Flowers.

The Baracas will have a conspicuous part in the programme of the evening, and it is desired that every member of every Baraca class in Charlotte attend.

Mr. John A. McRae will deliver an address of welcome to the New Secretary in behalf of the Charlotte Baraca Union.

AT HOME ONCE MORE.

Baltimore News Published From Own Plant Today.
(By Associated Press)
Baltimore, Feb. 22.—The Baltimore News, whose office and plant was destroyed in the big fire two weeks ago, is being published from its own plant today. The American will use the News plant temporarily. The Sun is still being printed in Washington and The Herald in Philadelphia.

The Eclectic Book Club will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. Hirschinger at her home on South Tryon street at 4 o'clock.

DEATH OF MAJ. WATLINGTON.

The End Came Unexpectedly at St. Augustine, Fla.

Mr. C. N. Evans, cashier of the Merchants and Farmers' National Bank, received a telegram this morning from St. Augustine, Fla., announcing the death of Maj. J. S. Watlington, one of the leading citizens of Caswell county, and of the State.

The telegram was sent by Mr. J. F. Watlington, who was with his father in St. Augustine at the time of his death.

Mr. J. F. Watlington is in the banking business in Reidsville. The body of Maj. Watlington will arrive here tomorrow morning from St. Augustine, attended by the son, and will be taken to Caswell county, the home of the deceased, for burial.

Maj. Watlington went to Florida recently for his health, but his condition was not regarded as being serious and his death was not expected.

The deceased has been a prominent figure in the State for many years and has a wide circle of acquaintances throughout North Carolina.

The announcement of his death will be received with much sorrow over the entire State.

TO BURY BABY.

Alleged That Father Made False Pretense Case in Court.

An unusual case came up before Squire Hilton this morning, in which a father was charged with false pretense, made with the object of securing money to pay the funeral expenses of a dead child.

The name of the man is Jno. Williams, colored, a native of Mecklenburg county. It was alleged that Williams promised to work for Mr. L. T. McKenzie, of the county, in return for a loan wanted by Williams to secure the necessary funds to bury his child.

Mr. McKenzie alleged that the negro failed to keep his promise and a criminal action was instituted.

Mr. Heriot Clarkson, representing Williams, waived examination and it is understood that the case will probably be settled amicably outside the courts.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Tri-State Medical Association to Meet in Danville Tomorrow.

Drs. S. M. Crowell, I. W. Faison, E. C. Register and A. J. Crowell leave tonight for Danville, Va., to attend the annual meeting of the Tri-State Medical Association, which meets there tomorrow. Dr. S. M. Crowell and Dr. Register will read papers before the association.

The association is composed of physicians from the three States, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. There will also be representatives from several other States who will come as guests.

A NEW COTTON OIL MILL FOR THIS CITY

Mr. T. J. Davis, Formerly Manager of the North Carolina Cotton Oil Co. Here, the Leading Spirit—Will be Ready Next Season.

The News learns on good authority that a new oil mill will be erected in Charlotte during the next few months. Mr. T. J. Davis, formerly with the North Carolina Cotton Oil Company here, being the leading spirit in the enterprise.

The movement has been on foot for some time and Mr. Davis has succeeded in placing the project on a sound basis, thus assuring its success.

Mr. Davis has had considerable experience in the oil mill business and is well fitted for managing the new mill. He has spent a considerable part of his life in the oil mill business and understands both the business and practical side of the work.

Mr. Davis' successor at the North Carolina Oil Company's plant will be Mr. J. E. Wean who will arrive here shortly from Henderson to assume charge of his new duties.

The location of the new mill has not been definitely determined but it will be located in the Fourth Ward.

Mr. Davis will make further announcements regarding the organization of the new mill when all details are completed for beginning work.

En Route to Atlanta.

Today and Sunday a large number of prominent Northern educators passed through the city on their way to Atlanta to attend the meeting of the National Educational Association. The Association convenes in Atlanta Tuesday evening. Among those who will attend are:

M. P. Emerson, president of the Association, and his wife, from Buffalo, N. Y.; Irwin Shepard, secretary of the Association, and his wife, from Winona, Minn.; A. S. Downing, an expert of the Association, and his wife; Dr. J. M. Green, an expert of the Association, from New York; Dr. Percy R. Bugbee, president of the Norma School of Oneonta, N. Y., and his wife; A. J. Cheney and his party, from Chicago; E. G. Dooley, superintendent of the Chicago graded schools, and his wife; I. H. Dayhoff, superintendent of public instruction, Kansas, and his wife.

