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EVADING THE RESPONSIBILITY.

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THE AFTERMATH.

Whatever of honor or glory there may have been in the successful war with Spain it is considerably dimmed by the unfortunate and disgraceful wranglings, between those in high position, since the war closed.

belongs to the same political household as the President, but he doesn't believe in forcible expansion and he doesn't believe that Mr. McKinley says about it either, for he sees through the pretence and the effort to evade the responsibility for the subsequent proceedings, which he thus shows in a letter to the New York World.

"The President in his Boston speech yesterday makes this extraordinary statement: 'The Philippines, like Cuba and Porto Rico, were intrusted to our hands by the war.'

"The Philippine burden is not chargeable to the war. This is the President's own Pandora box, his New Year's gift to his country, for which he alone is responsible. Neither Congress nor the people had any voice in the matter.

"The Senate asked him to lay before it his instructions or correspondence with the Commissioners, which would have proved this, but he refused.

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MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK.

Organized at a Meeting of Stockholders. Board of Directors—President and Cashier Elected.

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A WAR OF EXTERMINATION.

But the Plan Failed—Otis and Miller Report that the Insurgent Forces Are Disintegrating—Resumption of Business in Iloilo.

WASHINGTON, February 21.—The War Department has received the following:

"Manila, February 21.—General Miller reports on the 18th inst. that the insurgent forces a few miles out from Iloilo are believed to be disintegrating. Can maintain his position with his present force. Business in the city is being resumed. He has sent up four representative men, officials from the capital of the island of Negros, where the American flag was raised and American protection requested against a small insurgent force in the island. Affairs there and in Cebu are quiet; a small insurgent force, east of the city, was driven away by the army with considerable loss to the enemy.

WASHINGTON, February 21.—Owing to lack of punctuation and regard to economy in cable telegrams, General Otis' bulletin is not very clear in some essential points, particularly the reference to the island of Negros. A careful study of the dispatch on that point has convinced the officials here that General Otis means to say that four representative inhabitants of the island of Negros have come to Manila to meet and confer with General Miller to meet and confer with General Otis in regard to an extension of American occupation of that island. Negros is the fourth island in the Philippine group of importance. It lies at its nearest point about ten miles from the island of Panay, and General Miller's forces were ordered to occupy it during the capture of Iloilo. Just to the east of Negros, separated by a very narrow strait, is the island of Cebu, which is also a part of General Otis' campaign to occupy. From General Otis' dispatch it is gathered that neither at that point nor at Negros is there likely to be substantial resistance.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The following dispatch received this afternoon from General Otis:

"Manila, Feb. 21.—Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.—The following was issued by an important officer of the insurgent government at Malolos, Pinaric, without any objection during that evening and night in this city:

"First. You will so dispose, that at 8 o'clock at night, the individuals of the insurgent government, who are to go out into the streets and night in this city:

"Second. Filipino families only will be respected. They should not be molested, but all other individuals of whatever race they may be, will be exterminated without any exception after the extermination of the army of occupation.

Third. The defenders of the Philippines in your command will attack the prisoners and 'presidarios' and having accomplished this they will be armed, saying to them: 'Brothers, we must make a revolution against the Americans and exterminate them; what we may take our revenge for the infamy and treachery which they have committed upon us. Have no compassion upon the Filipinos; a mass will second you. Long Live Filipino's Independence.'

Fourth. The order which will be followed in the attack will be as follows: The sharpshooters of Tondo and Santa Ana will begin the attack from without, and these shots will be the signal for the militia of Trozo, Binondo, Quinsay and San Pedro to go out into the streets and do their duty; those of Pako, Ermita, Malate, Santa Cruz and San Miguel will not start out until 12 o'clock, unless they see that their companions need assistance.

Fifth. The militia of Tondo will start out at 3 o'clock in the morning. If all do their duty, our revenge will be taken.

Brothers, Europe contemplates us. We know how to die as men, shedding our blood in defence of the liberty of our country. Death to the tyrants! War without quarter to the United States cavalry and several local clubs to the palace, where he is the guest of the civil governor.

A reception was given in his honor soon after his arrival, but he did not deliver an address. This evening he was tendered an elaborate banquet.

AGUINALDO'S EMBASSY.

