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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY NORTH CAROLINA DAILY.

## PEACE IN MADAGASCAR

A RIGOROUS PROTECTORATE ESTABLISHED BY FRANCE OVER THE ISLAND.

### GEN. METZINGER MADE GOVERNOR

Peace Negotiations Were Concluded Next Day After the Capture of Antananarivo--President Faure Congratulates Gen. Duchesse and Appoints Him a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor--The Queen Retained but Her Prime Minister Will be Transported.

PARIS, Oct. 10.—The minister of war, General Zurlinden, received a dispatch from M. Janga to day, confirming the news previously received via Port Louis, Island of Mauritius, of the capture of Antananarivo, capital of the island of Madagascar, by the French expeditionary force, under the command of General Duchesse.

The official dispatch says that after a brilliant action Antananarivo was occupied on September 30th. Peace negotiations with the Hovas were opened the next day and were successfully concluded the same evening by terms being agreed upon, subject to the ratification of the French government. Gen. Metzinger, the second in French forces, was thereupon appointed Governor of Antananarivo.

The above dispatch was immediately communicated to President Faure, who afterwards sent the following cable message to Gen. Duchesse:

"In the name of France, the government congratulates you, your officers and men. Your admirable troops have all deserved well of the country. France thanks you for the services you have rendered her and for the great example you have given. You have proved that there are no perils or obstacles which cannot be removed by method, courage and coolness.

"You are appointed a grand officer of the legion of honor.

"Forward the names, without delay, of those you recommend for rewards and the government will propose to parliament that a medal be struck for distribution to your troops."

### Foreigners Welcome the Change.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—Mr. Frederick, Turner, a merchant of Antananarivo, has just arrived here and his views have been sought upon the situation in Madagascar. He says that foreigners in Madagascar will welcome a sound French government provided they be accorded equal rights under it with Frenchmen.

"The country," he said, "must be open to all comers. Naturally France will try to improve her commercial relations with the island and it is hoped that she will do so, without making the English, American and German trade impossible. America will have to be reckoned with as the United States government has not recognized the French protectorate, and the Americans cannot afford to lose this important growing market."

### A Protectorate to be Established.

PARIS, Oct. 10.—It is semi-officially announced that a rigorous protectorate will be established by France over the island of Madagascar, assuring to France the preponderance of the entire administration. The Queen Ranavalona III. will be retained, but the Prime Minister, her husband, Rainilaiarivony, will be transported.

### THE INDUSTRIAL SOUTH.

Two \$25,000 Lumber Plants to be Started in North Carolina.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 10.—The Manufacturer's Record reports that for the week there has been no increase of recent weeks in the number of new industrial enterprises projected in the South, but work is being vigorously pushed upon many plants now under construction.

Some enterprises of considerable magnitude have been put in shape for announcement during the week. Bonds have been placed to the extent of \$750,000 in Baltimore for deepening and enlarging on a very considerable scale the Dismal Swamp Canal extending from Norfolk to Carolina. A dispatch to the Record states that the plans have been made for the construction of a cotton mill at Newport News to have 35,000 spindles. This is in addition to the company recently organized in Richmond to build a large mill at Newport News.

Among other enterprises were a \$200,000 cotton mill in South Carolina; a cotton seed oil mill in Alabama; a large fertilizer plant in South Carolina and another in Kentucky; a \$100,000 lumber company and a \$20,000 water works in Mississippi; two lumber plants of 20,000 and \$25,000 capital respectively in North Carolina; a 500 coke ovens in Virginia; and \$25,000 coal mining company in West Virginia.

### Father Flaherty Granted Bail.

GENESEE, N. Y., Oct. 10.—A stay of proceedings has been granted in the case of Father Flaherty, under sentence for outraging a young girl, and the prisoner was liberated at midnight under \$10,000 bail, pending an appeal for a new trial.

### Protection for the Farmers.

ST LOUIS MO., Oct. 10.—The Missouri State Grange in annual session at Warrenton has adopted resolutions demanding the protection of agricultural products by an export duty as a right to which farmers are entitled as long as protection is given to manufacturers.

