

# The News and Observer.

## LEADS ALL NORTH CAROLINA DAILIES IN NEWS AND CIRCULATION.

### NEW YORK'S ORGIE OF FIRE AND LOOT

The Bowery Swept by Flames and Thieves.

### A MILLION DOLLAR LOSS

POPULATION OF 3,500 WERE MADE HOMELESS.

### CROOKS STOLE EVERYTHING PORTABLE

A Piano Being Among the Booty. Chief of the District Firemen Says the Fire Was of Incendiary Origin. Only Four People Injured.

New York, May 26.—Coney Island property to the value of nearly \$1,000,000 was destroyed by fire early today, twenty acres in the heart of the summer resort section, the district known as "The Bowery" being reduced to ashes.

The two hundred buildings burned were located between the Bowery and the Ocean, Tilyou's walk on the west and the old iron pier on the east. These buildings ranged in size and importance from a wabbling bathing "pavilion" to the handsome five-story Hygea Hotel, including theatres, concert halls, dancing pavilions, stores of various kinds, restaurants and hotels of every grade. The fire made shelterless for a time a native and transient population of about 3,500, including five hundred men and women, classed as comedians and soubrettes, employed in the district, and silenced no less than one hundred pianos which have for years assisted in merry-making at Coney Island.

It was nearly 3 a. m. when a policeman discovered a blaze in a cottage near the iron pier. A prompt response to the alarm had this trouble disposed of before 3:30 and the engines were going away when the same policeman discovered another fire in Sheffield's Palm Pavilion at the Tilyou's walk end of the district.

In ten minutes after the second fire started the whole Bowery district was in wild alarm. The thousands of inmates rushed out attired as they slept. They were quickly joined by the entire native and over-night population, some 10,000, whose eager interest hampered the firemen. It was seen that the firemen had determined to make the Bowery the fighting line, and then, the last hope of those south of the Bowery that any of their houses might be saved being gone, a pell-mell rush for salvage or plunder took place. Scores of thieves broke through the fire lines or entered the district from the ocean side and their work of looting was wholesale. A crowd carrying off a piano was one sight which taught the police what kind of crooks they had to deal with.

So far as known only four persons were injured or burned, and all will recover. Deputy Battalion Chief Kirkpatrick says he is convinced that the fire is of incendiary origin. He arrives at this conclusion owing to the fact that the flames broke out in two different parts of the island at about the same time, both places being difficult of access so far as fire engines are concerned, and from the fact that upon his arrival he found traces of kerosene oil along the board walk and around both houses where the fires originated.

### "THE AMERICAN WOMAN."

Address of Mrs. W. J. Bryan to Graduating Class of Girls.

Jacksonville, Ills., May 26.—Mrs. W. J. Bryan, herself a graduate of the academy for young women in this city, made the chief address to a graduating class today. Mrs. Bryan spoke on "The American Woman." She said among other things:

"The public find the American woman an interesting subject. This interest follows from the unique position in which the American woman stands today. The American woman should be sufficiently independent to study her own surroundings, choose her own course and live the life which is best for herself and those nearest her, without regard to the opinion of the outer world.

### BRYAN SPEAKS TO 10,000.

Danville, Ills., May 26.—W. J. Bryan spoke to ten thousand people this afternoon and evening at the academy. He followed his usual lines of argument, discussing the money question at length, condemning the administration's Philippine policy, also trusts, and advocating an income tax. He was given an enthusiastic reception.

Alexandria, Egypt, May 26.—Four more cases of the plague have been reported here.

### TO PAY CUBANS TO-DAY.

Scorions Strike on Among Lightermen at the Port of Havana.

Havana, May 26.—The distribution of the \$3,000,000 which the United States Government has voted as a gratuity to the Cuban troops on disbanding and surrendering their arms will begin at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning at the foot of the Prado. Under the swollen muster rolls prepared by the late Cuban military assembly, the Americans, who have closely followed the subject, are curious to see what proportion of the number listed will actually appear.

