

LEADS ALL NORTH CAROLINA DAILIES IN NEWS AND CIRCULATION.

MANY DEAD WERE LEFT IN ITS WAKE

Ponce Overwhelmed by the Waters of Rising Rivers.

TWO HUNDRED DROWNED

THE TOWN AND PORT ARE TOTALLY WRECKED.

ISLAND OF MONTERRAT DEVASTATED

Churches, Estates and Villages Destroyed and Nearly a Hundred Persons Killed. Terrible Distress Among Those Injured and Made Homeless.

THE DISASTER AT PONCE.

Ponce, Porto Rico, Aug. 10.—A hurricane struck here at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning and lasted until 3 p. m. The rivers overflowed, flooding the town. It is estimated that 200 persons were drowned. The town and port are total wrecks. It is believed the damage done will amount to over \$500,000. No news has been received from the interior since the storm broke.

STORM MOVING NORTHWARD.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 10.—Turks Island reports that the cyclone passed during the night, after doing trifling damage. The centre of the disturbance is apparently progressing northward towards the American coast.

MONTERRAT DEVASTATED.

St. Thomas, D. W. L., Aug. 10.—The island of Montserrat, B. W. L., was completely devastated by a hurricane Monday. All the churches, estates and villages were destroyed and nearly 100 persons were killed. In addition many were injured and rendered homeless, and terrible distress exists among the sufferers.

THE CYCLONE AT GUADALOUPE.

Paris, Aug. 10.—Advices from La Pointe-a-Pitre, Island of Guadaloupe, says the cyclone did enormous damage in the interior of that island, a number of coffee and cocoa estates being devastated. Le Mourle, a suburb, was half destroyed. There were a number of fatalities.

St. Jean advices say the cyclone caused great destruction in Porto Rico, whence it passed northward to Dominica and thence to Cape Haytien and the eastern end of Cuba.

THE WORST CONFIRMED.

London, Aug. 10.—The Governor of the Leeward Islands, Sir Francis Fleming, confirms the dispatch from St. Thomas, D. W. L., to the Associated Press announcing the devastation caused by the hurricane at the Island of Montserrat, says 74 deaths are already known, he adds that 21 persons were killed at the Island of Nevis. The hurricane was not so severe at Antigua. One death is reported there, but many persons have been rendered homeless. The other presidencies of the Leeward Islands have not reported the damage done.

FURTHER RUIN WROUGHT.

Fort de France, Island of Martinique, Aug. 10.—The authorities of the Island of Guadaloupe are still without news from the interior owing to the interruption of telegraph communication as a result of the recent hurricane. But other advices which have reached La Pointe-a-Pitre say the coffee and cocoa crops have been nearly totally destroyed. At La Pointe-a-Pitre seven persons were injured and at Mould the damage done was considerable and several persons were killed and wounded. At Petit Canal and Port Louis several persons were killed and a number injured. The villages of Grippen and Lamentin have been entirely destroyed and the light-houses of Monroux and Ponceilove have been overturned.

The town of St. Louis de Marie Galante has suffered considerably. Governor Morachini arrived at Pointe-a-Pitre this morning on the French cruiser Cecille and soon afterwards left for Saintes. News which has reached the Associated Press correspondent here from the British Antilles says the Island of Dominica has not suffered much from the hurricane, that St. Thomas and St. Croix suffered slightly; that Antigua was seriously hit, and that at St. Kitts 200 houses were destroyed. The hurricane passed over Porto Plata and appears to have ravaged the north of the Dominican Republic. All communication between Porto Plata and the interior, not including Santo Domingo is interrupted, and it is impossible to obtain a correct account of the damage done, although it is thought to be important. The railroad from Porto Plata to San Domingo is no longer working.

Eventually the hurricane swept over Cape Haytien, with less violence and correspondingly light damage.

APPEAL FOR THE DESTITUTE.