## THE EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

Consideration of Committee's Report on Constitutional Revision.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 10.—The opponents of constitutional revision in the Episcopal Church showed their hand in the House of Deputies to-day when Stephen P. Nash, of New York, arose and offered a resolution calling for the commitment of the constitution to a new revisional commission. It was stipulated that all amendments before the convention should be referred to the next convention and that the report should be in the form of a definite amendment to the present constitution.

Louis Stockton, of Western New York, thereupon asked the ruling of the chair as to whether this resolution was in order.

Dr. Dix ruled that it was not, since the present commission had not presented its full report nor had it been discharged from duty.

As no one was ready to move the discharge of the present commission, consideration of its report was resumed.

A motion to strike out Section 3, which provides for the office of "Prime Minister," to be held by the Senior Bishop, was defeated—178 to 120.

When Section 4 was taken up Judge Fairbanks, of Florida, moved to amend by restoring the number of clerical and lay deputies from each diocese to the present number of four. This was accepted with practical unanimity. The deputies spent some time at the opening of the session in revising its rules. Buchanan Winthrop was re-elected treasurer of the convention. The church workers among the people urged the need of the appointment of more colored priests.

The House of Bishops took up the proposal for the creation of the diocese of Marquette, in Northern Michigan, which was favorably voted on by the deputies yesterday. It was explained that an Episcopal endowment and a resident bishop had been provided. The bishops voted in favor of the division, but appointed a committee of conference with the deputies to straighten out some technical difficulties. A set of resolutions were adopted deploring the Armenian atrocities, commending their ancient church to all Christian people as deserving of succor and contributions, for the relief of its sore necessities and respectfully asking the church of England to take such action as would commend the cause of the Armenian church to the English speaking world.

The House then went into council on the subject of Christian unity.

It has developed that the House of Bishops this morning voted for Louisville as the next place of meeting. The two houses are thus at odds, the lower house having voted for Atlanta. A conference will be necessary.

The deputies concurred in the Armenian resolutions adopted by the bishops, and adjourned for the day.

### GEN. MAHONEY'S SUCCESSOR.

Virginia Republicans at a Loss to Know What to Do.

RICHMOND, Oct. 10.—The Virginia Republicans are entirely at sea as to what they will do about filling the vacancy in the National and State Committees of their party occasioned by the death of Gen. Mahone. The Republicans who attended his funeral at Petersburg yesterday say that there was no formal conference there on the subject. The matter was not brought up in any shape.

Judge Waddill, who was seen by a reporter of the Associated Press this morning said that the question has not yet been considered in any way. He said he was himself in doubt as to just how he could proceed in this matter, but he saw no necessity for immediate action, and he knew the members of the party had taken no organized action looking to putting a ticket forward this fall.

Judge Waddill was under the impression that the members of his party would cast their votes for the "fair elections" ticket.

Speaking further upon the question of Mahone's successor, Judge Waddill said that his impression was that the Republican State Executive Committee will have to call a meeting of the General State Committee. That committee, he thinks, was composed of Mahone, Sixth Bolling and Alvin H. Martin, of Norfolk county, and Messrs. Bolling and Martin will, he thinks, elect Mahone's successor as chairman of the State Committee.

Judge Waddill said that while he was in Washington nobody seemed able to tell how Mahone's successor as members of the National Committee, should be elected.

Ex-Postmaster Russell, who has been giving much thought to the subject, thinks the two members of the Executive Committee will call a meeting of the General Committee and that committee will elect Mahone's successor as chairman of the State Committee and also choose his successor as a member of the National Republican Committee. He thinks this must be done in a short time as the National Committee has to meet in December.

### Reunion of Mexican Veterans.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Oct. 10.—The reunion of Mexican veterans at Nicholasville, Ky., to-day selected Lexington as the place for the next national reunion of Mexican veterans to be held during June 1896. Both the city and county administrations will unite with the citizens in making the occasion a memorable one.

## STILL ON THE STAND

DURRANT SUBJECTED TO A RIGID CROSS EXAMINATION YESTERDAY.

