## DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES. First District-Hon. George H. Brown, of Beaufort.
Second District—Hon. Henry R. Bry an, of Craven. Fifth District-Hon, Thomas J. Shaw of Guilford. Sixth District—Hon. Oliver H. Allen, of Lenoir. Seventh District—Hon. Thomas A.
McNeill, of Robeson.

Eleventh District—Hon. W. Alexander Hoke, of Lincoln.

## LOOKING FOR PEACE.

As far as Spain and the people of Spain are concerned, the indications multiply that they are becoming more and more anxious for peace. If the people of Spain knew the true condition of affairs, knew the straits to which their country is reduced and the utter hopelessness of achieving anything but disaster, they would be more anxious for peace than they are. They are the dupes of a studied system of unscrupulous deception, which in ordinary life would be called shameless lying. They do not yet know that the Spanish fleet was demolished by Spain's "honor," which has proved Admiral Dewey in the bay of Manila, and have been made to believe that the Spaniards are masters of the situation there, and that the American fleet is penned up and at their mercy. They have been told that the Philippine insurgents had returned to their allegiance and were now uniting with the Spaniards to resist and destroy the American soldiers who might put

foot on Spain. They have been equally deceived as to the situation in Cuba and in Porto Rico, and have two or three times celebrated victories when there hadn't been any fights at all, nothing more than a few shots fired from some of our ships, for strategic reasons, after doing which the ships retired, and then a cable dispatch to Madrid went announcing an American repulse, and a "glorious" victory for the Spaniards. This thing has been played on them so much that they have become suspicious and are not in such a mood for "celebrating" now as they were some

time ago. They were congratulated on the great victory of Admiral Cervera which consisted in being led or driven into a trap in the harbor of Santiago, but they can't understand why this valiant, sagacious and mighty Admiral with his fine ships persists in hugging the high hills which surround that harbor while there is an American fleet inviting him out and eager to have him come. They can't understand why a commander, with four of the best of Spain's war ships in his fleet, should avoid the American fleet and sneak into a harbor and stay there behind the forts, while the American ships are saucily steaming around and shooting at those forts whenever they feel like doing so.

This is the game the Spanish statesmen are playing on the people to deceive them and keep them quiet while they are earnestly hoping that some way may open that would give them an opportunity to seek peace without sacrificing everything. They are looking for more reverses and have already begun to prepare the people for them by making it appear in advance that these are only a part of a deep-laid piece of strategy. They got Cervera with his fleet cooped up in Santiago harbor and thus they have narrowed the sphere of one American fleet, we are told, which will be required to keep guard over that bottled fleet. Having succeeded so well in this piece of strategy they are sending Camara's fleet from Cadiz to be bottled up in another port, which will give occupation to another fleet to keep watch over it, and thus they hope to prolong the war until other nations become weary of it and pro-

ceed to intervene. In the meantime they are preparing the people for the invasion of "It appears that Mr. Bryan may get his regiment after all. We hope he will. He has come forward at his Cuba by American troops by giving it out that no effort will be made to ing to let them land and march into the interior, where the Spanish armies will fall upon them and capture the whole turn out.

This is the kind of stuff that comes from Madrid, but this isn't comes from Madrid, but this isn't comes from Madrid, but this isn't country's call, anxious to serve it in any useful way, and has devoted himself to the creation and organization of a Nebraska regiment. He has not vaunted himself. He has displayed no spirit of vanity or ostentation. While hordes of popinjays—favorite sons, proteges of great men, curled sons, proteges of gre

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the kind of stuff the Spanish states-

men are thinking. They know the folly of all that, and they know

Spain's situation too well. There

isn't one of them that doesn't know

that Spain is hopelessly bankrupt,

hopelessly demoralized, utterly un-

able to stand long alone, and utterly

unable to secure the services of a

friend to help hold her up. And

there isn't one of them that hasn't

directly or substantially confessed as

A few days ago the Spanish Am-

bassador at London in an interview

said the prolongation of the war

meant "destruction to Spain" and

he hoped that some way would be

discovered of putting an end to the

war. The bellicose, arrogant, defiant

tone which was characteristic of the

Spaniards in the first days of the

war is heard no more. They now

speak in a very sober-sided way,

and express a desire for the peace

that may come "without dishonor"

They have vainly pleaded for the

sympathy of other nations, not

mere lip-sympathy, which they had,

but the active sympathy which

might do Spain some good. This

they failed to secure because the

nations which sympathized didn't

deem it prudent to go so far as to

Having failed in all their schemes

with no possible hope of being able

to formulate any plan that will im-

prove the situation for Spain, their

only hope is to seek some way to put

an end to the war, the prolongation

of which they realize to be, as their

Ambassador at London explains it

"the destruction of Spain." With

peace she may yet save something

from the wreck. Every day the

war is prolonged diminishes what

she may save. Unless the directors

of Spain's affairs are entirely dazed

they will lay aside the Spanish pride

and seek peace while there is still

something left to be saved. They

have done all they could to yindicate

to be a very costly thing to her.