\$7,500 Monument For H. G. Springs.
An elegant and handsome marble shaft 25 feet high will be erected to mark the last resting place of the late H. G. Springs, in Elmwood Cemetery. The monument will cost \$7,500 and will be made by a Philadelphia concern to whom the contract has been let by Dr. J. H. McAden and others.

EMPLOYERS MEET IN CONVENTION AT INDIANAPOLIS

The Feature of the Session Today was the Splendid Address of President Parry on the Relation of Capital to Labor.

Delegates Think That a Vigorous Stand Should be Taken on the Eight Hour Bill and That Senate Should Hear Employers.

(By Associated Press)

Indianapolis, Feb. 22.—The first annual convention of the Citizens' Industrial Association of America began today. More than 250 delegates are present. The larger delegations came from Boston, Kansas City, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Chicago and Cleveland and 400 associations are expected to be represented.

The address of President D. M. Parry was a feature of the programme. It discussed the relations of labor and capital, giving the views which have made him familiar in previous addresses and papers. He urged that employers should not be influenced except by the fitness of labor for work and declared that capital had a right to employ whom it chooses, just as labor has the right to say what disposition shall be made of itself.

The constitution adopted at the preliminary meeting at Chicago last October will probably be adopted with a few changes. The general opinion of the delegates is that the association should take a vigorous position on the eight-hour bill and that the United States Senate should be urged to hear the reports of the employers before taking any action.

FUNERAL OF MRS. PERKINSON.

Impressive Services Yesterday—Body Carried to Virginia For Burial.

The funeral exercises over the remains of Mrs. J. W. Perkins were held at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. W. M. Smith on North College street Sunday evening at 8 o'clock and were most touching, and in keeping with the tastes of the deceased in their simplicity and touching character.

Dr. Marr, pastor of Tryon Street Methodist church made appropriate remarks, speaking of the beautiful life and character of the deceased and of her resignation to the Divine will in her last illness, saying that his visits to the deceased just before her death were a revelation to him of her wonderful character and spirit.

Mrs. E. L. Martin sang as a solo "Some Sweet Day," after which those present joined in singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

The floral tributes were very numerous and showed the high esteem in which the deceased was held by her friends and acquaintances.

Dr. A. C. Barron, pastor of Tryon Street Baptist church also took part in the exercises.

The body was taken to the depot after the funeral and carried over the Southern to Petersburg, Va., where the interment will take place by the side of the husband of the deceased who died nearly thirty years ago.

W. V. Perkinson, a son of the deceased, accompanied the remains, which were met at Petersburg by another son from Washington Mr. D. P. Perkinson.

Mrs. W. M. Smith, the only daughter of the deceased, was too ill to leave her room to accompany the remains. The funeral took place in Petersburg this morning.

Death of Mrs. J. B. Blackley.
A telegram received announces the death of Mrs. John B. Blackley, a sister of Mrs. A. C. Barron. The death occurred yesterday morning at her home in Staunton, Va., after a second stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Blackley was the daughter of the late Capt. C. R. Mason, a well-known railroad contractor in Virginia, and the wife of Mr. John B. Blackley, of Staunton. The sisters of Mrs. Blackley, Mrs. Robert Goodwin, of Fishersville, Va.; Mrs. John W. Harris, of West Virginia, and Mrs. A. C. Barron, of Charlotte, were all with her at her death.

Mr. Edwin Gould, Millionaire.
No. 33 pulled in this morning with two private cars attached. One belonged to Mr. H. G. Hilly, of the M. & T. Railway. The other, the "Dixie," to Mr. Edwin Gould, one of the most noted of New York capitalists. Mr. Gould was on his way to Miami, Fla., where he will spend some time at that winter resort.

Lenton Series of Services.
Rev. Edward L. Ogilby, at St. Peter's Episcopal church, began yesterday a series of sermons, to continue throughout the Sundays in Lent, the general subject at the morning services being, "How to make the best of life," and at the evening services, "The Christian Covenant."

THE WEATHER.

Fair Tonight and Tuesday.