### HE WAS AT FIRST CONFUSED

And Changed His Replies Several Times But He Soon Regained His Usual Calm and Was Perfectly Cool and Deliberate During the Most Trying Ordeals--Denied That He Ever Sent His Attorneys a Letter to be Opened if He Was Convicted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., October 10.—Under the rigid cross-examination of District Attorney Barnes to-day, Theodore Durrant made a number of answers that are regarded as decidedly incriminating, inasmuch as they appear to be in direct conflict with well established facts and then changed his replies when he realized that he was on dangerous grounds. He gave an explanation of a clew regarding Blanche Lamont's disappearance, said to have been received by him, that was so palpably a falsehood that everybody in court laughed aloud. The stifling atmosphere of the overcrowded court room came to Durrant's rescue and he was enabled to recover from his confusion during the short recess that followed. When he again came to the stand he remained calm during the most trying ordeals. The prosecution was, nevertheless, well satisfied with the day's work.

Two days before the body of the young woman was discovered Durrant said, as he was standing at the corner of Market and Montgomery streets, a stranger approached him and asked if his name was not Durrant. The stranger then asked Durrant if, in view of the fact that his name had been unpleasantly connected with the disappearance of the girl, he would not like to find her. Durrant replied that he would be overjoyed even to obtain a trace of the missing girl. "Watch the ferries then," the stranger said "she will try to cross the bay. That is my advice." He did not ask the stranger his name, his residence, or for any additional information.

He went to lunch and from there to the ferry where he remained until 5 o'clock not having caught a glimpse of the missing girl. While he was waiting, however, he saw three medical students and an old schoolmate. One of these men has already testified that he saw Durrant accost a school girl whose description answered that of Minnie Williams who was murdered that night and ride away toward the Mission on Howard street car.

Mr. Barnes asked him if he told anybody else of the clue given him by the stranger, so they could continue the search. Durrant said he had no opportunity to tell any of Miss Lamont's friends. When questioned closely Durrant admitted that he attended a meeting of the Young People's Society the same evening, where he saw several of Miss Lamont's intimate friends. Among others was Thomas Vogel, whom Durrant had said a moment before was more interested in the disappearance of the young woman than anybody else except Mrs. Noble, her aunt. Durrant admitted that he had a private conversation with Vogel, but did not think to tell him about the clue he had obtained.

After a short recess, during which Durrant recovered his composure, a surprise was sprung on him in the hope that it might disconcert him. After asking Durrant if he had ever made a written statement of his whereabouts on the day Blanche Lamont was murdered and receiving an affirmative reply, District Attorney Barnes, asked the following question: "Is it not a fact that you sent a written statement of your case to your attorney and wrote on the envelope 'to be opened if I am convicted and to be returned if I am acquitted.'"

The excitement caused by this question was intense. In the hum of voices Durrant's answer was lost and the stenographer was asked to read the reply. "I never sent an envelope to my attorneys bearing such an inscription," said he.

Durrant was questioned at length regarding the communication and the significant inscription on the envelope, but he denied that he ever sent such a document.

Durrant was next shown the various garments worn by Blanche Lamont and asked if he had secreted them in the belfry where they were found. He identified the clothing as the ones worn by Miss Lamont on the day of her death, but said he did not hide them in the belfry.

Durrant's strong nerves were tested by a number of questions relative to the last time he saw Miss Lamont, but he stuck to his former statements on that point.

### EFFECT OF DURRANT'S TRIAL.

It Caused a Final Separation of a Husband and Wife.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 10.—Mrs. Susie Rogers, wife of Philip Rogers, has disappeared. Her husband has been searching for her for the past three weeks and now believes that he has located his missing wife in Warsaw, Wis.

Mr. Rogers is a well-to-do citizen, who has many friends in Oakland. He is certain that the Durrant case had something to do with the wreck of his home.

Mrs. Rogers was very much interested in the case, and could not let a day pass without hearing the testimony. She compelled her husband to sit down every morning and read to her the full report of the trial. Rogers went through the testimony just to please his wife. Sometimes it would take him nearly half a day to complete his task. But, with undaunted heroism, he struggled on, determined to please his wife, even at the expense of his business.