They are fighting now, or rather

pretending to fight, without a pur-

pose. They are simply going it

blind, another illustration of "the

MINOR MENTION.

A Madrid dispatch published yes-

terday, speaking of the growing

peace sentiment, says the military

men are not for peace, because they

are convinced that the Spanish posi-

tion is strong enough at Santiago to

repel Americans both by land and

sea. The military men are not ex-

pected to be in favor of peace, it is

the business of military men to make

war, and in this instance they have

more to gain by war than by peace,

for now the military men are under

a cloud. Weyler and the faction be-

hind him have schemes of their own

which peace would defeat, and hence

they do not favor peace. But if

they, away over there in Spain,

feel convinced that Santiago is

strong enough to repel the

Americans both by land and

sea, what is there to prevent the

Americans from turning their atten-

tion to-some other point less formi-

dably protected than Santiago and

landing their troops there? With

Cervera's fleet locked up. Santiago

becomes a place of minor impor-

tance, and could be very soon

starved out, making it necessary to

keep only a few vessels of the lighter

armed kind there, while the more

formidable could engage the atten-

tion of the Spaniards at Havana or

other points in the event of landing

troops. As narrow as the entrance

to Santiago is a few hulks would

block it so effectually that no ship

could get out and no ship could get

in. Our commanders have the San-

tiago game in their own hands, and

the military men who are banking

on that as a formidable obstacle to

American movements are entirely

Some of the Republican organs

have shown a very narrow, partisan

spirit in their references to and com-

ments upon William J. Bryan since

the war with Spain began. At first

they persistently asked why he

didn't offer his services to the Gov-

ernment, and when he did that, they

made him the sole exception, and

have ever since been popping away

at him, as if he had done something

deserving of punishment in under-

taking to raise a regiment for ser-

vice, and determining to go with it.

Mr. Bryan might have anticipated

that his motives would be ques-

tioned and misrepresented, for he is

too distinguished a mark for the par-

tisan organs to let escape their mal-

ice. This little, mean spirit is cut-

tingly rebuked by the Washington

Post, a paper opposed to Mr. Bry.

an's money views, in the following:

overestimating its importance.

blind leading the blind."

extend active sympathy.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1898.

SEVERE HAIL STORM.

positions or big commands, William J. Bryan, with more ability than any hundred of them put together, has gone to work modestly and without self-seeking. He recruited a force and it was taken from him. He persisted Hailstones as Large as Walnuts-Many Panes of Glass Broken in Skylights and Green Houses. and got another force. The newspapers have made fun of him, his ene-mies have sought to cover him with ridicule and derision. He has taken

darlings of society-clamored for staff

no notice and has pursued his purpose.

Now there is another Nebraska regi-ment and both the soldiers and the

The Democratic party of North

Carolina was never in better shape,

more compact, or more determined

to rescue the State from the grasp

of the Rep-Pop-lican party than it

now is. Without any tangling, dead-

weight, handicapping alliances it

goes into the contest free and con-

fident, to make battle on its own

lines, aggressive battle. If it had

fused with the Butler contingent of

the Populist party it would have

been demoralized, dispirited, and

the campaign would have been from

the first a tame, listless, apolegetic

one, in which the leaders could not

have taken much interest and the

rank and file very little. A speaker

who has to begin by explaining or

apologizing for something his party

has done, is always embarrassed

and cannot evoke the enthusiasm

which is necessary in an aggressive

campaign, and to win the Democratic

party must be aggressive and "carry

the war into Africa." Instead of

being a help to us in such a cam-

paign Marion Butler and his faction

would be a dead weight, which

DEATH AT RED SPRINGS.

Mrs. Eliza Street Robeson Dies at an

Advanced Age.

[Star Correspondence.]

RED SPRINGS, N C., June 3.-Mrs.

Eliza Street Robeson, relict of John A.

Robeson, died at the residence of her

son, David G. Robeson, Esq., in Red Springs, June 2d, 1898, in the eighty-ninth year of her age.