Agonillo Reported to Have Sailed from Halifax for London.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. HALIFAX, February 21.—From the fact that the name of F. Agonillo appears at the foot of the list of passengers on the steamer Labrador, which sailed for Liverpool this morning, it is confidently asserted that the chief agent of the Philippines has left this country for Europe. As the first-class passenger on this steamer arrived on a night ship and immediately embarked, no one is able to establish the identity of the passenger registered as Agonillo.

The British Official Gazette announces that the decoration of the Imperial order of the Crown of India has been conferred upon Agonillo Curson, wife of the Viceroy of India and daughter of L. Z. Leiter of Chicago.

No breaks were reported yesterday in the Senatorial deadlocks existing in a number of States. In Nebraska and Colorado there was some change in the voting but nothing developed to indicate that the end was in sight.

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After the marriage a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Rasberry left Burgaw yesterday for the groom's home in Scotland Neck.

PRESUMABLY FOR A. C. L. TERMINALS.

Five Blocks of City Property in Augusta Purchased Yesterday by C. and W. C. Railroad.

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A member of the STAR staff called upon Mr. J. R. Kenly, General Manager of the A. C. L. last night, and showed him the telegram. Mr. Kenly said that there was nothing that he could say at present in regard to the matter and would neither deny or confirm the statements made in the telegram.

3,125 IN REVENUE STAMPS.

That Was Amount Required for Deed to C. F. & Y. V. Property Filed for Registration Yesterday.

The deed conveying the old C. F. & Y. V. Railroad property to H. Walters, B. F. Newcomer, Michael Jenkins, Warren G. Elliot and their associates, was filed for registration in the office of the register of deeds of New Hanover county yesterday. The sum of money involved, including the purchase price of rolling stock is \$3,125,000 and the instrument required \$3,125 worth of documentary internal revenue stamps, 62 of the number being of the \$50 denomination, two of the \$10 denomination and one \$5 stamp.

The deed conveys the property to the purchasers as joint tenants and not as tenants in common for the use, benefit and behoof of the new corporation, the Atlantic and Yadkin Railway Co., created by the purchasers under and in accordance with the laws of the State.

It is signed by Eugene Martin, Esq., and Clement Manly, Esq., Master Commissioners; Gen. Jno. Gill, Receiver; E. S. Marston and Samuel Sloan, Jr., president and secretary, respectively of the Farmer's Loan & Trust Co., of New York; and by H. Walters, B. F. Newcomer, Michael Jenkins and Warren G. Elliot, as the purchasers.

Details of the sale, the consideration, etc., have already been published in the STAR.

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COTTON AND NAVAL STORES.

Receipts for Week and Crop Year As Posted Yesterday.

After several days inactivity on account of the snow storm, the local cotton and naval stores markets opened again yesterday with the following quotations: Cotton firm at 6 cents for middling; spirits turpentine steady at 43 1/4 cents; rosin firm at 90 1/2 cents and tar steady at \$1.00. There was nothing doing in crude turpentine.

The following weekly and crop year receipts were posted at the Produce Exchange yesterday: Week ending Feb. 17th, '99—Cotton 332 barrels; spirits 47 casks; rosin 1133 barrels; tar 425 barrels; crude 58 casks. Week ending Feb. 17th, '98—Cotton 668 barrels; spirits 205 casks; rosin 2395 barrels; tar 1494 barrels; crude 80 barrels.

Crop year, '99—cotton 284,010; spirits 27,191 casks; rosin 151,006 barrels; tar 62,579 barrels; crude 10,666 barrels. Crop year, '98—cotton 297,810 barrels; spirits 33,789 casks; rosin 145,115 barrels; tar 16,748 barrels; crude 9,983 barrels.

DEATH OF A POPULAR TRAVELLING MAN.

Capt. Edgar L. Hart, who came down on his usual trip on the northern train yesterday afternoon, brought news to the city of the death of Mr. Joe Pippin, a well known and very popular young travelling man of Enfield, N. C. Mr. Pippin was about 21. And was a son of Mr. F. L. Pippin, A. C. L. agent at Enfield. He was well and favorably known in Wilmington, and for the past few months has been travelling for Ades Bros., of Baltimore. While on his last trip, about ten days ago, he contracted typhoid fever at Atlanta, was removed to his home at Enfield two days later and died there yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon, and the interment will be made at Enfield.

