

THE death of General Joseph Wheeler removes one of the most distinguished survivors of the War between the States. He died on last Thursday at the residence of his sister in the city of New York after six days' sickness from pneumonia, aged sixty-nine years.

He was one of the most famous cavalry commanders this country has ever produced and attained the high rank of Lieutenant-General in the Confederate army. Not only was he so distinguished as a cavalry commander, but he was a prominent member of Congress for twenty years, and during our skirmish with Spain (for it could not be called a war) he was a Major-General in the United States army and commanded as many men in blue as he ever commanded in gray. It was chiefly through his efforts that Gen. Shafter did not withdraw from the attack on Santiago. It seemed strange that the officer who contributed so much to our victory at Santiago was the same who so often defeated the United States troops.

There are now only three surviving Lieutenant-Generals of the Confederate army. Stephen D. Lee, A. P. Stewart and Simon Bolivar Buckner, all of whom were in the western army. The name of "Wheeler's cavalry" became quite notorious in this section toward the close of the war, because of the horses stolen and other outrages committed by stragglers and marauders who claimed that they belonged to Wheeler's cavalry. In a conversation with Gen. Wheeler at the New Orleans Reunion in 1903 about these marauders he told this writer that those men did not belong to his command.

He was buried at Arlington cemetery with every mark of respect and with impressive ceremonies. In the long funeral procession were many Confederate veterans, some of them having belonged to his famous cavalry, who had come from their distant homes to pay their last tribute of respect to their old commander.

An incident occurred last week that strikingly illustrates the reconciliation between the North and the South, and how completely obliterated are the bitter feelings that were engendered by our unfortunate war.

At the annual banquet given on Wednesday night of last week by the Confederate Veterans Camp in New York City the chief guest was Gen. Fred Grant, a son of Gen. U. S. Grant. Not only was he an honored guest at that Confederate banquet, but, on his motion, a resolution was adopted that steps be taken to make the one hundredth anniversary of Lee's birth (January 19, 1907) a national day of memorial. This act was eminently right and proper, for all Americans (whether living in the South or in the North) should be proud of such an American as Gen. Lee and be glad to honor his memory in every way possible.

THE Naval authorities seem at last determined to break up brutal hazing at the Naval Academy. Several midshipmen have been tried recently and dismissed from the academy, among them being young Stephen Decatur. It seems such a pity that a youth bearing a name so highly honored should be dismissed in disgrace from the Navy, which had been so glorified with the brilliant exploits of the first Stephen Decatur.

While we cannot help feeling some sympathy for the dismissed midshipmen (who had only done what many others had done with impunity) yet the brutal hazing, of which they were guilty, ought to be stopped.

A bill has been introduced in Congress by Representative Flood, of Virginia, for the purchase of the scene of Lee's surrender and adjacent land at Appomattox, and for the erection thereon of tablets in commemoration of the great events that occurred there on the 9th of April, 1865. It is surprising that such a bill was not introduced and passed many years ago, just as was passed for establishing the military parks at Gettysburg, Shiloh and Chickamauga.

THE House of Representatives has passed the "Statehood" bill, which is for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state and of Arizona and New Mexico as another state. It is not certain, but it is probable, that the Senate will pass this bill. Nearly fifty Republicans voted with the Democrats against this bill. The Republican majority voted for the bill, because if Arizona and New Mexico are admitted as separate states, they might elect four Democratic Senators.

It is very unjust to the people of both Arizona and New Mexico that they should be forced to become one state. The people of each state oppose the consolidation, and it is like making a couple marry against their consent.

Arizona has an area of 113,000 square miles, and New Mexico 122,580, making the combined area of both five times the size of North Carolina. Each of the two territories has a much larger population than many states had when they were admitted, and there is no just reason why each should not be admitted as a separate state.

Many Lost in Shipwreck. Seattle, Washington, Jan. 26.—The steamer City of Topeka, sent to the rescue of the persons on board the Valencia, which struck on a reef near Cape Beale and was pounded to pieces—more than six score of lives being lost—arrived in Seattle early this morning with twenty-three survivors aboard.

A majority of these remained on board the steamer until the offices of the Pacific Steamship Company were opened this morning. They were taken to a hotel and provided for. Not a man who was saved brought any of his personal effects off the wreck with the exception of the clothing he wore and what few articles were in his pockets.

The total number saved, according to the figures of the officials of the company, is forty, including three men found on Turret Island, and one man believed to be alive on the island, but who, it is expected, has been located by Indians. This includes three reported on the beach near Klane-wak. The tug Pioneer, returning from the wreck last night, reported nothing left of the hull of the Valencia. Sixty-one persons are believed to have been aboard the Valencia when she broke up. A list was completed today which does not include those who had been drowned before the wreck went down.

Dwelling Rent by Bomb. Worcester, Mass., Jan. 28.—A dynamite bomb hurled through a second-story window of the house of Paul Mosezkowski early this morning, exploded and tore away the rear part of the house, blowing out the floors and rear wall.

Twenty-two persons were asleep in the house. The wife of Daniel C. Boot, who was ill, was rendered insane by the explosion. She was taken to a hospital tonight. The cap of the bomb went through the wall of the house, 40 Richard street, and was found 150 feet away in a picture frame in the home of William J. Ryland. The force of the explosion shook that whole section of the city.

Miss Valeska Burkovic, aged 32, was asleep in the room adjoining where the explosion took place. She was buried under debris, but not seriously hurt. A second bomb, eight inches long and made of two and a half inch gas pipe, was found in the yard and is in possession of the chief of police. The police are looking for Frank Czybonowski and his wife, formerly part owners of the building, from possession of which they were evicted by mortgage proceedings.

High-Priced Sneeze. Chicago, Jan. 27.—Probably the highest priced sneeze on record has found its way into the Chicago courts. The effort is appraised at \$50,000 by the sneezer, G. L. Foley, who today brought suit for that amount against O. H. Davidson.

The point for the jury to determine is whether a sneeze is accidental or premeditated. Foley and Davidson are both wealthy. At their club Davidson borrowed a match from Foley to light his cigar. Foley had what is known as "a cold in his head," and just then emitted a sneeze that sprayed Davidson and extinguished the match. There was a reaction, and Foley was arrested on complaint of Davidson, and charged with disorderly conduct and attempted larceny. He has brought suit for damages.

Governor Glenn is very much in hopes that there may be a tri-state association formed composed of North and South Carolina and Virginia for securing for the sections interested desirable immigrants for agricultural and general labor purposes, the society to keep an agent in Europe and have some trans-Atlantic steamer to make special landing at Norfolk with the immigrants that are induced to come into either of the three States.

Washington Letter. (From our Bureau Correspondent.) Washington, Jan. 25, 1906.

The House Insurgents have gone down to defeat in the preliminary vote on the Statehood Bill. The vote as recorded is 165 to 195, a majority of thirty for the rule that will bring the statehood bill to a final vote this week. It is the history of every important measure in past congresses. As has been pointed out in these letters there is no such thing as a close vote in the House. If it is known in advance, as it is always known, that a measure is going to be defeated by one or two votes, then there is a rush for the band wagon and the measure passes by a respectable majority, no matter how many of the opposit'on have previously been pledged to vote against it.

That has been the case with the rule on the statehood bill, and there is little prospect that the bill itself will meet with any other fate. If it does, it will merely prove that the insurgents were wiser in party maneuvering than they have generally been given credit for being and that they concealed their real strength until the test came.

The motive of the movement for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico as one state is plain enough, but it may be worth while to point it out for the benefit of those who have had no personal interest in following the fight. It is known that in a national election both Arizona and New Mexico probably, almost certainly will go Democratic. If they are admitted to the Union as one state, they will have but two senators, thus swelling the Democratic faction of the Senate by just that much. But if the question is allowed to go over till there is a Democratic administration, then the two territories will undoubtedly be admitted as two states, and there will be four Democratic senators instead of two. Thus the statehood bill has been made a direct party measure. The mere fact that the people of Arizona do not want to be tied up in statehood with New Mexico is a side issue. The interest of the Republican party demand the admission of the two territories as one state and thus it is going to be. The President regrets keenly that he was enticed into the matter at all. Many months ago, he casually promised Senator Beveridge that he would recommend joint statehood in his message, and he did. But it was with some mental reservations, and those reservations have grown since he saw how strongly opposed the people of the two territories, especially Arizona, were to being tied up together. But the deed is done now. The admission of the two territories as one state is heralded as an administration measure and thus has secured it much of the prestige that it has not heretofore enjoyed.

