

The News and Observer.

LEADS ALL NORTH CAROLINA DAILIES IN NEWS AND CIRCULATION.

BATTLING AGAIN IN PHILIPPINES

Insurgents Reoccupy Country and Harass Troops.

MAJOR BELL'S VICTORY

GENERAL LAWTON HAS ARRIVED AT MALOLOS.

GEN. FUNSTON HEADS A WINNING CHARGE

Five of Our Men Drowned by the Sinking of a Raft at Pasig Ferry. Spanish Newspaper Suppressed for Seditious Editorials.

Manila, May 24.—6:25 p. m.—Two companies of the Third infantry and two companies of the Twenty-Second infantry, forming General Lawton's rear guard, returning from San Miguel to Balang yesterday, escorting a signal party which was picking up wire laid with General Lawton's expedition, found that the insurgents had reoccupied the country, and hard fighting followed from daylight until the Americans camped at night. But the troops completed their work, though harassed by the enemy. One American was killed and fourteen were wounded. The troops captured twenty prisoners and thirty rifles. It developed today that five men, instead of one, were drowned by the sinking of a raft loaded with soldiers of the Fourteenth regiment at the Pasig ferry. Twenty insurgents were killed and forty were wounded in the engagement with Major Bell, a reconnoitering party, consisting of two companies of the Fourth cavalry, in the vicinity of Santa Arita yesterday.

General Lawton, with most of his troops, has arrived at Malolos. His expedition marched 120 miles in twenty days, and had twenty-two fights, captured twenty-eight towns, destroyed 300,000 bushels of rice and only lost six men killed and thirty-one wounded. On the other hand, General Lawton estimates that his troops killed four hundred insurgents and wounded double that number. The Oregon and Minnesota regiments are returning to Manila.

The Spanish newspaper Oceania has been suppressed for publishing seditious editorials. The United States Commissioners and many American officers celebrated Queen Victoria's birthday today on board the British first-class cruiser Powerful.

FILIPINOS PUT TO ROUT.

Manila, May 24.—8 p. m.—Generals MacArthur and Funston, with the Kansas and Montana regiments and the Utah battery, have dispersed eight hundred insurgents who were entrenched on the railroad beyond San Fernando, near Santa Arita.

The American scouts were fired upon from the trenches unexpectedly and withdrew. The firing was heard at San Fernando, and General MacArthur assembled his troops and marched quickly after the scouts. The Montana regiment flanked the trenches on the left and the Kansas regiment attacked the enemy's right flank, General Funston leading the charge at the double quick. The insurgent loss was heavy, many prisoners were captured and it is reported twenty Americans were wounded.

EVANS AN ANNEXATIONIST.

The Cuban Army Lacking in Patriotism—Unfit to Govern.

Washington, May 24.—Ex-Governor John Gary Evans, of South Carolina, who, as a member of General Ludlow's staff at one time had charge of the city of Havana, called at the White House today. He returned from Cuba about three weeks ago. His accounts of Cuban conditions are most interesting. He is a firm believer in annexation.

"If you could have seen the army that marched into Havana behind Gomez, you would have acknowledged the impossibility of decent self-government on that island. Of all the heterogeneous assemblages ever gathered, this was the worst. Coxey's army was a company of aristocratic gentlemen by comparison. All this talk about the patriotism of the Cuban army is a myth. They were largely actuated by a desire for plunder and for office. They now want to rule the island because they see their chances of looting the treasury will not be good so long as it remains under American control. To turn the island over to the Cubans would be a worse crime against civilization than to have allowed the Spanish to rule it."

WORK AT PORT ROYAL.

Washington, May 24.—Extensive work on the Government naval station at Port Royal, S. C., will now proceed after it has been held up for some time by a question raised as to the title of the water front between high tide and low tide. The Navy Department has not proceeded pending the controversy, but requested the Attorney General for an opinion as to the Government's rights.

Today the Navy Department received Mr. Grigg's opinion that the Government title was secure, and in accordance with it work on the engineering shops and other features of the plant will be pushed at once.

HOT ON PERRY'S TRAIL.

His Wife, the Cause of the Killing of Frank Evans, Captured.

Oliver, Ga., May 24.—It now develops that the tragedy which resulted in the killing of Frank Evans and the wounding of J. B. Proctor, who is not expected to live, by Sam Perry, a notorious negro, last night, near Cameron, was the result of the impudence of Perry's wife, who was vilely abusing Mr. Proctor's children, and cursing "white folks" in general.

Frank Evans, who heard the woman, stepped up and offered resentment. As he did so, Perry, the woman's husband, rushed out of the house with a drawn revolver and began shooting at Evans.

Evans fell at the first shot, and died without a groan. At this juncture, Mr. Proctor appeared on the scene, and was shot down in his tracks, two shots entering his body. Mr. Proctor's son was also shot at, but not hit. Thomas Lee, another prominent citizen, rushed toward the negro, and was shot, but not seriously.

Perry began to reload his pistol, but before he could do so Brown Evans, a brother of the murdered man, appeared and cried at the top of his voice: "He has killed my only brother, and I will kill him if it takes me a life time."

The negro ran, and though shot at by the posse who had gathered, escaped to the woods. The negro woman had already escaped during the excitement. The woman was captured this afternoon in a swamp near Halcynville, and it is not improbable that she will be lynched. She was trying to join her husband when captured. He is still at large, but is being closely pursued by a large posse, and if captured will be lynched and probably burned.

WATER POWER OF OUR RIVERS.

An Important Book Recently Issued by the U. S. Geological Survey.

Washington, May 24.—The United States Geological Survey has just issued an important volume prepared by F. H. Newell, relating to the use of water for power, irrigation and other industrial purposes, being the product of ten years of experience and systematic measurement. It gives facts concerning rivers in various localities from Maine to California and shows the greatest, least, and average flow by months.

This report is made up of a number of papers. The water powers on the James river are pointed out and a profile given from the Clifton Forge to Richmond. The water powers of North Carolina are also described by Prof. J. A. Holmes and possibility of future developments shown. In the same way the water resources of Georgia are taken up as well as those of Northern Alabama.

CONSOLIDATION JULY 1.

John Skelton Williams Intimates As Much at Savannah.

Savannah, Ga., May 24.—President John Skelton Williams, of the Georgia and Alabama Railway, which has recently purchased the Seaboard Air Line and the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroads, was here today examining the progress being made on the million dollar terminals in course of construction on Hutchinson's Island. In an interview Mr. Williams said:

"About July 1st there will be a more intimate relationship established between the Georgia and Alabama and the Florida Central and Peninsular."

This is taken to mean that the consolidation of the three roads will occur at the end of the current fiscal year. The terminal work is well advanced and Mr. Williams expressed himself as well pleased.

DENIAL BY NORFOLK BLUES.

Color Question Had Nothing to Do With Refusal to Join in Parade.

Norfolk, Va., May 24.—The Norfolk Light Artillery Blues emphatically deny the statement published in a Washington paper to the effect that they refused to take part in the Jubilee military parade at the Nation's Capital Tuesday because preceded in the procession by a negro battalion.

The Blues say that the color question had nothing whatever to do with their refusal and was not even considered. They were only 24 strong, and feeling that their command would appear insignificant in the parade, in comparison with full or larger commands, decided not to enter it.

THE GEORGIA NAVAL MILITIA.

Washington, May 24.—Lieutenant Southernland, in charge of the naval militia has received a preliminary report on the work done by the Georgia Naval Militia during the recent cruise of the Prairie, which inaugurated the scheme of summer cruises along the coast. It shows that the work of the reserves was particularly good in view of the fact they had never before been to sea or had the use of a Government ship. That their gunnery was good is shown by their smashing one of the targets.

The technical report of the board of officers appointed to pass on the work in detail is that it was "fair," which is said to be a good showing for a first cruise.

The Prairie is now out with the North Carolina naval reserves, and on her return will take out the Virginia militia, sailing June 6th.

CALL TO STATE COMMITTEE.

Richmond, Va., May 24.—State Democratic Chairman Ellyson has called the State Committee to meet here June 13th to receive the communications the representatives of the May conference desire to lay before the committee with reference to calling a State convention to nominate a United States Senator. The executive committee will meet with the State committee.

UNDER THE FLAGS OF THREE NATIONS

The Celebration of Victoria's Birthday at Port Tampa.

THE TOWN IN GALA DRESS

AMERICAN, BRITISH AND GERMAN FLAGS ENTWINED.

UNVEILING OF VICTORIA'S PORTRAIT

The Drapery Falls at Touch of Button by Gov. Roosevelt at Albany, While American and British Marines Clasp Hands Before Portrait.

Port Tampa, la., May 24.—The greatest day in the history of Port Tampa, that of the celebration of Queen Victoria's eightieth birthday, opened bright and warm. As the sun appeared on the horizon salutes were fired from the British and American war vessels lying in the harbor, and from then on events crowded rapidly on each other. The shipping in the harbor was gay with its dressing of flags and pennants and throughout the town was a liberal display of flags, bunting and floral decorations. The flags of the two nations taking part in the ceremonies, the British and the American were floated from every point of vantage and among them, showing conspicuously, were many German flags. The most striking feature of the decorations was a triumphal arch displaying the British lion and the American flag eagle. In the center the lion grasped an American flag and in one claw the eagle waved the British colors, the entire arch being twined with American, British and German flags.

Two hundred marines from the Intrepid and Pearl, the two British cruisers sent to take part in the celebration landed at 8 o'clock in the morning and were escorted up the long dock by the Port Tampa division of the Florida naval reserves. The Englishmen playing the American national airs and the Americans responding with the British anthems. Arms were presented as they passed under the arch, the shipping in the harbor rent the air with its steam whistles and gongs and the spectators cheered themselves hoarse.

The most dramatic incident of the day was the unveiling of a large portrait of Queen Victoria. The portrait draped in the flags of the two countries stood upon a small balcony of the Inn and before it stood a crowd of expectant watchers. At noon precisely in the capital at Albany, N. Y., Governor Theodore Roosevelt touched an electric button, the covering fell from the face and two marines, English and American, standing on either side of the portrait, clasped each other's hands in token of the amity of the two great nations. The people cheered wildly and off in the harbor was heard the heavy guns of the warships, firing the Queen's salute.

At 1 o'clock a banquet was tendered the officers of the British warships and other distinguished guests, at which the speeches were marked by a cordial fraternity of spirit and interchange of good feeling between the representatives of her Britannic Majesty and those of the Republic. The Queen's health and that of the President were drunk with enthusiasm, and toasts to the British and American navies were received with cheers. President H. B. Plant, of the Plant System of railroads, was the subject of especial felicitation on the near approach of his eightieth birthday.

Governor Roosevelt sent a message of congratulation to Colonel Wright.

A cable greeting also came from Lord Tomlinson, Governor General of New South Wales.

The British marines were not permitted to land under arms today, and a tremendous sensation was the result. Last week the War Department was asked to give permission to allow two hundred men from the British men-of-war to land to participate in the celebration. This permission was granted by wire. This morning the permission was revoked by wire, stating that as the request was not customary, permission would be withheld. In view of the fact that two years ago such permission was granted for the men of the Pallas to land and participate in the ceremonies and the fact that in February last permission was granted the cadets from Toronto to cross into the United States and remain here a week under arms, the refusal of the War Department was rather unexpected. It was all the more so after the permission had been granted.

CELEBRATION IN LONDON.

Queen Vic's Eightieth Birthday Dawns in Flood of Rain.

London, May 24.—Torrents of rain ushered in Queen Victoria's eightieth birthday today.

At Windsor, where a general holiday is being observed, the town was decorated with flags and the church bells were rung at 7 o'clock in the morning. The weather cleared at about 11 o'clock and a serenade by the Windsor and Eton Amateur Choral Societies was given in the grand quadrangle of Windsor Castle. The sun then shone brilliantly. The serenade was listened to by the Queen and the members of the Royal family.

The Eton college volunteer cadets marched into the Castle grounds, headed by a band of music and took up a position in the rear of the choir. Behind the cadets were drawn up the rest of the Eton boys and the military knights of Windsor. The Mayor and corporation of Windsor, in their full robes of offices, and the borough magistrates were also present.

The scene was extremely picturesque. They all sang the national anthem and then the choir gave the program. Finally, the Eton boys gave three lusty cheers in honor of Her Majesty.

The Queen herself, looking to be in excellent health, came forward and bowed repeatedly.

Sir Walter Parratt and the Mayor of Windsor were introduced to the Queen and handed her a beautiful floral harp. Her Majesty afterwards knighted the Mayor, J. T. Soudry.

Although the official birthday celebrations in London were postponed until June 3d, all public buildings, many business houses and a great many private residences are decorated. In fact, more flags were flying than at any time since the Queen's Jubilee.

A great congregation assembled in St. Paul's cathedral this morning, where thanksgiving services were held.

The Lord Mayor of London and all the other functionaries, in their robes of state, attended. The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Frederick Temple, D. D., officiated and preached the sermon.

Birthday celebrations occurred throughout the provinces, the ships in the different ports were "dressed" for the occasion and the warships were covered with bunting.

At Portsmouth there were reviews of the regular troops, volunteers and naval brigades, and the same ceremonies occurred at various arsenals and garrison towns.

A telegram from Simla, the summer capital of British India, records that impressive Queen's birthday services there were attended by the Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon Kedleston, and the Indian and military forces in full dress. Royal salutes were fired.

During the afternoon the Queen planted an oak sapling on the east lawn of Windsor Castle. She was assisted in the planting by the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. All the members of the Royal family witnessed the ceremony.

A pretty incident was the presentation to the Queen this morning by each of her grand and great-grandchildren now at the Castle of a tiny bouquet of flowers.

Joseph H. Choate, the United States Ambassador, telegraphed his congratulations to the Queen and Her Majesty sent a graciously worded reply.

McKINLEY TO VICTORIA.

Washington, May 24.—The President addressed the following message to Queen Victoria on the occasion of the anniversary of her birthday:

"Executive Mansion, Washington, May 24th, 1899.

"Her Majesty, The Queen, Windsor Castle, England.

"Madam: It gives me great pleasure to convey on this happy anniversary the expression of the sentiments of regard and affection which the American people cherish towards Your Majesty, and to add the assurance of my own cordial respect and esteem. May God grant to Your Majesty and to the countries under your Government many years of happiness and prosperity.

(Signed)

"WILLIAM McKINLEY."

OTIS WILL FORCE A PEACE.

Washington, May 24.—The general tone of President Schurman's dispatch received by Secretary Hay from Manila last night is optimistic, indicating a belief that the Filipino Commissioners will succeed in prevailing upon their people to accept the terms held out in the President's instructions, touching the form of Government for the islands. It is fully expected that the campaign will be pushed by General Otis regardless of season or condition all through the summer if need be, unless by submission to the terms described, the insurgents terminate hostilities.

SMALL POX AT HICKORY.

Hickory, N. C., May 24.—(Special.)—Dr. Long, of Statesville, has examined Simon Wilson, colored, who is quarantined here under suspicion of having small pox. It was found to be a genuine case. The negro contracted the disease in Morganton. Prompt and vigorous measures have been taken by the authorities to prevent its spread. Wilson has been removed to the pest house and all those who have been exposed, rigidly quarantined. In rendering his report to the board of aldermen, Dr. Long gave an interesting lecture on the best methods of preventing and handling small pox.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Colonel E. W. Cole, of Nashville, Tenn., dropped dead in New York last night.

The silver service and the silver bells secured by the citizens of New Orleans were presented to the cruiser New Orleans yesterday.

Naval orders assign Captain J. B. Coghlan to duty as commandant of the Puget Sound Naval Station June 30th by which time the Raleigh will be out of commission.

The Assembly of the Northern Branch of the Presbyterian Church of the United States have sent a message of congratulation to Victoria on the occasion of her birthday. The Southern Assembly have replied in the same spirit to the fraternal greeting sent them by the Northern body.