Washington, August 10.—The Secretary of War today received the following report from General Davis, commanding at Porto Rico, on the cyclone of last Tuesday: "San Juan, Porto Rico, Aug. 9. "Hurricane of extreme violence passed over Porto Rico yesterday. The

principal military loss at San Juan was one temporary company barracks wholly destroyed; some quartermaster property damaged. No personal injuries yet reported, but all wires are down. No injury to shipping here save two small local schooners sunk, two sailors drowned. San Juan lights temporarily disabled. Cable reports from Ponce say all shipping is ashore. Custom house sheds badly damaged and goods stored therein. Messengers from two interior posts tell of barracks unroofed and personal and public property damaged. The losses by the inhabitants are very great, and extreme suffering must result. The last hurricane as severe as this was in 1876, when, owing to loss of houses, fruit and provisions there was a famine. I would suggest public notice in the United States to the effect that contributions of food, clothing and money for the destitute would be received with the greatest gratitude and will be applied strictly to relief of destitute. Have appointed a board to supervise destitution. There are many thousands of families who are entirely homeless, and very great distress must follow.

(Signed) "DAVIS, "Commanding." DOMINICA IS DAMAGED. Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 10.—Hurricane bulletins report that the eastern and northern districts of Dominica are damaged, that Guadaloupe has suffered slightly and that Montserrat and Antigua have suffered severely. Many of the inhabitants are homeless, cultivation is destroyed and the plantations are wrecked. The Virgin Islands, particularly Tortola and St. Croix, were the worst sufferers. They report many fatalities and distress among the survivors, beside property losses.

THE PENSION REPORT.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The report of Commissioner of Pensions Evans for the fiscal year ended June 30th last, shows a total disbursement of \$128,253,922, leaving a balance of \$1,857,188 in the treasury out of the \$140,000,000 appropriated. The total number of pensioners on the roll June 30th was 991,519, a decrease of 2,195. There were 40,591 names added to the roll and 43,183 dropped. The report shows the pension roll is decreasing. Of those dropped 34,345 were because of death and 8,841 because of re-marriage, minors attaining their majority, failure to claim pension and other causes. The war with Spain brought a total of 16,986 claims, of which number but 295 have been allowed.

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DEATH IN THE MILL POND

FOURTEEN YEAR OLD BOY DROWNED NEAR LENOIR WEDNESDAY.

His Companions Did not See Him Go Down, Only Missing Him When Dressing.

The Body Recovered.

Lenoir, N. C., Aug. 10.—(Special)—While in bathing in Wilson's Mill pond at 7 p. m. yesterday George Martin, aged fourteen years, son of Edmund Martin, was drowned. The boys with him did not see him go down and only missed him while dressing. His body was recovered in 16 feet water about midnight, and brought home.

A SOUL STIRRING RACE.

Won by the Old Defender if Time Allowance Was Given.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Aug. 10.—The old Defender practically won a race against Columbia today if time allowance was given, in the dirtiest sort of weather for a yacht club cruise. But the victory, it must be admitted, was more than well-earned, and the yachtsmen of the New York Club and their guests never saw before, and may not see again for years, such a sailing event. The margin between the famous sloops was 14 seconds over a minute in the thirty-seven miles run from Brenton's Reef Lightship off Newport, to the West Chop Buoy in Vineyard Sound, with a change in course at Vineyard Sound Lightship, 17 1/2 miles from the start. The race between Columbia and Defender was fairly soul-tiring.

After both got away over the starting line it was nip and tuck with eased sheets, for almost an hour, Defender just a hair's breadth, comparatively speaking, in the lead, with Columbia ahead. Even after Columbia made a gain so that Defender could cross under her stern, Columbia did not waver away, as the heavy breeze gave the latter down and made her lose distance on repeated luffs.

Today's race and the performance of Columbia was satisfactory on the score of heavy weather. She took all that came and while eased up several times that was no evidence that she would have had too much of a good thing if stake were pending on the outcome of the race.

TRANSPORTS MUST BE HELD.

British Admiralty Prepares for the Immediate Despatch of Troops.