Mrs. Robeson was born in Bladen

county, N. C., January 28th, 1810, and was the daughter of Major David B. Gillespie, a distinguished engineer and

officer in the United States army. Her

grandfather, Hon. James Gillespie died in Washington City in 1804, while

representing the Cape Fear district in the United States Congress. She was a

levoted member of the Missionar

Baptist Church for nearly fifty years

were conducted by Rev. J. D. Moore

assisted by Rev. D. W. Fox, and the

interment took place at Carver's Creek

A FITTING TRIBUTE.

What the Tammany Times has to Say of

The following tribute to the mem

ory of the late Sol C. Weill accom

panied by an excellent half tone illus-

tration, appears in a recent issue of the

The death of Solomon C. Weill, the

Nineteenth District, is a loss, not

alone to the Democracy of the city and

State, but to the community at large,

Mr. Weill was a prominent member

widely respected practitioner at the

His standing in the community was

of the very highest and he enjoyed the

esteem and respect of the best men of all parties. He was born in Charlotte,

Mecklenburg county, N. C., on May 18th, 1864. He has, since 1886, been

engaged in the practice of law, and was

the senior member of the firm of Weill & Mayer, of 40 Wall street.

MOVEMENT OF TRUCK.

Large Shipments of Beans and Potatoes

from Newbern.

movement of potatoes and beans from

here to Northern markets. Last night

the steamer Neuse was unable to take

away all that was offered, but took away a comfortable cargo of about six

thousand packages of potatoes and beans. Thursday, the A. & N. C. ran

three truck trains to accommodate the

demand, and to-day will likely run the

same number, as there was heavy

hauling last evening by truckers to

The STAR learns that some of Sena

tor Butler's close friends say the State

Democratic convention was largely

composed of "corporation lawyers."

Well, here are the occupations of the

six delegates who represented New

Hanover county in the convention:

One insurance agent, one grocer, one

one bookseller and stationer. The

"corporation lawyer" was conspicu-ously absent from that delegation.

Messrs. Latham, Alexander & Co.,

New York, estimate the decrease in

cotton acreage in the United States

for 1898 at 51 per cent, or 1,335,000

peared in the STAR yesterday.

acres; not "1,335,000 bales" as it ap-

They Were Not There.

The Journal says: "There is a heavy

bar, and a valuable citizen.

his party, a leading, able and

Church in Bladen county.

The Tammany Times:

The funeral services at Red Springs

Only the oldest inhabitants remem pered having seen such a hail storm as visited the city yesterday between half-past 3 and 4 o'clock. The hail ment and both the soldiers and the Governor want Bryan to command it. We trust it may be so. Mr. Bryan is young, he is patriotic, he has courage, nerver brains, initiative, equilibrium. There is nothing discreditable in his ambition to lead a regiment of his fellow-citizens in this emergency. We do not know where Bourke Cockran, Billy Bynum and the rest of the fell for several minutes in pieces increasing in size until it was as large as walnuts-almost as large as the proverbial goose egg. It beat a perfect tattoo on paved streets, roofs and skylights, and in many places collected in white drifts, which the accompany-Billy Bynum, and the rest of the spluttering heroes who deserted the Democratic party two years ago, are at present exhibiting their prowess. We do know, however, that Mr. ing rain soon melted. The Cape Fear was extremely beautiful as the countbosom. Bryan is trying to do his part, and we believe that he is worth more to the country and deserves more at its hands than any of them.

The damage was not serious. Several panes of glass were broken from the sky-lights of the photograph galeries. There was damage also to green houses. Mrs. H. Relider had her's pretty well protected, and only a few panes were broken. Miss Lucy B. Moore was not quite so fortunate while Miss Fannie Johnson had about fifty panes broken.

The storm did not cover a wide area. There was only a little hail at Bradley's creek, and in some parts of the city it was not so severe as in others. The damage to crops could not be ascertained; but tender plants were of course more or less injured.

There was the usual painstaking accuracy in estimating the size of the stones. The prevailing testimony, lowever, was that the largest of them were about the size of walnuts, though one gentleman said he saw a piece as large as half of his hand and about the same shape.

The hail storm cooled off the air considerably. Before, it was oppressively warm; after, it was refreshingly cool. Later Reports.

Reports which came in late last night show that the damage to crops was much greater than was thought at first. It was greater north and south of the city. The young crops, such as tomatoes, watermelons, can-

would pull us down and foredoom taloupes, cucumbers, and corn were aten up badly in the Acorn Branch neighborhood, and towards Federal Point the damage was great. Mr. S. W. Westbrook returned last night from a trip to the Federal Point section and says the truckers have suffered considerably. The truckers in East Wilmington

will be losers by the storm but not like those in the other two sections named. Mr. Sol. Jones says his stuff is damaged right badly, though as yet he cannot calculate how much the crop will be cut short. Messrs. W. H. Mills and T. J. Kenan also suffered materially. Further east the storm was less violent and on the beach there was only a light shower.