At a meeting of the Veterans of Independence last night a resolution declaring against either giving up arms or accepting money from the United States, was carried unanimously.

The strike of the lightermen, in the opinion of Admiral Crowell, captain of the port, and the principal shippers, is fast assuming serious proportions. G. Lawton Childs, agent of the Plant Line, was notified to-day that the stevedores in his company's employ had joined the strike, giving as their reason their sympathy with the others and the orders of the Trade Union.

The general opinion is that the strike is absolutely without justification. The men have been earning good wages, from \$50 to \$80 a month. The difficulty involves also the importation of men from Florida, as happened five years ago. Trouble has been brewing for some time, but no one could explain the cause, as the lightermen have all along been the best paid body of men engaged in manual labor in Havana.

Governor General Brooke has a decree ready to be issued, making editors and publishers responsible for libel. The Spanish law probably made the writer of an article alone responsible; and, therefore, every Havana editor has a hired substitute paid to sign articles of a defamatory character. This substitute is usually a "long time jail bird," who, for money enough to make imprisonment easy, will sign anything.

### THE FINANCIAL QUESTION.

Aldrich Calls a Meeting of Senate Finance Committee.

Washington, May 26.—Senator Aldrich, chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, has issued a call for a meeting of that committee to be held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, on the 9th of June. It is now considered probable that the committee will authorize a sub-committee consisting of the Republican members to take up the financial question with the view of recommending a bill to the next session of Congress.

### AN AUTOMOBILE'S RECORD.

New York, May 26.—The automobile which left Cleveland at 7 o'clock Monday morning to establish an automobile record between Cleveland and New York, arrived in front of the Astor House at 5:45 o'clock this afternoon. The record made was 707.4 miles in 40 hours and 4 minutes of actual running, an average of 17.6 miles an hour.

### SEVENTEEN FACE FLAG

### THE HORSES THAT WILL RUN IN BROOKLYN TO-DAY.

Opening of Jockey Club's Spring Meeting

Figliani the Favorite. The Track Fast and Horses Well Match'd.

New York, May 26.—The Brooklyn Jockey Club's spring meeting will open tomorrow, and unless all signs fail, the attendance should be record-breaking. The track is as fast as at any time since it was built and the field in the Brooklyn handicap is well matched at the weight.

Seventeen horses are named to start, and from present appearances all but one will go to the post.

The following betting on the Brooklyn handicap was announced tonight: Filigrane, 3 to 1 and 6 to 5; George Keene, 5 to 1 and 2 to 1; Ben Holladay, 7 to 1 and 5 to 2; Don De Oro, 8 to 1 and 3 to 1; Banaster, 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; Previous, 12 to 1 and 5 to 1; Box, 12 to 1 and 5 to 1; Imp, 15 to 1 and 6 to 1; Jefferson, 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; Lanky Bob, 25 to 1 and 10 to 1; Thomas Cat, 50 to 1 and 20 to 1; Warren, 60 to 1 and 25 to 1; Fleur de Lis, 50 to 1 and 20 to 1; Pink Coat, 60 to 1 and 25 to 1; Aigol, 50 to 1 and 20 to 1; Bangle, 30 to 1 and 10 to 1; George Boyd, 100 to 1 and 40 to 1; Jeannot, 500 to 1 and 200 to 1.

Ben Holladay, Pink Coat and Fleur de Lis are the only ones on which no line can be got, but in spite of this, Ben Holladay is likely to be one of the best backed horses in the race.

It is more than likely that Filigrane will be the favorite on account of his easy victory in the Metropolitan handicap. Another popular favorite is Banaster, who broke records at Morris Park, and who has shown some fast time at a distance this week. Don De Oro, too, will surely carry a lot of public money. Jefferson's race on Thursday at Morris Park was the best kind of work for the Brooklyn, and he will take a good deal of betting according to the "rail birds." In fact, if search is made it will be found that any horse sent out as a likely starter has a host of friends, and not one will go unbacked.

