

The News and Observer

LEADS ALL NORTH CAROLINA DAILIES IN NEWS AND CIRCULATION.

Natives Attack Taguig THEY ARE DRIVEN BACK WITH HEAVY LOSS. American Forces Reorganized—Lawton Com- mands First Division—Oregon Ar- rives—Gunboat Shells Towns.

Manila, March 19.—8.30 a. m.—The Filipinos in force attacked a company of the Washington volunteers at Taguig last night. Two companies of the Washington and Oregon regiments were sent to the assistance of their comrades and drove the rebels back in front of the Twenty-second regulars, who also engaged the enemy. Two American soldiers were killed and an officer and 13 privates were wounded.

Twentyeth and Eighth companies of the Twenty-third regular infantry.

THE OREGON'S ARRIVAL.
Washington, March 18.—The Navy Department has been advised of the arrival at Manila of the battleship Oregon. The following is the cablegram received from Admiral Dewey:

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LAWTON GIVEN A COMMAND.
Manila, March 18.—10.20 a. m.—The entire American force has been reorganized, two divisions, of three brigades each, being formed. General Lawton today assumed command of the First division, which consists of the Washington, North Dakota and California volunteers, under General King; six troops of the Fourth Cavalry, the Fourteenth Regulars, the Idaho volunteers and a battalion of the Iowa troops, under General Owenshine; the Third and Twenty-second regular infantry and the Oregon regiment, under General Wheaton, and Dyer's and Hawthorne's light batteries.

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General MacArthur's division consists of two batteries of the Third artillery, the Kansas and Montana volunteers, under General H. G. Otis; the Colorado, Nebraska and South Dakota regiments, and six companies of the Pennsylvania, under General Hale; the Fourth and Seventeenth regulars, the Minnesota and Wyoming volunteers and the Utah artillery.

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FIREMEN SEARCH FOR THE DEAD Groping Through Dense Smoke at the Windsor. THE RUINS STILL BURN NO BODIES HAVE BEEN FOUND AMONG THEM. LATEST ESTIMATE OF DEAD, SIXTEEN. Sixty-Six Missing and Fifty-Seven Injured— A Vast Amount of Wealth in Plate and Jewels Lies Hidden in the Ruins, How Much Unknown.

New York, March 18.—Through the incessant rain to-day, their efforts hindered by a choking smoke that arose from the half quenched ruins, more than two hundred men from the building, police and fire departments sought, but with only half-satisfying results, for bodies of persons believed to have perished in yesterday's fire at the Windsor Hotel.

Warren F. Leland, the proprietor of the Windsor, had somewhat recovered to-day, but was still in feeble condition. He is as yet unable to account for the origin of the fire.

Most of the time the smoke was so dense that the workmen could scarcely see their hands before their faces, and the heat from the mass of debris, glowing red in places, held the rescuers almost beyond its limits.

Colonel Thomas Ochiltree said to-night: "Mr. Gunter was in my apartments an hour before the fire, and I have no doubt that his body will be discovered in the ruins of the hotel."

No bodies were taken from the seething mass of ruins to-day. The latest estimate to-night is sixteen dead, sixty-six missing and fifty-seven injured. It is believed the men will be able to proceed with the gruesome search to-morrow with more satisfactory results.

Stanton, Va., March 18.—Rev. J. M. Frost, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is very ill here at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. N. N. Bradley. Dr. Frost is a distinguished man in the Southern Baptist church. His trouble began last Sunday with grip. There are new complications.

ALL TONGUES ARE NOW A-WAG Is Jekyll Island the Political Trusting Place?

McKINLEY SAYS NAY
AND HANNA DIDN'T KNOW
REED WAS COMING.
BUT THEY MAY MEET HIM BY CHANCE

And the President and the Czar of the House
May Become Reconciled. Hanna De-
clares Talk of Political Pow wow
at Jekyll Lollipop.

Thomasville, Ga., March 18.—Thomasville for the first time since the President's visit, was rife with political gossip today. Jekyll Island, speculation ran, was to be the scene of an important political gathering, where the future course of the Republican party would be gone over and settled, far from the public and the press, and shielded from intrusion by strict enforcement of the non-trespassing regulations of the rich club which controls its destinies.

let up talking about politics being in it. The Vice-President had the grip and is run down, and I mean to keep him here as long as I stay. Mr. McKinley's nerves were worn out with the strain. He needed to brace up. These drives about here and the quiet life are just building him right up. You see how much better he is. No, no, no, the trip to Jekyll Island has nothing to do with politics. We would not come way down here to talk politics. I see Speaker Reed is at Jekyll, but it has nothing to do with our trip."