London, Aug. 10.—The St. James Gazette this afternoon says all the shipping companies under charter to the British Admiralty for transport purposes have been notified to hold all their transports in reserve, for the immediate despatch of troops. The steamer Dumea has been ordered to be in readiness Saturday to ship a detachment of horse artillery to South Africa.

HIS SOMERSAULTS HAVE NOT INSPIRED

Confidence in the Duke's Political Integrity.

HOT SWATS EXCHANGED

IN THE CRAWFORD-PEARSON CONTEST FROM THE NINTH.

PAPERS IN THE CASE HAVE BEEN FILED

The Ex Congressman Charges Everything Except Murder in the First Degree by Way of Explaining his Salt River Trip.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The effort of Lachmond Pearson, of the Asheville Congressional District in North Carolina, to unseat Wm. T. Crawford, who holds the certificate of election has resulted in some very plain talk between these two gentlemen. Mr. Pearson charges that Crawford secured the election through "intimidation, violence, bloodshed, debauchery, corruption of voters, stuffing the ballot boxes," and all other kinds of robbery, while Mr. Crawford retorts that Mr. Pearson's political somersaults have never inspired the people of the district with confidence in his political integrity. "Much more word-slipping to the same effect is found in the printed copy of the testimony in the case which has just been issued.

ALL GOES WELL, SAYS GOMEZ.

All Cubans are Rapidly Uniting and Think Only of Absolute Independence.

Havana, Aug. 10.—In an open letter published today by La Lucha, General Maximo Gomez says he has remained in Cuba to fulfill a great duty. Now that exaggerated and mistaken notions are current regarding the state of Cuba, he desires to explain the true situation. "It is absolutely false," he says, "that great differences exist between the Cubans and Spaniards, or between the Cubans and Americans, or among the Cubans themselves. On the contrary all is going well. An old institution, the Cuban army, is being dissolved; the people think only of absolute independence; a national party, which opens its arms to receive all without asking questions as to where they were during the war, is being formed. More could not have been done in so short a time. "As for the suggestion that the intervening power contemplates robbing the Cubans of their own, I do not believe it. Such a rumor is a calumny against an honorable people. The Cuban, left poor by the war, should dream only of work. Let us allow by-gones to be by-gones. Let us see a brother in every man in Cuba."

CROSSING THE OCEAN ALONE.

The Daring Feat of Howard Blackburn, of Massachusetts.

Queenstown, Aug. 10.—The British ship Nelson, Captain Perrian, which sailed from Lymington, N. Z., May 5th, for London and which has arrived at this port, reports that she passed July 3rd, in latitude 48 in., long. 21 w., a three-ton cutter, containing one man, steering on the direction of Ireland. The occupant of the boat made no reply to the Nelson's signals. The little craft was proceeding rapidly in smooth water. Her name, apparently, was "Great Western," or "Great Eastern."

Howard Blackburn, of Gloucester, Mass., set sail alone on the afternoon of June 18th last in a little sloop-rigged, four-ton boat, the Great Western, on a trip across the Atlantic, from Gloucester, Mass., to Gloucester, England.

EASTERN LEAGUE RESULTS.

Hartford, Conn., August 10.—The Hartford-Worcester game postponed on account of rain. Providence, R. I., August 10.—No game on account of rain.

At Syracuse: Syracuse2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 7 0 Toronto0 0 0 0 0 2 1 3 0 6 1 0 At Montreal: Montreal1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 7 0 Rochester0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 6 4 Batteries: Murphy and Jacklitz; Morse and Snink.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Dr. Walter Manning Barrows, of Connecticut, who married Perry Belmont and Mrs. Sloane is dead. Dr. Josiah Strong says he was of an extremely sensitive temperament and that the harsh criticisms of his performance at that ceremony preyed upon his mind, robbing him of sleep, sapping his vitality and thus hastening his death.

Bishop Jacobsen of the Belleville (Ill.) Roman Catholic Diocese will accord the rebellious parishioners of St. Patrick's church in East St. Louis no further recognition until they come in repentance and seek absolution. The Bishop will at once look about for a suitable site for a new church.

TERRIFIC STORMS PREVAIL.