# MANDAMUS APPLIED FOR.

To Compel County Treasurer Chadbourn to Honor Orders of Chairman Moore and His Board of Commissioners.

A new move was made yesterday in the fight between the Democratic and Col. Foster Boards of County Commissioners. This time it is the issuing of a mandamus, praying Judge Allen to compel County Treasurer James H. Chadbourn, Jr., to honor the orders made upon the county funds by Col. Roger Moore as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners composed of Chairman Roger Moore and Commissioners Alexander, Boatwright, Barry and Cowan, instead of the orders of Col. Foster, Dempsey and Nixon, whose right to act as Commissioners has been forfeited by the acceptance of positions on the Board of Education

The mandamus was issued through Col. Jno. D. Taylor, as Clerk of the Superior Court, at the instance of John D. Bellamy, Esq., and Col. T. W. Strange, attorneys for Col. Moore's Board of Commissioners, and is made returnable before Judge O. H. Allen in this county June 14th. Notice will not be served upon Treasurer Chadbourn until some time to-day. The papers were put into the hands of Sheriff French yesterday afternoon, but Mr. Chadbourn's absence from the

city prevented their being served.

The object of this mandamus pro-

ceeding is to obtain from Judge Allen a ruling as to who the rightful commissioners are. It is expected that Mr. Chdabourn, in answering the mandamus before Judge Allen, will affirm that he believes Col. Foster and his as sociates to be the lawful Board and an investigation by the judge will follow. The law and facts examined. attorneys for the new Board think, Judge Allen will hold that Col. Moore and his Board are the lawful commissioners and instruct Treasurer Chadbourn to honor their orders in paying out county funds. The reason that the mandamus is made returnable before Judge Allen is that Judge Adams, who has this circuit from January 1st to July 1st, has completed his circuit and gone home, Indee Robinson does not take the circuit until July 1st and therefore Judge Allen, being the resident judge of the district, is the proper judge to hear the case.

Respectfully Submitted.

The "convention" that nominated Col. Office Hunter Dockery for Congress had a negro chairman and negro secretaries. Why didn't the delegates make Col. O. H. one of the secretaries and nominate the negro chairman for Congress? It is said the latter can give the former big odds and beat him out of his boots in oratory. Besides, the negroes poll three-fourths, or more. of the Republican votes in the sixth congressional district.

FRUIT AND TRUCK GROWERS.

Important Meeting of Officials and Others of the East Carolina Association-Business Matters Discussed.

A joint meeting of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and the officers of the East Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association was held yesterday at The Orton. The officers present were Messrs. W. L. Hill, J. S. Westbrook and D. H. Harnly, president, vice president and secretary, respectively. The directors present were Messrs, J. S. Westbrook, J. H. Moore, J. A. Westbrook, O. P. Middleton, C. M. Steinmetz, J. H. Westbrook, T. J. Armstrong, G. W. less hailstones beat furiously upon its Westbrook, J. A. Brown, S. H. Strange, G. F. Lucas; of the Executive Committee, J. A. Brown, chairman, C. M. Steinmetz, secretary, Westbrook, J. H. Moore, Westbrook, O. P. Middleton and G. W. Westbrook were a the meeting. All the local associa tions were represented, except those at Magnolia and Teachy. There were meetings both in the morning and afternoon, and at different times Messrs. W. L. Hill, president of the association, and J. A. Brown, chairman of the executive committee, pre sided. Messrs. C. M. Steinmetz, secretary of the executive committee. and J. H. Moore, secretary of the board of directors, kept record of the

The finances of the association were discussed at length. Messrs. G. W. Westbrook, T. J. Armstrong and S. H. Strange were appointed a committee with instructions to settle up the finances of the association and re port at the next meeting.

Mr. H. T. Bauman, shipping master. was called before the meeting and stated that he would submit his an nual report at the next annual meet-

On motion, each director was in structed to notify his local association that payment of annual dues must be made on r before June 20th. It was decided to have the next an

nual meeting in this city on Tuesday, June 21, at 12 o'clock M. 'The meeting then adjourned The next will held on June 20th

Matters of more than usual importance came up in yesterday's meeting -at least they were discussed to considerable extent if no final action was taken. The association is going to undergo some changes in its plan of operation and great efforts will be made to increase its usefulness.

# COTTON ACREAGE.

Decrease in the United States Estimated at Pive and a Half Per Cent. Messrs. Latham, Alexander & Co.