Today an aged and bent negro with shaggy white locks, stumped on a cane past the Hanna home. He did not look up, but cast furtive glances at the house. Behind came another aged negro wearing huge goggles and apparently over eighty years old. At some distance followed another and another, until over a dozen old negro men and two old mamnies, one with her woolly hair bound in a red bandanna, had gone past the gate. Then they lobbied around the house. Some were too backward even to look up and over the fence. A dozen times they made the circuit, stealing glances across the lawn. At last two or three plucked up a little spirit, after much urging from their companions. But the direct route through the gate and up the front walk was too much for them. They went to the side gate and sidled along the path, keeping in the seclusion of the porch's side. Mrs. Hanna and Charles Chain, her nephew, saw them and kindly asked what they wished. They humbly interceded that they would like to see the President. Mrs. Hanna said perhaps she could gratify them. She went into the house, and presently the President was leaning over the rail shaking hands with them and the others, who meanwhile had gathered courage, to join their daring scouts. Soon the President was down on the walk, and Vice-President Hobart and Senator Hanna also talked to the bowed white-haired old reminders of ante-bellum days, whose pride was unmistakable, though lack of confidence made their remarks few and indefinite.

HAY AND CAMBON. They Will Make the Final Exchange of the Treaty.

Washington, March 18.—M. Cambon, the French Ambassador, called at the Department of State today and served formal notice of the signature of the peace treaty at Madrid.

RALEIGH LEAVES GIBRALTAR.

Gibraltar, March 18.—As the United States cruiser Raleigh sailed from here for New York this afternoon, homeward bound from Manila, in order to put out on a commission, she hoisted of the best British ensign and fired a salute while passing the Spanish squadron commanded by Admiral Canara, of Algeciras. The Spanish flagship Carlos Quinto thereupon hoisted the American ensign and returned the salute.

SHERMAN MUCH BETTER.

Washington, March 18.—General Miles has received a dispatch dated Ponce, Porto Rico, stating that ex-Secretary Sherman is very much better.

THE CITY ELECTION.

A called meeting of the board of aldermen was held last night, Mayor Powell presiding. The meeting was held for the purpose of taking action to try and secure the annexing out of the First North Carolina Regiment, volunteers, now in Cuba, at Raleigh. It appears that the present intention of the War Department is to muster this regiment out in Georgia.

BODY CHARRED TO A CRISP Mr. Walter Aycock, of War- renton, Meets a Fearful Death.

HIS LAMP EXPLODED
HIS WIFE BURNED HER HANDS
TRYING TO EXTINGUISH
FLAMES.
VACCINATION IS MADE COMPULSORY
Only One Case of Small Pox Now in Warrenton.
Judge Hoke Will Hold Superior
Court Next Week.

Warrenton, N. C., March 18.—(Special)—A shocking death occurred here early this morning. Last night about 10 o'clock, after he had undressed and had slipped on a dressing gown, Mr. Walter Aycock tumbled the swinging lamp and blew it out, when it burst enveloping his body from neck to feet in burning oil. No one else was in the room at the time, but his wife ran in and enveloped him in a blanket and put out the flames, badly burning her own hands. She burned several blankets before she conquered the fire. Mr. Aycock was charred to a crisp, but survived until 7 o'clock this morning. He was about 33 years old, was a good merchant and universally esteemed. He was an active member of the Baptist church. His life was insured for about \$8,000.

Mr. J. H. Kerr and his beautiful wife returned yesterday from Washington City.

THE POPULISTS' TICKET.

Wharton Baker for President, Ignatius Donnelly for Vice-President.

COMPULSORY VACCINATION.

Entertainment for Baptist Church—Sash, Door and Blind Factory.

A GOOD CITIZEN DIES.

Scotland Neck, N. C., March 18.—(Special)—Mr. Drew Braswell died at his home, about four miles from town yesterday. He was stricken a few weeks ago with paralysis. He was a well-to-do farmer, a Democrat of Democrats through all the political uncertainties of the past few years and leaves the legacy of a good name and an upright citizen. His remains will be interred at his home today.

PORTO RICO ALL SERENE.