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To Jno. D. Bellamy, Contestee, Wilmington, N. C.: Sir—You will take notice that I will proceed to take testimony in the above entitled cause in the Federal Court room, in the U. S. Postoffice building, Wilmington, before T. E. Wallace, a Notary Public, beginning at 9 o'clock A. M., on Saturday, 25th day of February, 1899, and continuing from day to day if necessary. I will examine the following witnesses, namely: Jas. G. Blair, E. W. Eagles, Jack Moore, Lewis Guyer, Joseph Anderson, Willis Richardson, B. A. Moore, J. C. Williams, Jno. G. Norwood, C. W. Newwood, John Whitehead, Jos. Scarborough, David Bryant, Joseph McFarland, Robt. Simmons, J. J. Guyer, Fred Guyer, Alex. Rhone, Calvin Bell, Jno. D. Franklin, George Littleton, E. M. Green, J. A. Sharpe, Watson McNeill, J. W. Murchison, William Perdue, Marcus W. Jacob, Joseph Jacob, Marcus F. Love, F. W. Kerchner, Wm. E. Stanger, Joseph McNeill. This, the 18th day of February, 1899.

OLIVER H. DOCKERY, Per OSCAR J. SPEARS, ATTORNEY.

Of the thirty-three witnesses named in the foregoing list there are, we believe, nine white Democrats and twenty-four negroes, and the striking feature is the fact that the name of not one white Republican appears in the list. Why is this? Have the white Republicans all turned Democrats? Or is Col. Dockery's attorney afraid of their testimony?

But another remarkable feature of this so-called contest is the fact that Dockery will have but five days in which to take his direct evidence in the entire district. The law governing these contests is very plain. After notice of contests is served on the contestee the latter serves his answer on the contestant, who is allowed forty days from date of service of answer to take testimony. Then the contestee is allowed forty days to take testimony and the contestant has ten days in which to take evidence in rebuttal.

As Bellamy's answer was served on Dockery on the 31st of January, Dockery's forty days will expire on the 2nd of March, or five days from next Saturday, when his first witness will be examined. There is no provision in the law for an extension of the time allowed for direct evidence. So, Dockery must be content with what he can do in five days; Bellamy will then have forty days, and Dockery can follow with ten days for testimony in rebuttal.

This statement of facts indicates very strongly that Dockery is engaged in a hopeless struggle, so far as any contest is concerned, and that his real object is to manufacture "campaign thunder" for the Republican Congressional Committee.

FAYETTEVILLE SHOPS WILL BE CLOSED.

Conference of Fayetteville Board of Trade and City Officials With General Manager Kenly.

The Fayetteville papers of Friday afternoon publish particulars of a conference which was held in that city in the afternoon, by Mr. J. R. Kenly, General Manager of the Atlantic Coast Line system, with a committee from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and city officials, recently appointed to confer with Mr. H. Walters with reference to the relocation of the C. F. & Y. V. shops in that city and generally to look after the interests of Fayetteville in the premises.

The Observer's report of the conference says: Mr. Kenly explained that he came instead of Mr. Walters to keep the latter's engagement with the committee, because of Mr. Walters' unavoidable absence.

Mr. Kenly exhibited the kindest feeling for our people and the town generally, and declared that he had never had a more disinterested duty to perform than that which his business interests of those whom he represented required him to do—viz: to order the closing of the shops. He would like to place to-morrow night. The committee had hoped that the company would find it to be to its interest to retain and even to enlarge the shops in view of the fact that Fayetteville was the hub of a wheel from which five railway spokes radiated. Mr. Kenly replied that the costly shops at Wilmington, Rocky Mount and Florence were ample for the whole system and were near enough to Fayetteville for all requirements. He added, however, that his company was resolved to do everything they could to build up Fayetteville—indeed, it was their interest to do in the case of all places which supplied business for their roads. He also declared that it was their purpose to take care of every C. F. & Y. V. employe whom they could. Preference would, of course, be given to their own men where there had to be a choice and other things being equal.

Mr. Kenly stated that the freight business of all the roads would be consolidated at the present Atlantic & Yadkin depot, but that, for the present at least, the passenger stations would remain as before.

An explosion of gas in No. 3 mine at Birmingham, Ala., resulted in the death of R. L. Davenport and William Davenport, brothers, and three negroes.

Senator Pritchard of North Carolina yesterday made a plea in the executive session of the Senate for the confirmation of the nomination of Judge Ewart. No time was fixed for a vote.

SITUATION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Insurgent Leaders Plan for an Outbreak in the City of Manila.

By Cable to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, February 21.—The War Department has received the following: