

THE LATEST.

The Maine Blown Up By a Floating Mine.

TOUCHED OFF FROM SHORE.

The Belle is General That the Court Will Find That the Maine was Blown Up by a Floating Submarine Torpedo, Laid Purposely Near the Buoy, and Fired by a Flash From an Electric Battery on Shore.

HAVANA, via Key West, March 2.—Without adding unnecessarily to the flood of surmises, conjecture and prophecy concerning the finding of the court of inquiry, it is fair to say that, as a matter of fact, most of the naval officers here and Key West incline to the opinion that the court will find that the disaster to the Maine was caused by the explosion of a floating submarine mine under the forward port side of the ship.

Opinions differ as to whether this mine was made of high explosives, such as wet and dry gun cotton, or ordinary gun powder. Opinions agree, not only as to the existence of mines in the harbor, but also that this one was laid purposely near the buoy where foreign war vessels were directed to moor and was fired by a flash from an electric battery on shore.

It is believed barely possible that the explosion of the Maine was the result of carelessness or ignorance of Spanish officers in charge of the mine station keys, when testing the circuit, but the latter supposition is not felt to be probable.

It is further regarded as settled by the evidence before the court that the port side of the hull forward was completely blown to pieces, and that the only explosion on the Maine, except of isolated cases of fixed ammunition was that of 2,000 pounds of saluting powder, stored forward and of which no trace can be found.

These views are gathered from officers who talk with great reserve and only upon the assurance that their identity will never be revealed. The fact remains that only the members of the court of inquiry know all the testimony elicited, and no one is authorized to make public matters in advance of the final judgment.

INQUIRY AT KEY WEST ENDED.

The Mangrove Has Steam Up, But the Court is Awaiting Instructions Washington.

KEY WEST, March 2.—The court of inquiry convened shortly after 2 o'clock and went out to barracks where all the survivors of the Maine were mustered. The men were asked if they had any further statements to make. Not a word came from the ranks and after a whispered consultation, the work of the court of inquiry at Key West came to an end. Judge Advocate Marx in reply to an inquiry, said that so far as he knew, the court has no more work to do at Key West. When this dispatch is sent, early this evening the mangrove is lying at her dock with steam up, but it is said on good authority that the members of the court will not leave until to-morrow. They are awaiting instructions through Rear Admiral Seward from Washington as to whether they shall return to Havana. Apparently the court has gained little information during the Key West session which could help explain the explosion.

Spanish Authorities Say the Explosion Was Internal.

MADRID, March 2.—The Spanish government on Monday received a report from the Spanish authorities at Havana, saying that the explosion which wrecked the Maine was due to internal causes, adding that the United States experts "will admit this without reservation of any kind."

In Memoriam.

Carrie Conie, youngest daughter of William and Virginia Crump, died Sunday evening, Feb. 28, 1898, after an illness of ten days. She was about 18 years old, a member of the Methodist church, and much devoted to her parents. We laid her to rest at Concord church, attended by a large number of weeping relatives and friends to await the resurrection of the just.

For some weeks before her sickness, while in her usual good health, she seemed to have had a deep impression that her death was at hand. She repeatedly told her mother and sister that she would soon leave them to return no more. During her illness she seemed to have had vivid visions of that land which is "fairer than day." To her, death had lost its "venomous sting." Her death was a relief to her family and to her home with God, "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

"She died, but as the spring bud dies, in summer's golden glow to rise; These were her days of April bloom, Her summer is beyond the tomb." GEO. D. HERMAN.

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MOTHER AND SWEETHEART.

Trubie Finch's Death Nearly Breaks the Hearts of Two Loving Women.

Raleigh News and Observer. One of the saddest stories connected with the Maine disaster is that of Trubie Finch, a first-class apprentice from this city, who went down with his ship.

There is a little girl in New York who mourns the loss of her sweetheart and an aged mother in Raleigh who is stunned by the death of her son. Trubie was only twenty one years old, and would have been honorably discharged next June.

The New York Journal last Sunday published a picture of the young sailor and his fiancée, who were separated by the tragedy in Havana harbor.

Emma Brunnhuber, the boy's sweetheart, is a slip of a girl with a pretty face surrounded with a halo of golden hair adds the Journal. Her blue eyes are dimmed with weeping for the handsome sailor who will never return. They had known each other for many years, and while their engagement had never been announced had planned to be married, July 25, 1901, that being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of Miss Brunnhuber's mother.