Reports of Danger of an Uprising Are Unfounded.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

New York, March 18.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, decreased \$4,128,825; loans, decreased \$3,593,000; specie, decreased \$6,140,800; legal tenders, increased \$61,100; deposits, decreased \$7,803,500; circulation, decreased \$581,000. The banks now hold \$19,094,175 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

Swath of Ruin and Death CYCLONES' WILD WORK IN ALA- BAMA AND MISSISSIPPI.

Fearful Loss of Life. Wires Prostrated. De-
tails Meagre. Small Towns Almost
Wiped Out of Existence.

Memphis, Tenn., March 18.—A series of terrific wind storms swept throughout portions of Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas today, doing an immense amount of property damage and killing a number of people. The storms covered a radius of several hundred miles, destroying telegraph wires and cutting off communication with a large part of the affected country. Cleburne county, Alabama, seems to have suffered the most severely, the storm there assuming the proportions of a tornado. The reports of fatalities in the county vary from six to twenty and many more are said to have been injured.

"A cyclone passed over the country between Heflin and Edwardsville late this afternoon. It is reported here that five were killed in one family." "Telegraph wires are prostrated."

At Sellers and Laverne, Alabama, much damage is reported and at Rob Roy, Arkansas, one man was killed and several were badly injured. Dumas, Arkansas, was practically wiped out of existence and several other towns in the vicinity suffered severely. One person is reported killed at Hickory Flat, Miss., and as the farm houses in the vicinity suffered heavily, it is not unlikely that many fatalities occurred which have not yet been reported.

Birmingham, Ala., March 18.—Advices reaching here late tonight indicate that a great storm has passed over Cleburne county, devastating a large section. It is reported that ten people have so far been killed, nine of them in the family of a man named Coffee.

TORNADO AT CLEBURNE.

Memphis, Tenn., March 18.—A special to the Commercial Appeal from Birmingham, Ala., says a tornado passed over Cleburne county tonight, killing seven and possibly more people.

TREES TORN UP BY THE ROOTS.

Hickory Flat, Miss., March 18.—A tornado struck this place today, doing considerable damage to buildings and other property. The school building and two churches were demolished and twenty-five dwellings blown down or unroofed. Several persons received painful injuries. A family living west of here lost their dwelling, and a young lady, name as yet unknown, was killed. Trees were torn up by the roots, twisted off like reeds, and all fencing in the path of the cyclone was leveled to the ground. On some farms near here hardly a building was left standing. Doubtless other fatalities will be reported, but news is meagre.

A TOWN WIPED OUT.

Montgomery, Ala., March 18.—Cyclones passed over different portions of the State today, but on account of the telegraph wires being down no particulars can be learned.

SMALL TOWN WRECKED.

Little Rock, Ark., March 18.—A tornado passed through portions of Jefferson and Desha counties this afternoon. Telegraph wires are prostrated and the details are coming in slowly.

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BRYAN'S REPLY TO INGERSOLL

Who Said Bryan Has no Political Future.

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KNOXVILLE DEMOCRATS WELCOME BRYAN

Dines With Sixteen Democrats and One Republican. Fifteen Hundred People Listen to his Lecture on Pending Problems.

Problems.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 18.—Colonel William Jennings Bryan arrived here this morning at 8 o'clock. He was met at the passenger station by several hundred Democrats and one Republican, who despite the terrible rainfall, this rain continued throughout the day and night. This morning at 11 o'clock Colonel Bryan was joined by Governor Benton McMillin, of Tennessee. The two held a public reception in the Woman's Building. This afternoon they were entertained at dinner by L. H. Spillman, Sixteen Democrats and one Republican assembled around the festive board. Mr. Spillman and Colonel Bryan were boys together in Salem, Ill., and later were friends in Chicago. Tonight Colonel Bryan delivered his lecture on "Pending Problems," in the large public hall of this city. He was heard by fifteen hundred people. After the lecture he was entertained at a banquet as the guest of Knoxville Democrats. He responded to a toast, "The Democracy of Jefferson, Jackson and Bryan."

REPORTS OF DANGER OF AN UPRISING ARE UNFOUNDED.

San Juan de Porto Rico, March 18.—The reports contained in newspapers just received here alleging that danger exists of an uprising of the natives, are regarded without foundation. The only disturbances that have occurred here have been mere local fights between the American volunteers and lower class of natives.

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The correspondent of the Associated Press, who has just returned from an extended trip through the island, says he found only occasional evidences of dissatisfaction resulting from lawless and local politics, and American officers now here ridicule the idea of an uprising of the natives, who, they say, are without weapons and are entirely lacking in organization.