New York, estimate the decrease in cotton acreage in the United States for 1898 at 51 per cent., or 1,335,000 bales less than last year and the average planting of the crop about the same as last year, when the planting was late. The decrease in North Carolina is estimated at seven per cent, and in South Carolina five per cent. The estimate is based upon 2,488 replies to some 3,500 letters, of average date May 26th, addressed to cotton commission merchants, brokers, banks and bankers making advances, and responsible

in regard to the condition of the growing crop, Messrs. Latham, Alexander & Co. in their circular say: "While in some sections much re

planting has been necessary on account of cold weather, overflow in the Arkansas and White rivers and poor tands, as a whole, the crop can be aid to be in a fair average condition as compared with other seasons of the

# REPRESENTATIVE FOWLER

Seriously Sick at His Residence in Washington, D. C. [Special Star Telegram.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 3.-Re resentative Fowler was stricken with vere illness in his hotel here Thursday. His symptoms were so alarming that Dr. W. C. Murphy remained in constant attendance until Friday. His condition is better to-night.

BROKE HIS RIGHT LEG.

A Serious Accident to Adjutant General Cowles. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., June 3.-Adjutant General Cowles broke his right leg tonight while riding in from Camp Russell. His horse became frightened and fell, throwing the Adjutant General's leg under the animal's body Both bones snapped.

# N. C. VOLUNTEERS.

Recruiting for Companies Forming in Wilmington Proceeding Satisfactorily.

Recruiting of both the military companies proceeded satisfactorily yesterday. Capt. W. N. Harriss received the following letter, which shows that there is good prospect of his company being admitted, as it is understood that the battalion of white troops referred to will certainly be

RALEIGH, N. C., June 2, 1898. W. N. Harriss, .Wilmington, N. C.: DEAR SIR-Your favor of the 2nd inst. is received. You will see from the papers that the Third regiment will not materialize. If we have a battalion of white troops the Governor will admit your company.

A. D. Cowles, Adjutant General.

There was a high tide Wrightsville Beach last night, caused by full moon on Saturday night and a stiff northeast wind all yesterday.

# GALLANT HOBSON AND HIS HEROES.

Story of Their Daring Adventure in the Harbor of Santiago de Cuba.

HOW AFFAIR WAS PLANNED.

Its Successful Accomplishment-Preliminary Work-Men Eager to Volunteer-The Narrow Channel Completely Blocked.

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OFF SANTIAGO DE CUBA, 3:07 A. M. ia Port Antonio, Jamaica, June 4. per the Associated Press Dispatch Boat Dauntless (delayed in transmission.) -The Spanish fleet is now hopeless. being held captive in Santiago de Cuba harbor The narrow channel leading into the harbor was completely blocked early this morning, when the United States collier Merrimac was sunk across its entrance. It is now impossible for the Spaniards to get out, and it is equally impossible for any vessel to get into the harbor.

Therefore the Spanish first-class ar-

nored cruisers Maria Teresa, Cristobal Colon, Vizcaya and Almirante Ogendo, with the two torpedo boat destroyers, Furor and Pluton, are no longer of any use to Spain. This result was accomplished through the heroism of Lieutenant Richmond P. Hobson, assistant naval constructor, and Daniel Montague, George Charette, J. C. Murphy, Oscar Deignan, John P. Phillips, John Kelly and H. Clausen. The latter a coxswain of the New York, took part in the expedition

against orders. Montague is chief master at arms of the New York. He has served four years in the navy. is 29 years of age nd his home is in Brooklyn. George Charette is a gunner-mate of the first-class on board the New York.

He has served fourteen years in the navy, is 31 years old and resides at Lowell, Mass. J. C. Murphy is a coxswain of the Osear Deignan is a coxswain of the Merrimac and is about 24 years old. John P. Phillips is a machinist of the first-class, belonging to the Merri-mac. He is 36 years of age and his

John Kelly is a water-tender, about 5 years old H. Clausen, who slipped on board the Merrimac without permission, in order to take part in the expedition, is

coxswain of the New York. The three men from the Merrimac' rew were all green hands and shippe recently for the war. The Merrimac had on board 600 tons of coal when she was scuttled across the channel. Lieutenant Hobson started on his daring errand at 3 o'clock this morning. The Merrimac was lying to the westward. Under cover of the cloud over the moon, she stole in toward the coast and made her way to the east ward, followed by a steam launch from the New York with the following erew on board: Naval Cadet J. W Powell, of Oswego, N. Y.; P. K. Peterson, coxswain; H. Handford, apprentice of the first class; J. Mullings coal passer; G. L. Russell, machinis of the second class. In the launch were bandages and appliances for the

#### wounded. Merrimac Under Fire.

From the crowded decks of the New York nothing could be seen of the Merrimac after she had got under the hadow of the hills. For half an hour the officers and men strained their eyes peering into the gloom, when suddenly, the flash of a gun streamed out from Morro Castle, and then all on board the New York knew the Merrimac was nearing her end. The guns from the Spanish battery opposite Morro Castle answered quickly with more flashes, and for about twenty minutes flashes of fire seemed to lear cross the harbor entrance. The flagship was too far away to

hear the reports, and when the firing ceased it was judged that Hobson had

olown up the Merrimac. For an hour

the anxious watchers waited for day light. Rear Admiral Sampson and Captain Chadwick were on the bridge of the New York throughout. At 5 o'clock the streams of smoke were seen against the western shore quite close to the Spanish batteries, and strong glasses made out the launch of the New York returning to the flagship. Scarcely had the small craft been sighted, before a puff of smoke issued from a battery on the western arm of the harbor and a shot plunged far over the launch. Then for fifteen minutes the big guns ashore kept up an irregular fire on the little launc As the shells fell without hitting the object they were intended for, the men on board the New York jeered at the Spanish marksmanship and cheered

At 6.15 A. M., the launch came alongside the flagship; but she did not have on board any of the crew of the Merrimac. Cadet Powell reported that he had been unable to see any signs of the Merrimac's crew. It veloped that, with great bravery the cadet had gone right under the teries and only returned when all hope of taking on board the crew of th Merrimac had to be abandoned. Cadet Powell also reported that he had clearly seen the Merrimac's masts sticking up just where Hobson hoped to sink her, north of the Estrella batery, and well past the guns of Morro penned the Spaniards in there was not sound or a sign Rear Admiral Sampson said:

pretty sure the attempt was quite sucessful. I hope all those brave felows are not captured Cadet Powell believes the torpedoes previously fixed about the Merrimac were exploded as planned, as Lieuten-ant Hobson was well up the harbor before the Spaniards opened fire on

What Actually Happened on board the Merrimac can be best judged from what Lieutenant Hobson said just before leaving the flagship. Sitting in his cabin, his face browned

by the sun and his eyes flashing with excitement, he remarked: "I shall go right into the harbor until about four hundred yards past the Estrella bat-tery, which is behind Morro Castle. I do not think they can sink me before reach somewhere near that point. The Merrimac has seven thousand tons buoyancy, and I shall keep her full speed ahead. She can make about ten knots. When the narrowest part of the chan-nel is reached I shall put her helm hard aport, stop the engines, drop the anchors, open the sea connections, touch off the torpedoes and

long. There are ten 8-inch improvised torpedoes below the water line,

work in a minute, and it will be quick work even if done in a minute and a

"On deck there will be four men

and myself. In the engine room there

will be two other men. This is the

total crew and all of us will be in our

underclothing, with revolvers and ammunition in watertight packing strapped around our waists. Forward

there will be a man on deck and around his waist will be a line, the

other end of the line being made fast to the bridge on which I will stand.

By that man's side will be an axe. When I stop the engines I shall jerk this cord and he will thus get the signal to cut the lashing which will be holding the forward anchor. He will

then jump overboard and swim to the

four-oared dingy which we shall tow astern. The dingy is full of life-buoys and is unsinkable. In it are rifles. It

s to be held by two ropes, one made

fast at her bow and one at her stern.

The first man to reach her will haul

in the tow line and pull the dingy out

to starboard. The next to leave the

ship are the rest of the crew. The quartermaster at the wheel will not

leave until after having put it hard aport and lashed it so; he will then

"Down below, the man at the re-versing gear will stop the engine, scramble up on deck and get over the

"The man in the engine room will

break open the sea connections with a

sledge-hammer and will follow his leader into the water. This last step insures the sinking of the Merrimac

"By this time I calculate the six

men will be in the dingy and the

Merrimac will have swung athwart

the channel to the length of her

three hundred yards of cable, which

will have been paid out before the anchors were cut loose. Then all that

is left for me is to touch the button

I shall stand on the starboard side of

the bridge. The explosion will throw the Merrimac on her starboard side. Nothing on this side of New York city

He was so interested in the mechan

ical details of the scheme that he

scarcely stopped to talk of life and

death. But, in reply to frequent ques-

Estrella battery will fire down on us

a bit; the ships will throw their search

lights in the gunner's faces and they

wont see much of us. If we' are tor

pedoed we should even then be able

to make the desired position in the

channel. It wont be so easy to hit us,

and I think the men should be able to swim to the dingy. I may jump be-

fore I am blown up. But I don't see that it makes much difference what I

do. I have a fair chance of life either

way. If our dingy gets shot to pieces

we shall then try to swim for the beach right under Morro Castle. We

shall keep together at all hazards.

Then, we may be able to make our

fight the sentries or a squad untll the

overwhelming numbers, and our sur-

render will only take place as a last

and as a most uncontemplated emer-

deliberate was his manner. He was

lately at Annapolis, in charge of the

post graduate course in naval con-

struction and is accounted one of the

service, being entirely wrapped up in

The preliminary work of this des

perate undertaking was a strain upon

the officers and men. On Wednesday

morning directly after Rear Admiral

Sampson's arrival, and as soon as he

was certain the Spanish fleet was in

the harbor, the preparations to scuttle

menced. All day long crews from the

New York and Brooklyn were on

Eager to Volunteer.

The news of the intended expedition

travelled quickly throughout the fleet

and it soon became known that volun-

teers were needed for a desperate un

dertaking. From the Iowa's signal

ment that she had one hundred and

forty volunteers and the other ships

On the New York the enthusiasm

was intense. Over two hundred mem-

bers of the crew volunteered to go into

that narrow harbor and face death

The junior officers literally jumped

over each other in their eagerness to

get their names on the volunteer list.

Commander Miller who had charge of

the Merrimac, pleaded with the Admi-

ral to let him go, but the latter thought

When it was learned that only six

men and Lieutenant Hobson were to

go, there was considerable disappoint-

nent on all sides, and when the New

York's contingent went over the side late on Wednesday night, some of

those who were left were almost ready,

down and cry.

All Wednesday night the crews
worked on board the Merrimac which

hen lay close to the New York and

the other ships, as they passed the collier, before sundown, cheered her

with the same spirit that the British

men-of-war cheered the American

Preparing the Merrimac.

Lieutenant Hobson paid a brief visit

to the flagship shortly before midnight and then returned to the Merrimac, on board of which craft he had been all

terday morning.
At 3 o'clock the Admiral and Flag

Lieutenant Staunton got into the

aunch to make an inspection of the

Merrimac. The working gangs were still on board of her, and on board the

New York the officers of the flagship

New York the officers of the flagship stood on the quarter-deck, their glasses focussed on the big, black hull that was to form an impassable obstacle for Spain's best ships. The minutes slipped by and the crews had not completed their work on the Merrimac. But, at last, a boat-load of men, black

collier, before sundown,

brave and strong as they were, to si

were not far behind,

he had better not

yard quickly fluttered the announce-

coal, when the work first begun.

back to the ship. We shall

tions, Hobson said:

"I suppose the

whether the torpedoes work or not.

ump overboard.

side as quick as possible.

and tired out, came over to the flag-ship. Last of all, at 4,30, came the Admiral. He had been delayed by a breakdown of the steam launch. Dawn was breaking over Santiage de Cuba and nearly everybody thought it was too late for the attempt to be made that morning. Then somebody cried: "She's going in." Surely enough the seemingly deserted collier was seen heading straight for Morro Castle. NO. 35

Called Back.

The torpedo boat Porter was lying near the flagship and, at the admiral's order, Lieutenant Staunton snatched the Merrimac a wreck, across the channel which as broad as the Merrimac is up the megaphone and hailed the Porter, saying: "Porter, there! Tell the Merrimac to return immediately." on the Merrimac's port side. They are placed on her side against the bulkheads and vital spots, connected Smoke quickly poured from the Porter's smokestacks and the dark little craft darted toward the shore. By that with each other by a wire under the ship's keel. Each torpedo contains eighty-two pounds of gunpowder. Each torpedo is also connected with the bridge, and they should do their work in a minute and it will be wish time, darkness had quite disappeared and quickly as the fast torpedo boat tore through the water, it seemed as if she would never head off the Merri-

At last when within range of the guns of the Spaniards, the Porter crossed the Merrimac's bows and a sigh of relief went up from the eager watchers, for they thought it sure leath for Hobson to venture in at that

Sometime after 5 o'clock the Porter came tearing back and the Merrimac, to every man's surprise, kept her posi-tion. Admiral Sampson, Captain Chadwick and Lieutenant Staunton could not understand until Lieutenant Fremont, from the deck of the torpedo boat, shouted: "Lieutenant Hobson asks permission to continue his course