When the boy left the navy he was to have started in business, having been saving his pay in order to have some capital to start with. His letters to his sweetheart were always filled with the most encouraging news. Never once did he hint at danger, even when all on the Maine knew that trouble was brewing and felt that their every movement was watched.

The last letter she received from him reached her the morning that the papers were on the streets telling of the terrible disaster to the battleship. In the letter he said:

"I have your picture in the Bible that mother gave me. The boys have been borrowing the Bible so often that I wondered what had come over them. You know sailors do not make a practice of constantly reading that good book. One day I took the picture out of it, fearing that in lending it to so many the photograph might be lost. Do you know that the first fellow who borrowed the Bible after that came to me and wanted to know what had become of the picture of the pretty girl? Then I knew what the boys had been admiring you, and not reading as much as I gave them credit for."

Miss Brunnhuber has communicated with Mrs. Finch who has been living in Charlotte but is now in Raleigh with her daughter. There is nothing that the mother and sweetheart can do, even the consolation of burying the boy they were both so devoted to is denied them. The girl was to have spent several weeks with his mother after Trubie received his discharge. They had been planning and writing over the pleasant vacation of the coming summer, but there will be no happy days this summer for the women whose hearts are buried in a sailor's grave in Havana.

Man and Boy Found Dead.

MORGANTON, March 1.—Considerable excitement was caused here to day by a report that an old man and a boy were found hanged in a cave in the mountain near Table Rock, twelve miles west of here. About three weeks ago an old man and a small boy moved into the settlement near Table Rock and occupied a small cabin at the foot of the mountain. On being questioned by some of the mountain people the old man said that he had married an Indian squaw in the western part of the State, and the boy with him was the product of that union. He had some trouble and bringing the boy with him, settled here in Bruke. This is practically all that is known of them.

Yesterday morning a mountaineer named Branch found the bodies of the old man and the child in a cave near their necks evidently having died from the effects of strangulation. Whether it is murder or suicide is not known.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces, such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co., Proprietors.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Witherspoon's baby was vaccinated accidentally in the face under the left eye and is very sick.

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discoverer of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight-fitting or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25c. Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

CAPT. BEALL'S PETITION.

He Wants the Fourth Regiment Flag Presented by Col. Bennett, at Charlotte, May 20th.

Salisbury Special to Charlotte Observer, 1st inst. A petition has been filed with the Adjutant General of North Carolina for his consideration by Captain Thos. B. Beall, of this place, who is a survivor of the Fourth Volunteers, later the Fourteenth Regiment, North Carolina Troops, C. S. A. The petition prays that the flag of the regiment, which was captured in the battle of the Bloody Lane, at Sharpsburg, be returned to the survivors of that regiment through the agency of Col. R. T. Bennett, surviving commander of the regiment.

At Charlotte on the 20th of May, 1865, and after the presentation at Charlotte, the survivors of the Fourteenth may elect what disposition to make of the flag. They will probably return it to the State for safe keeping and preservation. Col. Beall tells me that the granting of the petition will make the re-union on the 20th an occasion of special interest to the survivors of the Fourteenth and be the means of drawing them together.

News From Beverly—Over a Hundred Papers the People Won't Have.

We had a little snow storm Monday morning, and we thought from the looks of the clouds we were going to have a real old time snow, but we were disappointed once more. There is much being said about the public roads now. Mr. Editor, I think if there was more work and less talk, our roads would improve faster, don't you. I do not object to anything that has been said, for I think we have had some very wise letters on the subject.

Mr. Editor, it seems that the Courier is not satisfied with the course of the M. & L. in politics, but I have no fear for the M. & L. for we know it is able to take care of itself. I know Mr. Flake is an old man but if the editor of the Courier had been in the county a little longer he might have known that he had done more to damage his own character than any other man in the county. You may hear (the Courier) reaches more people than any other paper in the county. May be so; I don't know, but there is one thing I do know, there are lots of your papers sent to the different offices that are not taken out. Here at Beverly, our post office, we have been told there are 100 or more copies in the office the people will not take out. Of course we all know what you are after, but I think you have lost popularity instead of gaining it.

And now, Mr. Courier, we will politely bid you good-by forever. I think you will see your mistake, but it will be too late to make amends for what you have said will sink deep down into the hearts of the friends of the M. & L. and cause them to do some thinking about some things that are being attempted in this county. J.

News From White Store.