Santiago de Chili, Aug. 10.—Via Galveston, Texas, Aug. 10.—Tremendous storms prevail throughout the country.

THE CAROLINA NORTHERN.

(Lumberton Robesonian.) Eight car loads of steel rails for the Carolina Northern Railroad—the first consignment of a 700-ton lot that is to be shipped at once—arrived Friday. Five car loads more will be here today or tomorrow and the rest is to follow rapidly. The rail is all steel weighing 90 pounds to the yard, and is as good in every respect as is used on any road.

MAYOR REFUSES TO RESIGN.

His Physician Says he is in no Condition to Cope With His Troubles. Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 10.—Mayor Woodward whose resignation was asked for by the city council has declined to relinquish his office. Councilman Thomson called to see the Mayor yesterday at the request of a member of Mr. Woodward's family. He suggested that Mayor Woodward place his resignation in the hands of the city council to become effective when and only when the Mayor had taken another drink. Colonel Thomson told the Mayor the council would probably overlook all that and occurred if he would adopt this suggestion.

After thinking the matter over all night and after hearing from a council committee this morning, Mayor Woodward refused to make a conditional resignation. The city council met this evening. After a long and exciting wrangle, in which Dr. Roy, who is a councilman from the sixth ward, and who is also Mayor Woodward's family physician, stated that the Mayor was in no condition mentally to cope with his present troubles, the council decided that a committee of five should investigate the conduct of the Mayor and any other city officials against whom charges are made.

This committee under the terms of its creation, cannot begin work before next Monday.

A REPORTER'S COPYRIGHT.

London, August 10.—The Honorable Sir Ford North, Judge of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, rendered an important decision today. He granted the London Times an injunction restraining a publisher named Lane from reprinting speeches of Lord Rosebery, admittedly taken from the Times. The Judge held that the reporter had a copyright in his report and that this copyright had been acquired by the Times.

RALEIGH FIREMEN WIN

THEY TOOK THE REEL RACE WITH GREAT EASE.

But in the Grab Race There Was a Tie for First Place Between the Raleigh and Wilson Teams.

Washington, N. C., August 10.—(Special)—Raleigh firemen came out today with flying colors. They won the reel race easily. Time, 26 seconds; Wilson, 39; Henderson, 48.

In the grab race Raleigh tied Wilson for first place. Time 22 1/2 seconds; Henderson, 26.

MILES CONFERS WITH ROOT.

The Latter Silent As to Change of Commanders in Philippines.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Major General Miles had a conference of more than half an hour with the Secretary of War today. Secretary Root said that the conference was devoted to military matters, but would not speak definitely as to their character. When it was suggested that there were rumors that he was consulting General Miles with reference to a change of commanders in the Philippine Islands, he said he had nothing to say on that subject.

JAPAN'S TOBACCO BUYERS.

Government Monopoly Won't Effect Trade With This Country.

Washington, August 10.—Minister Buck has reported to the State Department that the Japanese Government has concluded arrangements for the purchase of tobacco through agents, and will obtain supplies generally from the United States. The result follows inquiries set on foot after conferences between Secretary Hay and some members of the Virginia delegation in Congress, including Senator Martin and Representative Swanson. The latter were desirous of having the tobacco interests protected against any discrimination which might follow the organization of a Government monopoly of the tobacco business. Japan has recently established this monopoly as a means of increasing her revenues, and the American tobacco interests have feared this might cut off the trade they have heretofore enjoyed with that country. Minister Buck's report seems to assure the continuance of the trade, as the Government agents will purchase supplies as heretofore in this country.

CUBAN CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

Havana, Aug. 10.—The financial statement for the island covering the first six months of the year, show customs receipts to the amount of almost \$7,000,000 and expenses to the amount of \$5,000,000, leaving a good working balance of more than \$2,000,000. La Lucha, commenting upon this, expressed the hope that the customs and posts will be retained by the Americans in any event.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the temperature in Havana was 86 degrees.

GOLD'S GLITTER LURED TO DEATH

Klondike Pilgrims Grow Gray With Suffering.