As to Administration prestige and the desire that certain things should go a certain way, attention may be turned to the recent announcement of Mr. Jacob Ris that the President would stand for a third term. It is hard to conceive of a statement, coming as it did from a close friend of the President, that could have stirred up more speculation, bitterness and uncertainty. Roosevelt in all probability has personal popularity enough if he should run a third time to get elected, and it would show that his personality dominates the whole Republican party, many of whom are opposed to him. The President has however, laid the third term question off by referring all questioners to the statement that he gave out on the night of his election November, a year ago, to the effect that he would not run for a third term, that he considered the spirit of the unwritten law as more important than its text, and that as he had served two terms for all practical purposes, he would not run a second time even though he had been elected only once. The pro-Roosevelt people in Congress have been reading this statement up and down, cross ways and backwards, to find out if there is not a loophole in it that would allow the President to run again without offending the spirit if not the letter of his pledge. But the President has, unfortunately for them perhaps, a habit of writing very clear English about whose purport there can be small question. So his late pledge is likely to stand. At any rate all questioners at the White House are referred to that pledge when they spring the third term proposition on the President or on anyone in authority.

The arrival of the Imperial Chinese Commission in Washington this week was an event of more than ordinary importance. It indicates that China is working up to the desirability of adopting some of the phases of western civilization. The Commissioners are two of the most prominent men in Chinese national affairs and they have been shown everything of interest and importance in the way of material progress from San Francisco to New York.

Dr. W. W. Faison has been elected superintendent of the State Hospital for the colored insane, to succeed Dr. Miller who recently died. Dr. Faison had been the assistant superintendent for the past 23 years.

Head-On Collision. Peoria, Ill., Jan. 29.—In the head-on collision between a passenger and a freight train at Edlestein today, three men were killed, another fatally injured, an express car with all its contents burned and much damage done to railroad property.

Gov. Glenn has pardoned W. R. Murray upon his paying a fine of \$750 and the costs of his trial. He was convicted of killing his nephew and sentenced to jail in Durham for two years. He was pardoned because the doctors certified that longer confinement would kill him.

The President has granted a pardon to J. T. Corbett, of Selma, who was convicted of tampering with U. S. mails. He has been in prison for over three years and had two more years of his sentence to serve.

President of France. Under the constitution of 1875 the French President is chosen by the Senators and Deputies in joint session. This method of selection insures the choice of a man whom the legislators know, and whom they believe to be devoted to the principle of the supremacy of the legislature. They habitually select a man who has long been a member, and has perhaps served as president of one or the other of the chambers; who has been active in committee work, and has perhaps held a portfolio in one or more ministries; who is not strident or aggressive, and has not made too many personal enemies. This President, under the provisions of the constitution, may exercise certain enumerated powers only in the councils of ministers, and every act of his must be countersigned by a minister. The constitution also provides that "the ministers are collectively responsible to the chambers—for the general policy of the administration, and individually responsible for their own personal acts." The French constitution vests the appointment of the ministers in the President, and does not require that their appointment be confirmed by the legislature; but by the mode of his election and the nature of his position, the French President is obliged to take his ministers from the dominant party or coalition in the Chamber of Deputies, as the King of Great Britain takes his from the dominant party in the House of Commons. The list is actually drawn up by the party leaders, and the President appoints the men whose names are submitted to him. All the powers conferred upon him by the constitution are, in fact, exercised by the ministers. As the familiar French witticism puts it: "The King of Great Britain reigns, but does not govern; the President of the United States governs, but does not reign; the President of the French Republic neither reigns nor governs."—From "The French Presidency and the American," by Munroe Smith, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for February.

A Fireman Accidentally Killed. Correspondence of The Chatham Observer. Winston-Salem, Jan. 27.—Abel Crews, aged 18 years and son of Postmaster Shell Crews, of Denton, this county, was killed on the Shenandoah division of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, beyond Roanoke, Thursday night. His body was brought to the home of his parents last night and the interment took place today. He was a fireman on a freight train and while looking out of the window the train ran on a long trestle and Young Crews' head struck a beam with such force that he was jerked out of the cab window and sustained injuries which resulted in his death at 2 o'clock Friday morning. His skull was fractured and one arm was broken, besides serious bruises on the head and body.

Farmer Committed Suicide. Special to Industrial News. Burlington, N. C., Jan. 27.—Daniel Garrison, near Glencoe Mills in this county, committed suicide this morning. He came to the store at Glencoe and bought some cartridges for his pistol, went down to the company barn and shot himself. As yet no reasons have been given why the deed should have been committed.

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Fatal Collision on S. A. L. Special to the Dispatch Times. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 30.—Seaboard passenger train No. 66, northbound, was wrecked at Blarneys, just north of Columbia, this morning. A freight train that had been side-tracked for the Florida Flyer went out on the main line in time to meet the passenger train. Engineer Smack and Fireman Douglas of the freight were killed. Engineer Robinson and Fireman Herbert of the passenger were badly injured. Mail Agent Pastillo was killed.

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