### ROSA BONHEUR DEAD.

Fontainebleau, France, May 26.—Rosa Bonheur, the famous animal painter, died at 11 o'clock last night.

Energy sometimes brings success, but success always brings energy.

### FRESH GRAVES FILL THEIR CEMETERIES

Horror of the War as Told by Foreign Refugees.

### SHARP FIGHT YESTERDAY

FUNSTON AND THE DAKOTANS ROUT THE FILIPINOS.

### A LARGER ARMY ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY

Insurgents Reoccupy the Territory Americans had Swept and Harass the Scouting Parties. An Ambush Laid for Wagon Trains.

Manila, May 26.—11:20 a. m.—A scouting party of American troops encountered a body of insurgents at Santa Rita and the Americans being reinforced by Brigadier General Funston, with the South Dakota regiment, a warm fight ensued.

A lieutenant and five men of the American force were wounded and ten of the insurgents were killed and several captured.

General Hughes, who has been appointed to relieve Colonel Smith as Governor of the Visayan district, will be succeeded as provost marshal by Brigadier General Williston, who recently arrived here in command of the troops of the Sixth artillery.

### MORE MEN NEEDED.

Manila, May 26.—7:40 p. m.—The events of the past week have emphasized the need of a much larger army here, without which, according to the best authorities in Manila, it would be attempting the impossible to expect to establish American supremacy in the Philippine Islands. The inadequacy of the American forces is said to be responsible for the large total loss in the number of small encounters, without material results as a compensation. Most of the fighting has been in territory which the Americans had swept, but have been compelled to abandon because they could not spare troops to hold it.

The forces commanded by Generals MacArthur and Lawton hold two important lines of communication and commerce, the railroad to San Fernando and the Rio Grande river. But much of the country they have swept, including scores of the smaller towns and some of the larger ones have been left uncovered, simply for want of men to hold them, and the insurgents have returned and are occupying the towns the Americans abandoned, and are camping in the jungles and woods outside of others, on watch for chances to harass the garrisons and attack scouting parties or detached companies with greater forces. This is the kind of warfare they prefer to regular battles.

It appears that the Filipinos who attacked the Third regiment between San Miguel and Baling were part of General Pio del Pilar's army. They came from the south across the mountains, presumably to meet a wagon train which General Lawton expected along the road. They also planned to capture several large detachments and were placed in ambush at different points. They fired from the jungle, at a distance of 200 yards, and gave the Americans one of the hardest fights experienced in the campaign.

The Filipinos lost more heavily than the Americans in all the recent encounters. The insurgent generals take the loss of arms more to heart than they do the loss of men.

### TO WELCOME THE MERCEDES.

Norfolk, Va., May 26.—The Board of Health, other city officials, the quarantine officer of the port and his assistants and many prominent citizens, held a conference to-day and reached a satisfactory understanding with reference to the coming of the Reina Mercedes to the Norfolk Navy Yard. All opposition has disappeared and a fleet, with officials and citizens of Norfolk and Portsmouth will go to Hampton Roads in the morning to escort the cruiser to the yard.

### CHARGED WITH SEDITION.

Wardner, Idaho, May 26.—All saloons in Mullan, Gem and Barke have been closed, the publication of the Mullan Mirror stopped and its editor, W. H. Stewart, arrested on the charge of publishing seditious matter. There are now 325 men under arrest accused of rioting.

### BIDS FOR REPAIR SHOP.

Washington, May 26.—The Navy Department today asked for bids for the repair shop for steam engineering at the United States Naval Station at Port Royal, S. C. The building is to be 250 feet long, with boiler room 50 feet long, and an administration building 47 by 38 feet.

### WHEN DEWEY WILL COME.

Announces That He Will Arrive on October 1st.