At last endurance was no longer equal to the task and Rogers deliberately went on a strike and declared that he would not read the stenographic reports any more. He was willing to compromise on an amicable basis and read the introduction to the trial each day, but this did not satisfy Mrs. R. She wanted to hear the whole case or nothing. The husband was firm, however, and would not yield, so there was a disagreement and Mrs. Rogers went away.

"I am not going to search for her any more," said Mr. Rogers. "I gave her as good a home as is enjoyed by any woman in this city, and still she was not satisfied. If she wants to remain in Warsaw, where I believe she is, she can do so."

"I pity any husband who is compelled to read the entire Durrant case to his wife. His life is certainly made miserable, because mine was when I found that I had to read the trial, as a matter of duty. I have given notice that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife. If she wants to return home she can do so and I will support her. But I will not consent to read the Durrant case from beginning to end each day as a compromise. If she wants to come home and spend her time in reading the Durrant case she can do so. I have no objections to her reading the case, but I do protest against being made her slave in the matter."

### SPAIN PREPARING HER NAVY.

She Believes the United States May Recognize the Billigerents.

MADRID, Oct. 10.—It has been noticed recently that there is great and quite unusual activity in the government dock yards at the different ports of Spain, and that workmen are busy at work refitting cruisers and gunboats. In addition, it has been become known that certain officials have been discussing the question of arming the steamships belonging to the Spanish trans Atlantic Company and it is believed that these preparations are due to the belief that there is a possibility that the United States may recognize the Cuban insurgents as belligerents.

### Claim They Are For Service in Cuba.

MADRID, Oct. 10.—The Minister of Marine, Admiral Beranger, confirms the report cable to-day to the Associated Press, that the steamers of the Spanish trans-Atlantic Company are to be armed for service in Cuba, but he declares that this course is not due to any idea of a possible international conflict, but is merely carrying out a convention previously made with the company for the use of its steamers.

### On the Lookout for Filibusters.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—The Attorney-General has received advices from Southern Florida and the off-shore keys showing that the government is on the alert to prevent any filibustering expeditions leaving that section to assist the Cuban insurgents. So far as known, however, no overt acts have been committed recently. Small bodies of men are occasionally seen in small boats headed for some of the uninhabited islands ostensibly on fishing excursions. But the fact that these islands are usually on the route taken by Cuban steamers renders the actions of the men at least suspicious, and they are accordingly closely watched with a view to prompt action in case any demonstration is made.

### THE SITUATION IN HAWAII.

The Majority of the People Are in Favor of Annexation.

DENVER, Col. Oct. 10.—E. M. Davis, a Honolulu merchant, arrived in Denver yesterday en route to Atlanta, Ga. He said: "It would, of course, be useless to deny that fractional differences exist in Hawaii, and especially in Honolulu, and the republic as it stands has a good many supporters, and I am of the belief that if the vote on the question of annexation was taken to-day there would be an expression in favor of it."

"As to the royalists," added Mr. Davis, "we hear very little of them. Occasionally we read in the American papers of some uprising and some deep laid plot to restore the Queen, and we are forced to laugh over them. The American should use several grains of salt with anything they may read about Hawaiian revolutions these days. It is a common saying in Honolulu whenever the stories go out, that San Francisco is again in the throes of the South Sea rebellion. For the majority of the stories are simply glittering testimonials to the imagination of San Francisco newspaper men. The Queen is not kept in close confinement and is allowed to drive about pretty much as she pleases. She has her own court but as for causing trouble, I do not think she is lacking in common sense, and unless she is, restoration would be about the last thing she would attempt. Interest in her has largely died out even among the natives."

### Japan and Hawaii.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Mr. Kurino, the Japanese Minister, in an interview to-day, denied that Japan harbored designs looking to the control of the Hawaiian Islands, as asserted in recently published reports.