MANY LOST IN SNOWS

PHYSICAL WRECKS SCATTERED ALONG EDMONTON TRAIL.

SOME ARE DYING OF HUNGER AND SCURVY

Men Arriving on the Strathcona Denounce the Who Advertised the Edmonton Trail as a Feasible Route to the Gold Fields.

Wrangel, Alaska, Aug. 6.—Via Seattle, Washington, Aug. 10.—The Stiekken River steamer Strathcona, arrived here today with thirty survivors of the Edmonton Trail. They are Western men, except about ten. All these came in with the pack train sent out from Telegraph Creek and Laketon by the various trading companies last spring. The unfortunates tell heartrending stories of hardships endured and comrades lost and abandoned, and strongly denounce the trading and transportation companies as well as the Canadian officials and newspapers that so profusely advertised this route as a feasible one to the Klondike gold fields.

To outward appearances these men certainly give evidence of the awful suffering undergone since leaving Edmonton eighteen months ago. Most of them are sickly looking, with unkempt beards and greasy clothes—pictures of physical and financial wrecks. Several have grown gray, and the marks of scurvy. A few have just enough money to reach Seattle or Victoria, but the majority are without funds.

The citizens of Wrangel have applied to the United States Government at Washington, but up to this time no aid had been received. It is admitted that there are more than 100 men scattered along the trail between Laird Post and the Pelly Banks, and relief parties have been sent out by the Hudson Bay Company. The last reports brought Laird Post were that many were dying of scurvy and hunger. It is estimated that there are thirty or forty sufferers at Telegraph Creek awaiting the next trip of the boat. The sick that had to be carried on stretchers had not yet reached Glenora when the Strathcona sailed.

Several starvation cases are reported. About twenty miles above Devil's Portage, two unknown men were found frozen to death last winter. A man named Johnson, from New York, was found dead in a tent near this source of the Mud River last fall.

DEWEY GUEST OF STOLL.

Naples, Aug. 10.—On his arrival from Sorrento, Admiral Dewey will be the guest of Albert Stoll.

A PUBLIC SESSION SATURDAY.

The Examination of the Secret Dossier Will End Today. Rennes, France, August 10.—The members of the Dreyfus court martial today took testimony of MM. Chamoin and Paleologue. The former was examined from 6:30 to 9:30 and the latter was on the stand from 9:30 to 11:45 a. m., when the court adjourned until tomorrow, when it will conclude the examination of the secret dossier.

Colonel Jouaust, president of the court martial, on leaving the court today, said a public session would take place Saturday.

The police adopted the same methods of precaution as yesterday, and there was only the smallest gathering of spectators. Captain Dreyfus was allowed to walk to and from the Lycee without his usual escort of four or six gendarmes. Only a captain of gendarmes was with him and this officer walked a few steps behind the prisoner.

STRAIN TELLS ON DREYFUS.

Rennes, France, Aug. 10.—Maitre Demange, the principal counsel of Captain Dreyfus, in an interview today with a representative of the Associated Press, after today's session, expressed himself as very well contented with the way in which matters are proceeding, and judging from his manner, one may say that the defenders of the accused have not yet met anything very surprising or alarming in the secret dossier.

Naturally M. Demange declined to give any particulars respecting the contents of the dossier, but he declared that he and his colleague, M. Labori, were satisfied of the conscientious desire of the members of the court to thresh the whole matter out and to have full light turned upon the accusations against their client.

This will take some time, and the end of the month will be reached before judgment can be given. Meanwhile the strain is telling on Dreyfus, who is showing physical distress.

RAMATCO SCENES EXPECTED.

Rennes, France, Aug. 10.—Saturday's public session will be a veritable field day, probably the most exciting day of the whole trial, as General Mercier and Casimir-Perier have been cited to give their testimony then.