Washington, May 26.—Admiral Dewey telegraphs the Navy Department that he will stop at various places on his way to the United States and will reach New York about October 1st.

Admiral Dewey's dispatch did not enumerate the points where the Olympia will touch en route to New York. It may be that an effort will be made to ascertain these for the benefit of the officials of some of the towns, especially along the Mediterranean, who may desire to take official notice of the visit to their ports of the distinguished naval officer and his famous flagship.

Some of Dewey's friends in the Navy Department suspect that the Admiral is purposely evading a statement of his itinerary, desiring to avoid, as far as possible all demonstrations.

His friends here intimate that, having been obliged by his health to decline to attend the dinner at Hong Kong in honor of the Queen's birthday, a very unusual declaration, Admiral Dewey will find it impossible to depart from the rule he there established and attend any banquets or popular demonstrations in this country.

### RATES TO SOUTHERN PORTS.

Washington, May 26.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission will give hearings on the question of rates upon export and domestic traffic in grain and grain products in Chicago on June 12th, and in St. Louis on June 15th. It is proposed to secure evidence showing all important changes which have taken place in rates to the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico ports of shipments of grain and grain products, and the reasons why such changes were made.

### PARIS STILL STICKS.

Coverack, May 26.—A supreme effort was made today to float the American liner Paris, which is on the rocks off Lowlands Point.

The attempt resulted in another failure. The Paris is in the same position which is now regarded as very critical.

Coverack, May 26.—12 Midnight.—The wind has veered to the eastward tonight. There is a heavy sea and the Paris is rolling heavily.

### MOURNING FOR CASTELAR.

Madrid, May 26.—The Democratic papers appear today in mourning, on account of the death, of Senor Don Emilio Castelar, who passed away yesterday at Murcia. The body will lie in state during Sunday and the funeral will take place on Monday.

### NEWSPAPERS JUBILATE.

Berlin, May 26.—The newspapers here are jubilating over what they term Admiral Kautz's "recall."

### CIVIL SERVICE JUGGLERS

### CABINET APPROVES THE FINAL ORDER SOON TO BE MADE.

### Cuban Franking Privileges Abused. A Special Agent to Visit Lake City and Examine the Situation.

Washington, May 26.—At the Cabinet meeting today final changes in the civil service order were approved and the order will be ready for the President's signature as soon as the changes are incorporated in the final draft of the act. All the members of the Cabinet expressed themselves as satisfied with it. It is said the order will exempt about 4,000 of the 65,000 positions in the classified service. The question of Cuban shipping was again brought up by Secretary Gage, who also furnished some data showing that the amount of shipping tied up because it has no flag to sail under has been greatly exaggerated. The question, with the data, furnished by the Treasury Department, was turned over to Attorney General and Secretary Hay for examination and report.

Postmaster General Smith brought up the question of the franking privilege in Cuba and Porto Rico. The Postmaster General read a letter from Major Rathbone, who is at the head of the postal affairs in Cuba, saying that the number of persons exercising this privilege now was excessive and the question arose as to whether it would not be wise to cut the privilege of altogether. No decision was reached.

The Postmaster General has decided to send a special agent to Lake City, S. C., for the purpose of examining the situation there with a view to determining whether or not a post office shall be re-established there.

### SCHOONER HILDA DISABLED.

Savannah, Ga., May 26.—The schooner Hilda, hence for Baltimore, May 23d, was towed into Tybee Island this evening in distress.

She sprung a leak one day out and was forced to put back, with five feet of water in her hold. She is lumberladen.

### PLOW PLANT BURNED.

Richmond, Va., May 26.—The plant of the Watt Plow Company on lower Franklin street, was partly destroyed by fire tonight, several departments being consumed. The main building was but slightly damaged and the stock escaped injury. The loss of \$12,000 is fully covered by insurance.

### PEACE CONFERENCE FOR ARBITRATION

Sir Julian Pauncefote Sprang the Question.