## BY WIND AND WAVE

THE CAPITOL CITY OF LOWER CALIFORNIA COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

### THE LOSS OF LIFE WAS HEAVY

The Hurricane Was Followed by a Tidal Wave, the Waters Rising to a Great Height and Carrying Out to Sea Much Property--Details of the Disaster are Meagre--La Paz was Once the Seat of Extensive Pearl Fisheries and the Abode of Luxury.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 10.—A special from San Francisco says:

Private dispatches received here say that La Paz, Mexico, has been completely destroyed by a hurricane. The storm was followed by a tidal wave, the waters in the bay rising to an unprecedented height, invading that portion of the city fronting on the bay, and carrying out to sea men, animals and debris of wrecked buildings as the tide subsided.

The dispatch announcing the destruction of La Paz was dated Guaymas and was received by shipping agent Reuter. The dispatch said the steamer Willelette Valley, of the Pacific mail line, had been delayed two days at Guaymas by the same storm which devastated La Paz, but that she left Guaymas last night for the North.

Mexicans here say that they have had dispatches about a severe storm which prevailed all along the coast early this week. The loss of life is reported heavy, but details of the disaster are meagre.

La Paz is the capitol of Lower California, and situated on a bay of the same name. The port is well sheltered, and easily defensible against attack from the sea. The city had a population of 3,000, a cathedral, a government house and a town house and the place was once the abode of luxury, as evidenced by the handsome dwellings of the wealthy class.

La Paz was once the seat of extensive pearl fisheries, silver mining was extensively engaged in and the commerce of the port was not inconsiderable.

### TWO SAILORS DIE OF CHOLERA.

Engineer on a Steamer from Cuba Dies of Yellow Fever.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—The British steamer Benmoir, which arrived this afternoon from Yokohama, Japan, Shanghai, Foo Chow and other Chinese ports, was detained in quarantine because two Chinese sailors had died of cholera while the vessel was still in Asiatic waters.

The Benmoir which is a regular trader to this port left Yokohama on June 23. When the steamer arrived at Quarantine this afternoon Dr. Doty, who at once ordered the most vigorous sort of a disinfection to be instituted and the entire crew and their effects were transported to Swinburne Island with all the interior fittings of the skin.

### Yellow Fever in Mexico and Cuba.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—The Ward Line steamer City of Washington, which arrived to-day from Mexico and Havana, reports on September 29th, in the Gulf of Mexico, between Tampico and Frontera, second assistant engineer, Miles Redmond, of Brooklyn, aged 50 years, died of yellow fever. The body was buried at sea the same date.

Health Officer Doty boarded the City of Washington on her arrival at Quarantine, and on investigation, decided to hold the steamer for a thorough disinfection and cleansing. The Washington brought 14 cabin and 5 second cabin passengers, including 4 Chinamen.

### BACON IS A BI-METALLIST.

Georgia's New Senator Defines his Position on Finances.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Oct. 10.—In authorizing publication to-day A. O. Bacon, Georgia's new United States Senator, denies that he has in any wise changed his mind on the silver question, he having been practically elected as a free silver man.

"I did not make up my mind hastily on the subject," said he, "and the opinion I have formed will not be easily changed. I believe in practical bi-metallism, in which both gold and silver are required and used with equal interchangeability in the money of final payment. I am opposed to either gold monometallism or silver monometallism. Practical bi-metallism is, in my opinion, the great need of the business world, and I do not think it by any means impossible of accomplishment. The investigations I was able to make while abroad have greatly strengthened my previous convictions on this subject."

### The Rives-Chanler Divorce.

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., Oct. 10.—The report that Amelie Rives Chanler has been granted a divorce was a surprise to the people of Charlottesville and Albemarle. Mrs. Chanler has instituted no proceedings in the courts of Albemarle, her home, and it is doubtful if half a dozen people here knew the suit was pending.

### A Spinning Factory Collapses.

COLOGNE, Oct. 10.—A spinning factory at Bucholt, forty five miles from Munster, West Prussia, has collapsed and buried forty workmen in the ruins. Of this number, ten were killed outright and nine were seriously injured. The remaining workmen escaped with slight injuries.