Some of our farmers are beginning to turn the soil preparing for another crop, while others are rolling logs, cleaning, cutting briars, &c., and still some hating guano. Mr. J. A. Melton's school, at Union Academy, closed on last Friday, 26th inst. Mr. Atlas Griffin's school, at the Griffin school house, closed on Saturday, 29th inst., with an entertainment in the evening.

Some of our ladies are gardening extensively. Too soon, sisters, wait until after Easter. Miss Jennie's Redfern spent part of last week in Peachland.

Miss Julia Billingsley returned recently from a visit to Wadesboro and vicinity of Wadesboro.

Mr. W. H. Redfern came on a short visit to his brother, Messrs. B. B. and H. H. Redfern, last week. Mrs. Eliza Marsh spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Collins, of Marshville, who is very sick.

Commissioner Jas. E. Jones, of Bennetts, spent part of last week on official business in our section.

Mrs. Stanley Edwards is in very feeble health at this writing. Mr. A. T. Niven has been very successful of late capturing minks in a box, baited with fresh rabbits.

Mrs. J. S. Burch, who has been dangerously sick, is improving.

Miss A. Redfern, came home on a short visit recently, accompanied by Miss Daisy Brooks, of Union county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burch spent a few days with relatives and friends at Mt. Croghan, S. C., last week.

Mrs. Mary Griffin, of Rock Hill, S. C., is visiting relatives and friends in our community.

Mrs. Hampton Horn and family moved to their new home near Monroe, a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd Jones, of Knotts Store, spent Saturday and Sunday in our section.

Messrs. W. W. Faulkner, W. D. Gathings and Master Eddie McEae, of Peachland, spent Sunday in our community.

Mr. H. G. Marsh spent Sunday in Marshville with his sister, Mrs. W. E. Collins.

One of our neighbors has a mink which possesses a remarkable appetite. It is very fond of note paper, and will eat all letters left within its reach.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lowry spent Sunday night and Monday in the Knotts Store section. P. UETTE.

News Notes from Lower Ansonville Township.

In our last communication the M. & L. would have us writing from Lileville township, whereas we are in the lower portion of Ansonville township, where news of importance is scarce.

The farmers of this section have gone to work in dead earnest, bent on making another big crop of 5 cent cotton, and there are numbers who will "hit the ceiling" next fall. May the Lord have mercy on them. If they would turn their attention to raising supplies for home consumption then a few acres in cotton would be clear profit. One or two more crops will convince us we are on the quick sands.

The people of this community are being encouraged by the recent rise in cotton, and will plant as much, if not more, than usual.

Mrs. Sarah Kirby, who has been sick for some time, is rapidly improving. Mrs. B. F. Covington, we are sorry to learn, is quite ill at this writing.

Mr. G. T. Dula, of Ansonville, spent Sunday with his daughters, Mrs. J. J. and J. K. Wilson.

There was quite a flurry created in this neighborhood a few days since. A dog belonging to Mr. B. K. Threadgill was supposed to have gone mad. Clubs, axes, guns and pistols were hastily secured, but on investigation it was found that turpentine, instead of hydrophobia, was the cause.

We give you a burlesque to close with: A mighty man of great pin hook; You will know him by his pleasing look, With monstrous strides the streets he walks, And of himself he only talks.

To country, city and his town He throws the challenge of beauty down In his soot, till late at night, He studies beauty with all his might.

He twists and turns in a thousand ways, His fears and doubts be quite allays, And then sits down with conscience clear, To sip his freshest lager beer.

Then to amuse his fancies wrought, He steps to the mirror, lately bought, His beautiful visage there to scan, Imagines he's Mr. Cleveland.

His lower extremities but a span— Only twelve inches round the band; His nose turned round like a capital P; They his head who dreads to wreck, On that life would break his neck.

So here it goes for what it's worth, We live in an age of fun and mirth And if his name you chance to guess— He'll treat you on old Crier's best. TEXAS JACK.

Tragedy at Spartanburg, S. C.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., March 1.—This afternoon Dr. S. J. Bivings, a dentist of this city, walked into the store of T. J. Trimmer, a prominent merchant, and with the remark, "I'll teach you how to insult my wife," opened fire killing Trimmer instantly and wounding his son, who came to separate the men. As Dr. Bivings left the store, he remarked that no man could insult his wife and live. He surrendered and is in jail. The men had been bosom friends for years. Both stand very high, and the tragedy is a great shock to this community.