### IT WAS SQUARELY MET

COMMITTEES TO CONSIDER VARIOUS MATTERS APPOINTED.

### TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO POW. R3

Outcome of the Conference Will be Much What Andrew D. White, Minister to Germany, Forecasted Some Weeks Ago.

The Hague, May 26.—It can now be stated with some degree of confidence that the delegates to the Peace Conference are gradually arriving at the belief that its outcome will be very much what Andrew D. White, United States Ambassador at Berlin, and head of the American delegation here, forecasted to the correspondent of the Associated Press in the interview cabled to the United States last Monday.

So far as armaments are concerned the utmost that is expected to accomplish is some slight recommendations to the governments participating.

The various committees have now settled to work and the delegates have begun a formal exchange of views.

The Arbitration Committee met this afternoon, under the presidency of the chief of the French delegation, Leon Bourgeois, who was flanked by the honorary presidents of the committee, Sir Julian Pauncefote, chief of the British delegation, and Count Nigra, chief of the Italian delegation. M. Bourgeois presented the questions of mediation and arbitration, and suggested a program the committee might follow, urging recourse to all pacific means to settle international questions before a recourse to war.

Sir Julian Pauncefote proposed that the committee should immediately proceed, before all else, to consider the question of a permanent tribunal of arbitration. He did not, however, submit any plan, and eventually withdrew his motion, in view of the suggestions offered by Count Nigra and others, who urged the wisdom of the President in which the question of a permanent tribunal follows the general subject of arbitration.

M. Bourgeois observed that the committee, by not opposing it, gave adhesion to the principle favoring a peaceful solution of international questions before a recourse to arms.

Recognizing that the committee was too large to consider the Russian proposals, M. Bourgeois appointed the following sub-committee:

Chevalier Descamps, David, of the Belgium delegation; Professor Asser, Privy Councillor of the Netherlands delegation; Baron Estournelles de Constant, of the French delegation; Frederick Holls, Secretary of the United States delegation; M. Lammasch, of the Austro-Hungarian delegation; Professor Maartens, of the Russian delegation; M. E. Odier, of the Swiss delegation, and Dr. Zorn, of the University of Konigsberg, representing the German delegation.

Sir Julian Pauncefote and Count Nigra were appointed honorary presidents of the sub-committee and M. Bourgeois and D. DeStael was empowered to attend its meetings.

Great importance is attached to the meetings held today and to the unanimous acceptance of the general principle of arbitration and mediation.

### SIR JULIAN'S STROKE.

London, May 27.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at The Hague says:

"Peace prospects touched high water mark today when the conference found itself face to face with arbitration in a practicable and acceptable form, and as a permanent international achievement. This honor is mainly due to Sir Julian Pauncefote. When the members of the Arbitration section had finished reading the Russian proposals on this subject, Sir Julian expressed his complete approval of them, but said it would be a great pity if the conference failed to embody the principle of arbitration in some permanent shape.

"I now beg to propose," he said, "the formal establishment of a permanent arbitration tribunal, empowered to deal with all matters in dispute capable of reference to the judgment of an umpire. I do not intend to trouble you with details as to its mechanism today, nor until you accept the principle of my proposal. Therefore I ask you to accept the principle now."

"M. DeStael at once declared: 'Sir Julian Pauncefote having presented his proposal, we are prepared to supplement and to complete the printed suggestions just distributed by others, dealing with a permanent arbitration board.'

"Thereupon the Russian President of the Conference drew a paper from his pocket and laid it upon the table then and there. The paper contained the foundation of a permanent tribunal, suggesting the substitution of a new clause and referring to an appendix not yet drawn up. The amazed delegates crowded around Sir Jul-

ian, congratulating him upon having played the card, which had so quickly capitulated the Russian alternative. Some stood aghast, as if matter was not contemplated, and finally it was decided to refer the matter to a sub-committee.

