

STUDENTS AID MISSION

Student Volunteer Association Meets at Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 23.—An interesting meeting to aid missions convened in this city today, and will continue for four days. It is the third tri-annual convention of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions.



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HAVANA HARBOR HORROR

How One of the Gazette's Readers Sees the Matter.

Editor of the Gazette:—This is a big guessing bee—this Maine horror in the harbor of Havana. Every paper and everybody, big and little, is giving conjectures—suggesting theories and even sometimes pronouncing opinions that are expected to be taken as conclusive.

Now, here's a new one. The Cubans blowed up the Maine. Well, we have started with our conclusion, let's see if we can conclude with any reason. Who will be most profited by this catastrophe—to whose advantage does it now contribute?

George H. Smathers, one of the receivers of the bank, was interrogated yesterday in regard to the matter and stated that he was satisfied that all the judgments docketed in this county on the 12th and 13th of October would be paid.

MEMORIAL. Asheville W. C. T. U. will hold a memorial service in Central M. C. church, south side, this afternoon, at three o'clock.

shop the chamber for United States aid to Cuba, and at the same time to insure peace. It looks warlike enough to please the bloodiest mind—and is bearing, the North's dove, an olive branch. Grim visage near shows his wrinkled front from past hole and shell, while in Roman helmet, smiling, swings the smoke-stained, highly polished goddard of peace. Bristling with engines of destruction—guns costing more than \$40,000 a piece—looking terrible as an army with banners, it is as harmless as a child's toy.

WEAVERVILLE.

Weaver, Feb. 23.—The mountains to the east of this place are today presenting a scene of rare beauty. Beside the snowfall, there is upon the timber of Craggy and adjacent heights frozen mist, this giving to the whole scene a dazzling splendor as it glimmers in the bright sunshine of today.

The mails have been much disturbed by the recent cold wave, and the branch of newspapers has been kept busy, especially in view of the anxiety to know the latest intelligence regarding the investigation going forward at Havana.

Weaver, Feb. 21.—This community was visited by an unusual natural phenomenon on yesterday in the shape of a heavy hail storm. Absolute darkness and ominous clouds, accompanied by a high wind, came out of the northwest, soon had stones, something larger than buck shot, came rattling down on roofs and western windows, and in a few seconds the ground was white with the bouncing, rolling little spheres, club-balls, but short-lived under the onslaught of their foe.

Cotton Develops Activity in Liverpool. New York, Feb. 23.—To the surprise of the trade, the Liverpool cotton market developed considerable activity over our holiday and prices there were four-sixty-fourths higher than on Monday, when this market opened today.

NEW YORK STOCKS. New York, Feb. 23.—Close—Sugar, 15 1/2; Tobacco, 8 1/4; Burlington, 2 1/4; Lackawanna, 1 1/2; Manhattan, 1 1/4; Jersey Central, 1 1/4; General Electric, 3 1/2.

ZOLA SENTENCED

TO ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT AND \$5,000-FRANCE FINE.

His Trial Ended Yesterday Afternoon. Also, Perreux Found Guilty and Sentenced.

Paris, Feb. 23.—The trial of Emile Zola ended this afternoon, the jury finding the defendant guilty. Perreux, manager of the Aurore, was jointly tried with Zola and also found guilty. No extenuating circumstances were found in the case of either.



TO INSPECT COTTON MILLS. A Party of Northern Capitalists go to Mexico.

San Antonio, Feb. 23.—A party of twenty-four capitalists and cotton mill owners of Lowell and other New England points, passed through here today on their way to Mexico to inspect the cotton mills of that country, and to obtain data as to wages and other matters relating to the cotton mill industry.

FLAT CREEK.

Flat Creek, Feb. 23.—The condition of Dr. J. A. Harris, county physician, has greatly improved in the last day or two. It will be remembered that Dr. Harris suffered a stroke of paralysis at Asheville on Monday, the 19th inst., and was at one time so seriously ill that his physician was fearful he could not recover.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL. John A. Euse, of Stonega, arrived in Asheville yesterday and left last night for Asheville on a business trip—Bristol News.

J. Wray Shook is back from Salisbury. Mark Irwin has returned from a professional trip to Marion.

Abraham Summerfield, of Durham, is here representing a large paint factory.

J. D. Stanton has returned from a visit to his old home in Marion.

T. H. Lindsey, E. C. Featherston and S. S. Pops, who went from here as delegates to the state council, J. O. U. A. M., at Salisbury, have returned.

H. R. Porter left yesterday for an extended trip through Tennessee and Kentucky in the interest of his tobacco business.

J. K. S. Ray returned to Spartanburg yesterday morning.

Miss Grace Byers, after visiting Miss Emma Kate Dugger for several days, returned yesterday to Hendersonville.

Chief Clerk Grant is back from a short trip to Marshall.

Mrs. J. A. Burroughs left yesterday with Mrs. J. J. Brown and the Misses Brown for Palm Beach. They will be absent several weeks.

H. S. Harkins has gone to Marshall supposedly to see Senator Fordham.

Miss Ina left yesterday for New York.

J. M. Moody, of Waynesville, came up yesterday from Marshall.

Miss Beale Felix returned yesterday from Knoxville, where she went to attend the wedding of her cousin.

O. P. Carlton, of Statesville, is in the city.

HOTEL ARRIVALS. SWANNANOVA HOTEL.—J. L. Manning, Kentucky; W. J. Lane, Hot Springs; Geo. T. Byrd and wife, Boston; Philip Ott, Cincinnati; P. F. Melton, Atlanta; H. A. Kutz, Pennsylvania.

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