## A STEAMER GOES DOWN.

And All on Board the Ill-Fated Vessel are Lost.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 10.—A special from Stokes Bay, Ont., says: Reports indicate that the steamer Africa, of Owen Sound, is lost, with all on board. Following is a complete list:

LARSEN, H. P., captain, Toronto.  
ANDERSON, Wm., mate, Owen Sound.  
HAY, chief engineer, Toronto.  
FORREST, Edward, second engineer, Toronto.  
MANN, Wm., Toronto.  
KING, John, Oakville.  
LEE, Miss, cook, Toronto.  
Two firemen, two deck hands, names unknown.

The Africa and the schooner Severn, of Toronto, were on Lake Huron bound up with coal from Owen Sound last Monday night. When twenty miles off Cove Island Light, both boats were making bad weather in the heavy northwesterly gale, and the steamer let go of her consort. When last seen from the Severn the Africa was rolling heavily and suddenly disappeared from view. The Severn finally fetched up on the beach five miles north of Loyal Island. She became a total loss. The crew were saved by some fishermen after being in the rigging twenty-eight hours. The Africa's life boats and life preservers were picked up on the island.

### INSANITY AMONG SEAMEN

The Excellent Health Provisions on American Steamships.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 10.—The large number of suicides of firemen and coal passers on German ocean steamships, caused by temporary insanity brought on by intense heat or overwork, has led the German government to examine the subject, and to ask the views of other nations. The commissioner of navigation has just completed an investigation which shows that during the past five years only three firemen on the American steamships of the International Navigation Company, New York, and Cuba mail, Red D, and Spreckles' Oceanic lines have jumped overboard. The record can probably be equalled by no other nation, and is regarded in official circles here, as indicating the excellent provisions for the health of the engineer force on American ocean steamships.

### TOWN WIPED OUT BY FIRE.

Three-Fourths of the People of Bayard, W. Va., are Now Homeless.

WHEELING, W. Va., Oct. 10.—Three-fourths of the town of Bayard, W. Va., was wiped out by fire to-day. The village was without a fire department and sent to Cumberland and elsewhere for relief but not in time to save the main part of the town. The post office, six business blocks and thirty dwellings were burned. Among the buildings burned was the only church in the town. The loss is estimated at \$65,000.

The houses were small and very few of them were of much value but the conflagration has left three-fourths of the town homeless and in suffering tonight. No lives were lost.

### REPUBLICAN MASS-MEETING.

Sherman Spoke on Finances and McKinley on Protection.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Oct. 10.—Over six thousand people crowded into Music Hall to-night to the Republican mass-meeting, while nearly as many waited outside, unable to get in. The speakers were Senator Sherman, who dealt with questions of finance; Governor McKinley, who spoke of revenue and protection; ex-Gov. Foraker, Hon. Asa Bushnell, Republican candidate for Governor, and Hon. Asabel W. Jones, Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor, spoke on State issues. During the evening ex-Gov. Campbell was given a reception by the Duckworth Club.

### A Postmaster Defaults.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 10.—Irving A. Pulse, the Postmaster at Glen Ellyn, is a defaulter to the government to the extent of \$1,000 in his money order account. The amount has been made good by his friends. Repayment to the government did not save Pulse from arrest. He was brought before United States Commissioner Humphrey and gave a \$1,000 bond for the present grand jury. Pulse was appointed a year ago.

### A Million-Dollar Fire in Australia.

ADELAIDE, South Australia, Oct. 10.—A dispatch received here to-day from Coolgardie, the centre of the new gold-fields, announces that a whole block of buildings there on Bayley street was burned yesterday by a fire which was started through the upsetting of a lamp. It is estimated that the damage done will amount to \$1,250,000.

### Bound, Gagged and Robbed.

PIQUA, O., Oct. 10.—Barney Pletz, a German, aged 82, and his housekeeper, Mrs. Mary Pfeistner, aged 65, were bound and gagged by three masked men this morning, and jewelry and valuables taken. The couple were warned not to give an alarm. The robbers escaped by stealing a horse and buggy.

### Damages for Being Rotten Egged.

NASHUA, N. H. Oct. 10.—In the Supreme Court this morning, Charles F. Wright, of Amherst, was awarded a verdict of \$51, against W. W. Goodwin, also of Amherst for injury to his feelings as the result of having been rotten egged twice in July. The jury was out 19 hours.