"The Americans, it is believed, are elaborating an organic statute for the erection of a permanent tribunal, which will probably be laid before the conference and be supported by the British delegates when the principle embodied in Sir Julian's resolution is accepted."

### FOUND IN A BOTTLE.

The Record of How a Ship and Her Crew Perished.

Cape Henry, Va., May 26.—A. L. Doshier, weather bureau observer, Hatteras, N. C., reports that a bottle was picked up on the beach to-day near the Chicomineco Life Saving Station, thirty miles north of Hatteras, in which was found the following letter:

"Stormy all day, both masts gone. Very little hope, going to pieces rapidly; almost gone. No hope, good-bye. Ship Vixen, crew eight men, Captain Carter."

The letter contained no date, no latitude or longitude, and nothing to indicate where the bottle was thrown overboard. It appeared to have been in the water a long time.

### YACHT RACE RESULTS.

Savannah, Ga., May 26.—In the annual regatta of the Savannah Yacht Club today over a 21-knot course, the results were as follows:

First class—Cora won, Leader second. The new Yacht Dragon was disqualified on account of a foul, though she beat the fleet over the course by 20 minutes.

Second class—Catherine won; Shamrock second.

Third class—Lilee won; Undine second.

### MORE TROOPS FOR PHILIPPINES

Washington, May 26.—The Secretary of War has ordered 2,000 recruits now at San Francisco for regular regiments in the Philippines to sail on the transport Sheridan June 7th for Manila. This ship will be utilized to bring home volunteers now in the Philippines.

### UNDERWRITERS ADJOURN.

Southeastern Tariff Association Committees Appointed.

Norfolk, Va., May 26.—The Southeastern Tariff Association, which has been in session at Old Point for three days past, has adjourned sine die.

The election of the new executive committee resulted as follows:

J. S. Raines, W. L. Reynolds, W. A. Witherspoon, G. J. Dexter, T. C. Colkins, Milton Dorgan, John C. Ruer and J. S. Middleton.

Associate executive committee: J. W. Colkrane, A. M. Travers, F. O. Hawkins, Charles Phillips, E. N. Nelson and J. S. Thomas.

To this committee will be left the fixing of both the place and time of the next annual meeting.

### BRYAN ON ISSUES OF 1900

### TRUSTS WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT.

### Chicago Platform to be Reaffirmed Entire and New Planks Added to Cover New Issues

St. Louis, Mo., May 26.—Colonel William Jennings Bryan to-day expressed himself as much pleased with the result of last night's banquet.

In a signed statement furnished to the Post-Dispatch, Colonel Bryan said: "The sentiment of the meeting was in line with the sentiment of the party generally. The Chicago platform will be reaffirmed, entire and new planks added to cover new questions. The trust issue will be one of the most important of the issues."

### WHITE CAPS ARRESTED.

Culmination of Labor Troubles at Griffin, Georgia.

Griffin, Ga., May 26.—Seven members of the "Laborers Union Band" of alleged white cappers were arrested at an early hour this morning as follows:

C. V. Barnett, Tom Reynolds, Jet Moore, William Thomas Lebrad, Paul Ellis, Carl Fry and Clifford Thomas. They have been lodged in jail.

This morning the doors of all the mills and factories and several stables and stores were found placarded with the following notice, written in a fairly good and bold hand:

"To the negro and to whom it may concern: The object of this is to put you on notice that after next Saturday night no negro will be allowed to ask for employment at either of the following named places, to wit: The two cotton mills, the oil mill, the machine shops, wood shops, wood yards or to do any carpenter work or any public or private delivery or to drive any public drags, delivery wagons or bread wagons in and around Griffin. We trust the managers and merchants will discharge the negroes promptly and fill their places with white labor which can easily be done and save us the trouble of going through the negro, for we will certainly do so with a deaf ear to his groans and petitions. This May 24th, 1899."

The city, county and State authorities are co-operating to the end of detecting and arresting the white cap "regulators."

The adding pig and the spelling bee are not in the same class.