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NAVAL BATTLE.

In the Heart of Panama Columbia, S. C.

MAY INVOLVE U. S.

First Naval Battle in Western Hemisphere Since Spanish War—The Philadelphia was there.

Panama, Jan. 23.—The naval battle in the harbor here, the first naval fight in the Western Hemisphere since the Spanish war, resulted in heavy loss of life on both sides. Many were killed and wounded and the United States cruiser Philadelphia cared for a number of the latter. According to the latest dispatches, five men of the government force were killed and fifteen wounded. About thirty insurgents were wounded and many killed, but the list of the dead is unknown.

More far-reaching in effect even than the fight is expected to be the death of General Alban, military and civil governor of Panama and northern Colombia, and practically dictator in the district. He was killed leading his men in person on the steamer Lautaro, which only a few days ago he seized from a Chilean company.

Standing on the quarterdeck, encouraging his men, after the ship was afire, he was struck by a bullet from a revolutionist gunboat. He died quickly and his men were soon in full retreat from the burning ship. She was deserted by her crew within an hour after they lost the inspiration of General Alban's leadership.

Former efforts of the insurgents to gain control of the Isthmus of Panama had been made on land. Learning that the latest expedition, commanded by General Herrera, who was defeated here last year, would attack by sea, General Alban chartered two steamers and seized the Lautaro to repel the invasion. With scarcely 1,000 troops at his command, he manned the three ships and sent the Pinzon on the Atlantic side, for reinforcements.

Slipping into Panama Bay at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, the insurgent vessels *Almirante Padilla*, formerly a *Salvadorean* gunboat, the *Darien* and the *Galtan*, practically surprised the *Lautaro*, the largest of the government ships. The *Padilla*, well equipped with rapid fire guns, went close to the *Lautaro*, and on the first fire killed or wounded scores of the *Lautaro's* crew. The *Darien* and *Galtan* started in the direction of a long government sea wharf, near the city. This wharf had been fortified by Alban as the result of the capture recently of letters that outlined the insurgents' plans.

With the *Boyaca*, which had been chartered from the Panama Canal Company, absent getting troops at Chiriqui, the only other government vessel effective was the *Chicuito*, which had been chartered from the Pacific Steam Navigation Company. The *Chicuito* attempted to cut off the *Darien* and *Galtan*, and the *Padilla* sent three shots from her heaviest guns at the *Chicuito*. This vessel replied with rapid fire

guns and the *Padilla* moved away a little, evidently unconvinced. Moving off, the *Padilla* got within range of the guns of *Las Bovedas*, a fortress, and several shots fell close to the ship. So far as could be seen, there was no evidence that this vessel was struck except that she moved slowly after the exchange with the *Chicuito*. There was a great deal of maneuvering without any damage being done. Fire appeared on the *Lautaro* about 10 o'clock, or one hour before General Alban was killed on her decks. The vessel was practically deserted afterward, and by 12 o'clock many of her dead were being buried in Panama. The flames spread rapidly and within half an hour after the general's death, drove the last faithful ones off the ship. It was rumored here that the *Lautaro* was fired as the result of treachery.

Firing ceased about the time the five gained sway over the *Lautaro*, and the revolutionist ship *Darien* then steamed closed to the United States ship *Philadelphia*. American sailors were by that time busy rowing to the *Lautaro* and taking off the wounded and fugitives from the fire. The men from the United States ship next endeavored to extinguish the fire on the *Lautaro*, but failed.

Control of the entire state of Panama hinges upon the outcome of the revolutionary attack on Panama. If the insurgents should be victorious difficulties probably will arise which will again involve the United States.

REPORT CONFIRMED.

The Seaboard Air Line Will Now Run Into Knoxville.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 23.—The Atlantic, Knoxville & Northern Railroad Company today filed for record a mortgage on its road to secure a bond issue of \$2,000,000. The bonds are 4 per cent, gold and are to retire a 5 per cent, issue of \$500,000 of December 1st, 1896, and will be used to extend the road from Marietta to Atlanta, Ga., and make other improvements. The bond issue it is believed confirms the recent report that the Seaboard Air Line has purchased or leased the Atlantic, Knoxville and Northern and will run into Knoxville by way of Atlanta.

The Big Globe Store.

At the Globe Store on Poindexter street can be seen an immense stock of elegant matting. These mattings have just been received from China this week and comprise over one hundred elegant patterns and designs. A splendid assortment of lounges, couches and bed lounges are in stock as a complete line of carpets, clothing and gents furnishings. The store and stock occupies three floors and is constantly growing. In the casement are the display samples of furniture. On the ground floor are the carpets, mattings, clothing, etc., while upstairs is the furniture stock. The business has grown so rapidly that the proprietors have been obliged to open warerooms in the building recently occupied by Samuel Overman on Poindexter street. Some fine parlor suits will be put in next week. The proprietors are always glad to show goods and explain their qualities.

WANTED—An experienced lady book keeper at a good salary.
 The Globe Store
 H. H. LAVANTRIN & BRO.

RECIPROCIITY.

House Comm. Continues to Investigate.

SHARP WORDS SPOKEN.

Head of Cuban Delegation Makes a Statement—Cuban Proposition Stigmatized as Vicious.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—The hearings on Cuban reciprocity were resumed before the ways and means committee today. The beet sugar interests of the United States occupied most of the time being represented by Henry T. Oxnard, president of the American Beet Sugar Association, and by delegation from those States interested in the production of sugar from beets. The cane sugar interests of Louisiana also were well represented and Chairman Payne arranged to give them a part of the time.

At the outset M. Place, head of the Cuban delegation, made a statement to clear up misapprehensions on Cuba's position. He had argued for free trade, he said as that was the earnest wish of Cuba. But while this was the judgement of the Cuban people, he said, they deferred to the judgement of the American Congress on the whole question.

Mr. Oxnard made an extended statement of the position of the beet sugar association. He said beet sugar production represented a vast industry brought into existence by the legislation of Congress, which had invited capital to invest to an extent little realized. Already the industry was flourishing in eleven States, and many people employed and prospects of rapid development. Continuing he said:

"Leaving aside all sentimentality and all extraneous considerations and reducing the Cuban demands for free or freer sugar to its simplest equation, it is this: Shall the United States, through its agriculturalists, produce its raw sugar and in its factories, scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific, refine its products or permit foreign lands to import to it raw material? That is what I fear would eventually come to pass if you interfere in any way at the present time with the existing production of home sugar."

SOUTHERN FARMER TALKS.

Mr. Samuel Woodson of Woodstock Manor, Visits Washington.

We clip the following from the *Washington Post*:
 "A rare type of the Southern planter is exemplified in the person of Mr. Samuel Woodson of Woodstock Manor, Halifax County, N. C., and these facts about him may prove interesting to who imagine that agriculture in the South is a poor business. Mr. Woodson is a guest of the National, and looks more like a prosperous professional man than a farmer from the cotton belt.

"I don't want to talk too much in the first person," said he, "but my own experience demonstrates that the culture of the soil in Dixie can be made to pay. My

country home has every convenience of a city residence, including electric lights from a private dynamo, hot and cold water, bathrooms, a telephone, and the like. I have 800 acres in cultivation, and my chief crops are cotton and peanuts, for both of which there is ever a cash market. Even at the minimum price of 5 cents a pound I find a profit in cotton, and when it brings 8 cents my gains are something like \$25 a bale. I have 350 bales now lying in my gin lot at home. The peanut crop never fails and brings me from 70 to \$1 a bushel.

"In addition I raise my own grain and hay and always kill enough hogs to supply the demands of the plantation. To produce your own supplies is one of the secrets of successful farming, and another is to breed good live stock. My mules are worth \$400 a pair, but one of them will do three times the work of an ordinary beast. If farmers will only devote their whole time and talents to their business they can get more pleasure out of it, and at the same time live more independently than any set of men on earth.

ASKS FOR APPROPRIATION.

Hon. John H. Small will ask the Government.

The Chamber of Commerce of Elizabeth City, through its committee on Harbors, Shipping and Commerce, has requested Hon. John H. Small to ask the government for an appropriation for the purpose of dredging out Cape Channel on the Eastern side of Pamlico sound near Hatteras, N. C., and also for dredging out the bar at the mouth of the Nubegun Creek, where it empties into the Pasquotank river, this county. The dredging of the first two named channels will admit of vessels of eight foot draft entering Pamlico sound more directly, and will save them a great deal of time. The removal of the bar at the mouth of Nubegun Creek will permit the smaller to run up many miles into one of the most prosperous trucking counties in the state of North Carolina.

CONFERENCE WITH KING.

Citizens Meet Him in His Private Car.

A number of our prominent citizens and business men conferred with M. C. King, General Manager of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, in his private car at the depot, this city, Monday night. The meeting was called of course for the discussion of railroad matters. Mr. King informed them of the consolidation of the Lake Drummond Canal and Water Co., with the Norfolk & Southern and stated that it was the intention of the committee to continue the larger boats through to Norfolk, to put on many new boats to connect this city with other points on the sound and its tributaries. He also stated that it was not the intention of the company to make any raise in rates, but that the company of the move, made the step advisable. Freight collected on the sound for shipment to the north will not be unloaded at this city and re-shipped by rail as has been the method, but the boats will continue through the canal directly to Norfolk.

ALBEMARLE LAUNDRY.

Fitted up with Latest Improved Machinery.

The Albemarle steam laundry is well prepared to do the very best quality of work possible. The power for running the machines is produced by a twelve horse-power boiler and seven horse-power engine. An automatic reversing drum washing machine washes the clothing without any wear or tear whatever. The centrifugal extractor yanks the water out of the articles in jig time and without the least bit of wear or friction.

After a whirl in the starch box and a short stay in the steam heated drying room, the articles are fed into the automatic ironer. These machines are so arranged as to give either gloss or domestic finish. The rolls, which are heated with gas, move with the article to be ironed, without friction, whereas for gloss the rolls move very rapidly, with friction, producing a high finish. Shaping machines for collars and cuffs as well as a small one for smoothing the edge of collars are provided. There is positively no danger from infection where steam and proper disinfectants are used.

A system of marking and registering work is used, which insures against errors.

Railroad Committee Meets.

The Railroad Committee of the Chamber of Commerce met according to appointment at the office of E. Alexander on Monday evening. The committee agreed to tender to the new railroad two sites, viz: The Zimmerman site which will cost the city \$10,000 or the Riverview Heights site, which has been donated to the city. H. T. Greenleaf, engineer, not having his report ready, the committee adjourned.

Edward P. Elliott in "David Harum."

On February 26th, "David Harum" will be presented by Edward P. Elliott, an artist of national repute. This will be a literary feast, constituting the fourth and one of the finest entertainments of the "Star Course." All the reading people of the country have read *David Harum* with a great deal of pleasure. The presentation of the great novel by an artist of known reputation cannot fail to please. Tickets will be on sale at Hathaway's.

Thinkability of Thought.

After thinking about this thought for some time I have decided that few people realize how much thought it requires to think. Their apparatus for making things was left out when they were on the stocks I think. A few people spend a great deal of time on a think before turning out the finished thought. When they have worked on the think long enough it is turned out, bright, polished and finely carved and—nice. Thought is great stuff. If we should think what we thought and say what we think. I think we should not be long for this world. If we think, we will think a great deal more about thought than we now think.

NOTICE—The city taxes are past due and all parties are requested to settle at once. Office hours from 9 to 12 and 1 to 5 p. m.
 R. W. WHITEHOUSE,
 Academy of Music Bld.

A School Enumeration.

The recent enumeration of pupils in the public schools showed that almost all of them possessed some article purchased at THE FAIR. In several cases the children said they liked to go to THE FAIR because they saved so much on what they bought that their mammas permitted them to spend a part of what they saved for candies.

Slight Blaze.

About ten o'clock Saturday morning a fire alarm was turned in. It proved to be only the burning out of a chimney in an upper Road street residence. The firemen were on hand but their services were not needed and the fire was easily extinguished. No damage.

Wedding Bells.

Married, Jan. 21st, 1902, in this city, by the registrar, John M. Sanders and Miss Elizabeth Whedbee, both of this county.

The marriage of John R. Pritchard and Miss Mary Anne Rowe, both of Norfolk, Va., was solemnized Tuesday noon at the Arlington Hotel.

Elwood Draws a Crowd.

A large and enthusiastic audience was present at the Academy of Music on Monday night. The occasion being the appearance of "Elwood" the world's noted magician, illusionist and artist, and he proved to be a real attraction. The opening of the evening's entertainment was the manipulation of a large number of very skillfully executed sleight-of-hand tricks. Elwood being in Japanese costume.

The second part of the program was the making of a number of drawings. One, a funny face from the audience was easily recognized by his friends as Mr. — and was amusing in the extreme. A dish of fruit drawn up-side-down, the next, a beautiful landscape drawn up-side-down with his eyes blind-folded. The 'touching incident' brought down the house.

After plucking a hatful of half dollars from the air, a number of amusing tricks were performed with the aid of a couple of boys. If the old saying "laugh and grow fat" should really mean anything, we fear for those who were present. Taken as a whole the audience was well pleased with the entertainment.

Removing Sheds.

In compliance with a city ordinance, the sheds over the sidewalk in front of stores on Water and Main streets, near the corner, are being removed. This will let a little sunshine in. This is a move in the right direction. For a long time these old sheds have been an eyesore to the community. It might be suggested that the merchants provide themselves with up-to-date cloth awnings. It will add much to the appearance of the stores.

WANTED—To borrow \$1,500 at once, good security on city real estate.
 Address S, this office.

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Elizabeth City, N. C. Markets.

Official wholesale quotations as furnished by H. T. Greenleaf Jr. Broker & Distributing Agent.

HAY, GRAIN, ETC.

Corn Market quiet; No. 2 mixed corn No. 1 white corn 75c.
 Hay From store; No. 1 timothy 12.50 Special prices on oat lots.
 Oats Mixed No. 2 from store 65c. White No. 2 from store—Special price on oat lots.
 Feed corn hominy 1.15
 Mill Feed—Bran from store per ton @ 30.00 Middlings from store per ton @ 30.00 Shorts from store per ton @ 30.00
 Rice Head 5-1-2 No. 1 @ 3.4-4 Rice Bran @ 18.00 per Ton.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Poultry Live, steady; chickens, old hens, large & fat @ 30c and 35c
 Eggs Weak @ 18 to 20c per doz.
 Butter Good Country, @ 30c lb.
 Country Hams Firm; Good North Carolina @ 12.1-4 per lb.
 Onions @ 4.00 to 4.50 per bag.
 Potatoes New sweets, Hayman at 1.00 per bbl Yellow at 1.15
 Irish 2.50 to 2.75 per bag
 Tomatoes None being received.
 Cabbages at 1.50 to 1.75 per bbl

FRUITS.

Apples at 4.50 per bbl fine northern Lemons—3.50 to 3.75 per box.
 Cucumbers—10 to bag at 3.50 to 3.80
 Oranges—Florida, 3.00 per box. Call. 2.25 Budded 2.75
 Bananas—75c to 1.00.

FRESH FISH AND OYSTERS.

Oysters Selects 1.00 medium 90 cts 80 per gallon. No fish to quote.

HIDES.

Hides weak. Dry Flint 11, dry salt 8, dry damaged 5 to 7, green salt 5.1-2 green 5.1-2, dry calf 8.

GROCERIES.

Flour Best Patent at 4.25 to 4.50 Straight at 4.00 to 4.25
 Meal Bolsted Meal, 100 pounds sack at 1.50 Un-Bolsted Meal, 200 pounds sack 1.45
 Cheese Flats, full cream 11 to 12 1/2
 Butter Extra No. 1 to 1 1/2 to 2 1/2
 Extra 1 lb prints at 25

PROVISIONS.

Bulk Meat Market Higher; Western heavy bellies at 8.7-8 to 10 Western light weight at 10 to 10 1/2
 Pork Plates at 8.5-4
 Picnic Hams at 8.5-4
 Ham Pork New at 17.24 to 17.10
 Mess Pork New at —
 Ham sugar cured at 18 to 14
 Shoulders S C 8.4-8 to 9
 Lard, pure in tins at 10.8-4 to 11.50 lb tin add 1-4
 Sugar Granulated at 4.85 Yellow at 4.1-2

SHIPPING REPORT

As Furnished By Davis & Dudley, Ship Brokers, Elizabeth City, N. C.

ARRIVALS:

Str Neuse, Davis, General Cargo.
 Ocracoke, Hancock, General Cargo.
 Thos. Newton, Ballance, Merchandise.
 Alma, Spencer, Produce.
 Nina — Fertilizers
 A. B. Covington, Phillips, Towing
 W. W. Graham, Morrisette, Towing.
 John Tavis, Willis, Towing
 Albemarle, — Towing.

SCHOONERS:

C. E. Bennette, — Oysters
 Florence Davis, Davis, Oysters
 J. B. Moffie, Hill, Oysters
 Helen M., — Oysters
 Birdie May, Thomson, Oysters
 Carrie S. Moore, White, Oysters
 R. B. Leeds — Oysters,
 J. T. Hopkins, Oullison, Oysters,
 Nellie and Mattie, Howman, Oysters
 Eunice Reynolds, Whitehurst, Light
 Strawn, — Lumber,
 — Sailed

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 Thos. Newton, Ballance, General Cargo
 Alma, Spencer, General Cargo.
 Nina, — Light,
 W. W. Graham, Morrisette, Towing
 A. B. Covington, Phillips, Towing,
 G. F. Derickson, Rhodes, Towing
 D. E. Neal, Sawyer, Towing,
 Sch. Geo. T. Garrison, Hill, Corn,
 J. L. Hopkins, Oullison, Light,
 Nellie and Mattie, Howman, Light
 Florence Davis, Davis, Light
 C. E. Bennette, — Light,
 F. L. Hawkins, Gasdine, Canned goods,
 R. B. Leeds, — Light,
 Bell of Dover, Gillikin, Canned goods,
 Carrie S. Moore, White Light.

FOR SALE.

Two Houses paying 10 per cent above taxes and insurance. Also 7 lots of an acre each, on edge of town and covered with timber. Nine lots in Norfolk which will double in value in five years, it is thought. Will exchange these for E. City property or sell cheap. Titles all guaranteed. No swamps or made lots.
 W. E. DUNSTON,
 Elizabeth City, N. C.