RALLYING CRY OF DEMOCRATS

Anti-Trust, Anti-Imperialism and Sixteen to One.

PROGRAM AT ST. LOUIS

HOW TO CONDUCT NEXT PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE OPENS TO-DAY

If a Quorum is Secured it Will be Made a Meeting of the National Democratic Committee and Definite Action Will be Taken.

St. Louis, Mo., May 24.—Ways, means and methods of conducting the next Presidential campaign will be considered by the Democratic conference at the Planters' Hotel tomorrow.

Ex-Governor Stone, of Missouri, who issued the call for the meeting, has received twenty-eight favorable replies. Two of these have been withdrawn and proxies forwarded. If a quorum—twenty-three—is secured it is altogether likely, according to Committee Chairman Galvan, of Illinois, that the meeting will be resolved into a formal session of the National Committee, and some definite action taken.

It is generally understood that "anti-trust" will be the rallying cry for the Democracy, with "anti-imperialism" a closely second and "16 to 1" not entirely discarded, but kept in the third place. As one of the leaders of the party expressed it "anti-trust and anti-imperialism" will be the salt and pepper with which we will flavor "16 to 1."

There have been countless rumors floating to the effect that silver is to be entirely discarded and that as far as Missouri is concerned, Bryan is to be shelved in favor of William J. Stone, of Missouri. This Mr. Stone positively denied today, saying that he would go into the next convention to work for Bryan and that the Missouri delegation would vote solidly for Mr. Bryan's nomination.

If the conference should be resolved into a formal meeting of the National Committee tomorrow it is probable that the resignations of Messrs. Teller and Allen from the Ways and Means Committee will be accepted. Both are willing to get out and the other members of the National Committee are willing they should. It is also reported that Chairman Jones of the National Committee, will resign, but this is not confirmed.

The anti-trust banquet tomorrow night promises to be a most successful affair.

Among the speakers will be Hon. W. J. Bryan, who will discuss "Monopolies;" Hon. D. D. DeArmond, "The Trust and its Parents" and Hon. Champ Clark.

TWO DEAD THROUGH JEALOUSY.

A Tragedy Near Fair Bluff of Which Few Details Are at Hand.

Charleston, S. C., May 24.—News comes from the usually peaceable county of Horry, this State, of a tragedy in Floyd's township, bordering on North Carolina, last Saturday night. Two young men named Livingston, sons of a widow lady, were killed by young Rowell, son of V. T. Rowell. Two other young men, Grainger and Williamson, are implicated in the killing. No particulars have been obtained. The scene of the killing is thirty miles distant from Conway, near Fair Bluff, N. C., and the parties could easily escape. It is said that jealousy was the cause of the trouble.

HEAVY LOSSES BY THE STORM.

Americus, Ga., May 24.—Reports received today from last night's storm indicate much damage throughout Sumter county from rain, hail and wind. Crops of all kinds are badly damaged and much loss will result.

Barns were blown down in some plantations and several colored churches are levelled to the ground. The rain in some sections reached the proportions of a waterpout. The losses to farmers will aggregate many thousands of dollars.

ADVISED TO HOLD THEIR ARMS.

Havana, May 24.—11 a. m.—The Sanaguily, Laeret, Vidal Mayia Rodriguez, and all the late members of the Cuban Military Assembly, aided by the opposition newspapers, are advising the Cuban soldiers not to give up their arms—not to sell the souvenirs of the heroic struggle for liberty—and not to part with honor for \$75.

General Brooke, of course, will proceed with his program without heeding the opposition.

DROWNED IN THE OHOOPEE.

Macon, Ga., May 24.—A special to the Telegraph from Lovett, Ga., tells of the drowning of Miss Radford and Peb Hall, of that place, who were picnicking on the Ohoopsee River. They with several others, were boat riding and were capsized. They did calling for help. Their bodies were recovered in a decomposed state.