He thinks he can make it." But, in stern tones, the Admiral sent Hobson a message to the effect that the Merrimac must return at once, and in due course of time the doomed col-lier slowly steamed back, her com-mander evidently disappointed with the order received from the Admiral through the commander of the Porter, Hobson's figure standing out vividly on the lonely bridge of the Merrimac. All day yesterday the collier lay near the flagship and more elaborate preparations were made to carry out he mission of the Merrimac success-

fully. During these preparations Hob-son was tireless, cool and confident. supervising personally every little de During the day Lieutenant Hobson went aboard the flagship. His once white duck trousers were as black as a coal heaver's, his old fatigue coat was unbuttoned and his begrimed face deep furrowed by tense drawn lines, but resolution still shone in his eyes. So absorbed was he in the task ahead of him that, unmindful of his appearance and of all ceremony and naval etiquette, he told the admiral in a tone

of command that he must not again be nterfered with. "I can carry this thing through, "but there must be no more recalls. My men have been keyed up for twenty-four hours and under a tremendous strain. Iron will break at last." Such was the indomitable will and courage with which he faced

will be able to raise her after that." death and glory. When Hobson left the ship and the "And you expect to come out of this alive?" asked a companion of the lieuextended hands of his shipmates, more than one of the latter turned hastily to "Ah! That is another thing" hide the unbidden tear. But the Lieutenant waved them adieu with a smile A Desperate Undertaking. on his handsome face.

## Final Departure.

When finally Hobson went on board the Merrimac last night he had been without sleep since Wednesday morning. His uniform was begrimed, his hands were black and he looked like a man who had been hard at work in and about an engine room for a long time. As he said good bye the lieu-tenant remarked that his only regret was that all of the New York volunteers could not go with him.

Rear Admiral Sampson, speaking of the expedition, said: "I think he will have a fair chance to get out. Yes, it plucky. Very plucky.'

When the Merrimac started yesterday morning on the trip she had on board of her two men who had no right to be there. They were Assistant Engineer Crank of the Merrimac, and Boatswain Mullen, of the New York, who had been working on the last and we shall only surrender to fused to leave the ship, and as their disoedience was of the nature which produced Cushing and Farragut for the American navy it was not officially recognized. The spirit shown by the gency."
Lieutenant Hobson might have men and officers of the fleet in connecbeen lecturing to a class of cadets on tion with the Merrimac expedition is the theory of how to build ships, so really grand and beyond being merely

### expressed in words. Hobson and Crew Safe.

Under these circumstances one can magine the immense feeling of satisfaction experienced when it became known that Hobson and the crew of the Merrimac were safe. Later in the day a boat with a white flag put out from the harbor and Captain Iviedo, the chief of staff of Admiral Cervera, boarded the New York and informed the Admiral that the whole of the party had been captured and that only two of the heroes had been inured. Lieutenant Hobson had not been injured. It appears that the board the collier, never resting in their efforts to prepare her. She lay along-side the Massachusetts, discharging Spanish Admiral was so struck with the courage of the Merrimac's crew that he decided to inform Admiral Sampson that they had not lost their lives but were prisoners of war and could be exchanged.

> The dingy portion of the programme does not appear to have been carried out, which leads to the belief that she may have been smashed by a shot for it seems Hobson and his men drift ed ashore on an old catamaran, which had been slung over the Merrimac's side at the last moment, as an extra precaution. They were captured and sent to Santiago under guard, previ-ous to being transferred to Morro Castle, where they are now under-stood to be confined.

## The Fleet Rejoicing. The fleet to-night is in a state of de-

ighted enthusiasm and the Admiral is just as happy as the youngest sailor. The general opinion is that no man ever deserved recognition for personal bravery more than does Lieutenant Lieutenant Hobson's chief anxiety

was that in the dark he might miss th narrow cut and run on the shoals at the west of the entrance. To prevent the possibility of this, the plan of allowing the Merrimac to run in under the Spanish flag with the fleet in feign-ed pursuit, firing blank cartridges and blazing the path to the harbor entrance with search lights, was considered but abandoned, because, among other rea-sons, Lieutenant Hobson and his volunteer crew did not want to die, if their lives should be sacrificed. false colors. They wanted to go down with the stars and stripes floating proudly from the Merrimac.

# VIRGINIA VOLUNTEERS.

day. As he started down the sea-lad-der there were many hands stretched out to grasp his and many quiet spoken, earnest wishes for his success, as it was thought then that Hobson would take the Merrimac in early yes-Departure of Troops for Camp Afr and Jacksonville.

RICHMOND, VA., June 5,-The third Virginia regiment left here this morning for Camp Alger, taking the train near Camp Alger, taking the train near Camp Lee. The Fourth regiment left for Jacksonville about noon, and was escorted through the principal streets to the depot by the Governor and his staff. The scenes along the route were a repetition of the scenes that characterized the departure of the Second regiment some days ago. The streets were alive with men, women and children who gave the regiments an ovation.