The first witness will be Lieutenant Colonel De La Roche Verriot, French Military Attache in Berlin at the time of the arrest of Dreyfus. His evidence, it

will be soon disposed of, and General Mercier will be called. A scene is anticipated by the press, who rely upon him to unshell and confound the accusers for all. His words "I have complete proofs of the guilt of Dreyfus" are remembered, and both sides are waiting for him to prove his statement. The Dreyfusites believe that his testimony will be torn to pieces by M. Labori and Demange and that he will leave the court utterly discredited. Captain Dreyfus will have the right to question him and it is expected that the latter's cross examination of Mercier will prove the climax of the whole proceedings.

Former President Casimir-Perier will follow, if possible, the same day, but it is doubtful whether his examination will be concluded before court adjourns until Monday.

HENRY'S TRAITOROUS WORK.

London, Aug. 11.—The Times says: "We are in a position to state that, in addition to communications of slight value enumerated in the bordereau, more than one hundred and sixty documents of considerable importance were furnished to the German Attache in Paris, Colonel Schwarzkoppen, at various times by Esterhazy, acting as intermediary and accomplice of the late Lieutenant Henry."

"One of these documents contained detailed information relative to the general plan of mobilization for the French army. The proceeds of this traffic were divided between Esterhazy and Henry. A Parisian diplomatic circles the latter was known to be the real traitor for several months before his arrest and suicide, and, beside the power most directly concerned, namely, Germany, more than one European Government received information to this effect early in 1898."

ORDER TO RUSH SUPPLIES.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 10.—Captain McCarthy, quartermaster at Chickamauga Park, received orders to rush ten cartloads of Government supplies to Manila. Harness, tools and tentage will be sent. They will go in a special train.

PRESIDENT STAYS IN DOORS.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Aug. 10.—The weather was cold and rainy here today, and the President and Mrs. McKinley and the rest of the Presidential party have remained in their apartments all day. The President will probably review the Twenty-sixth regiment at Plattsburg barracks tomorrow if the weather is favorable.

THE END OF THE EPIDEMIC

NEWPORT NEWS RAISES THE QUARANTINE AGAINST HAMPTON.

Norfolk Will Raise Quarantine Against Newport News, Hampton and Old Point Saturday Afternoon.

Newport News, Va., Aug. 10.—The yellow fever epidemic is practically at an end. The quarantine established by this city against Hampton and vicinity was raised tonight, following a conference between the health boards of Newport News, Richmond, Norfolk and Hampton, with the State Board of Health and representatives of the Marine Hospital service. The local quarantine against Norfolk remains in force, but will be raised Saturday evening.

The record of the scourge to this date shows a total of 43 cases, of which eleven resulted fatally. Twelve cases were discharged as cured and twenty convalescents remain in hospital at the Soldiers' Home. An interesting episode of the dread malady was the uprising of the business men of the city against Norfolk, because of the quarantine of that city against Newport News, which was regarded as premature and unnecessary. The action of the Norfolk Health authorities was denounced at a public meeting and the majority of the business men pledged themselves to transfer their patronage to Richmond providing the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway would grant satisfactory rates.

NORFOLK RAISES QUARANTINE.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 10.—Norfolk will raise the quarantine against Newport News, Hampton and Old Point Saturday afternoon at six o'clock, and Newport News has been accorded the privilege of doing so earlier if such action is desired.

The conference at Newport News today between the health authorities and transportation men of Norfolk, Portsmouth and that town reached this determination. The quarantine against Phoebus and the Soldiers' Home will be maintained perhaps ten days longer.

SURGEON VICKERY'S REPORT.

Washington, August 10.—Surgeon Vickers at the Soldiers' Home at Hampton, Va., today reports to the Surgeon General that "all is going well and there are no new cases." He says there have been two deaths, but not from the fever.

TO BREAK UP THIEVES' ASYLUM

A General Policy of Extradition Determined On. Washington, Aug. 10.—The State Department has determined upon a general policy of extradition between this country and Cuba, Hayti, and other territory wholly or in part under the direction of the United States. A number of cases have lately arisen in which fugitives from justice have claimed immunity by going to Cuba or our insular possessions, on the theory that our relations with these places were in such transitory condition that the usual processes of extradition would not apply.