HOW TO CONDUCT NEXT PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

Boards of Liberty Discuss the Matter in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., May 24.—The National Conference of State and Provincial Boards of Health of North America, which has been in session in this city for the past two days, adjourned this afternoon after discussing all the papers which had been assigned to the various physicians and electing officers for the next twelve months. The question of a time and place for the next meeting was left to a committee.

The body had a number of important papers before it for discussion, but probably the most important discussions of the body were on the subjects of how best to transport dead bodies and how to exterminate and cope with small pox.

It was shown that during the last winter there was an epidemic of small pox throughout the country—North, South and West—and the fear was expressed that unless active and vigorous steps were taken, the loathsome disease would appear in more virulent form next winter.

The point which has so frequently been raised by those opposed to vaccination, that the virus was harmful to the system, was generally controverted, and the speakers said that vaccination was not dangerous, but a preventive.

A section of the by-laws, providing that the annual conferences should be held coincidentally with the sessions of the American Public Health Association, was vigorously opposed, and was laid over for another year. The annual dues of each State were increased from \$5 each to \$10, and other minor changes were made.

Following are the officers elected: President—Dr. U. O. B. Wingate, of Milwaukee, Wis.

Vice-president—Dr. Probst, of Ohio. Secretary—Dr. J. N. Hurty, of Indianapolis, Ind. (A re-election.)

Treasurer—Dr. Eleasir Polletier, of Montreal. (A re-election.)

Program Committee—Mrs. Brocken, of Minnesota; Swart, of Rhode Island, and Fulton, of Maryland.

GERMAN BAPTISTS ADJOURN.

Bar Beer, Tobacco, Nocties, Instrumental Music and Certain Representatives.

Roanoke, Va., May 24.—The German Baptist Association held a business session today which was so orderly, and the work so swiftly executed that a sine die adjournment was reached at the close of the afternoon meeting. The day's work begun at 8 o'clock this morning. The attendance was large. Tonight and tomorrow nearly all the visitors will leave for their homes. The Middle District of Indiana was selected as the next meeting place of the association. The town was not named, but will be selected later.

Women in good standing were passed upon as being eligible delegates to the General Conference. Instrumental music was given a blow, the conference decided that it should not be taught among the brotherhood. Neckties are to be worn only as a matter of comfort. Representatives of railroads and land companies were debarred from eligibility as members of the conference. Raisers of tobacco were excluded from membership in the district and annual conferences. A vigorous protest was made by the Virginians.

The petition that the publication of the Landmark at Warrensburg, Mo., be suppressed on the ground that it was in competition with the Gospel Messenger, was not granted, conference taking the stand that the Landmark was a religious paper and had not requested to be recognized as an organ of the church.

NEW DEPOT FOR SOUTHERN.

It Will be Built at a Cost of Sixty Thousand.

Richmond, Va., May 24.—It is given out today that the Southern Railway will erect a new passenger depot here. The improvement will cost from \$60,000 to \$65,000, and it is to be completed by the 15th of September next.

INSURANCE MEN GATHER.

Norfolk, Va., May 24.—The Southeastern Tariff Association, composed of representatives of American and foreign insurance companies, convened in its eighth annual meeting at the Hotel Chamberlain, Old Point Comfort, this morning. About 100 delegates and many ladies are present.

The most important business of the opening session was the reading of the president's address by that officer, Mr. Edward Gay. The address contained several suggestions of great importance and their consideration and the action to be taken upon them will constitute the bulk of the convention's work. The address alludes to the law in this State known as the Wharton Anti-Compact law, which has now been in effect almost a year, and has, the president states, brought about such a condition of affairs that the association has made no effort whatsoever to maintain rates in Virginia. In the matter of rate cutting by a system of rebates, which, it is charged, is practiced by many companies represented by agents of association companies, it was recommended to the convention that no such representation shall hereafter be allowed under penalty of expulsion.

BRYAN ADDRESSES THOUSANDS.

Pittsfield, Ill., May 24.—Twenty thousand persons gathered here today to listen to William J. Bryan. One hundred guns were fired at sunrise in honor of the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan. Mr. Bryan's speech in the afternoon was along the usual lines.

Fly from the pleasure that bites tomorrow.—Spurgeon.