Geo. B. Secord, the well known contractor of Towanda, N. Y., says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for a long time and have found it superior to any other." For sale by J. A. Hardison.

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MRS. MARY LEWIS, wife of a prominent farmer, and well known by all old residents near Belmont, N. Y., writes: "For twenty-seven years I had been a constant sufferer from nervous prostration, and paid large sums of money for doctors and advertised remedies without benefit. Three years ago my condition was alarming; the least noise would startle and unnerve me. I was unable to sleep, had a number of sinking spells and slowly grew worse. I began using Dr. Miles' Restorative Nerve and Liver Pills. At first the medicine seemed to have no effect, but after taking a few bottles I began to notice change. I rested better at night, my appetite began to improve and I rapidly grew better, until now I am as nearly restored to health as any of my age may expect. God bless Dr. Miles' Restorative."

Dr. Miles' Restorative Nerve and Liver Pills are sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee, first bottle free. Book on diseases of the heart and nerves free. Address: DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

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THE BEE HIVE!

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THE :: BEE :: HIVE.

FLOUR AND MOLASSES.

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W. N. Pinkston Has Moved His Stock of FANCY GROCERIES!

Into the brick store room, on Rutherford Street opposite the store of Covington Bros., where he will be glad to serve his friends and the public generally. He will also in the future carry a full line of HEAVY GROCERIES.

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Report of the Condition of the First National Bank of Wadesboro, in the State of North Carolina, at the Close of Business February 15th, 1898.

Table showing financial details: RESOURCES. Loans and discounts, 1103 458 49; Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 7 649 74; U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 58 000 00; Premiums on U. S. Bonds, 2 250 00; Stocks, securities, etc., 1 000 00; Banking house furniture, and fixtures, 500 00; Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents), 14 452 58; Due from State banks and bankers, 1 002 59; Due from approved banks, 4 082 28; Checks and other cash items, 910 55; Notes of other National Banks, 4 000 00; Fractional currency, nickel, silver and cents, 109 50; LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, viz: Specie, \$16 401 00; Legal-tender notes, 16 000 00; Redemption funds (with U. S. Treasury 5 per cent circulation), 1 125 00; Total, \$285 458 63.

Table showing financial details: LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in, \$50 000 00; 8 per cent fund, 11 500 00; Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 5 983 04; National Bank notes outstanding, 22 500 00; Dividend notes, 20 00; Individual deposits subject to check, 145 327 04; Certified checks, 125 00; Cashier's checks outstanding, 125 00; Total, \$285 458 63.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ANSON, ss: I, W. L. Marshall, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. L. MARSHALL, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of February, 1898. T. B. WYATT, N. P. CORRECT—Attest: C. M. HULLIN, W. H. HARDISON, JAS. A. LEAR, Directors.

NEW MARKET HOUSE.

Country Produce Bought and Sold. The undersigned has just completed, in the building known as the Fesperman Photograph gallery, a First Class Market.

His purpose is to conduct the business in a manner that will merit the patronage of the public, and to this end everything in the way of fresh meats and country produce that this market affords will be kept on hand.

Country Produce—The highest market price will be paid, in cash, for all sorts of country produce. C. R. BLAKE.

Sales Stables. Car Load of Fine Mules Just Received.

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This firm is the largest dealers in stock in the Carolina and as one of the firm spends the entire season on the St. Louis market they are prepared not only to meet all com petition but to undersell other dealers.

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Milch Cow for Sale. I have for sale a nice milch cow—seven months Jersey. Calf about seven weeks old. Good milcher and gentle. W. C. HARDISON.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, ANSON COUNTY. SUPERIOR COURT, BEFORE THE CLERK. W. C. STATION, executor of James Macklin Station, deceased, Plaintiff, vs. Hettie Thomas, John Thomas, Walter Polk, Irving Polk, Wincey Polk, Letitia Polk, Fincher Polk, Tinecher Polk, James Polk, Mary Clark, Sandy Clark, Lela Staton, Wincey Staton, Flora Staton, Jane Richardson, Robert Staton, Wincey Burns, Mary Clark, Lawrence Davis, John Davis, Frank Staton, John Staton, Walter Staton, Minor Staton, Jody Staton, Defendants.

SERVICE OF SUMMONS ON NON RESIDENTS. To Mary Clark, Sandy Clark, Flora Staton and Jane Richardson, non residents of the State of North Carolina, take notice that W. C. Station, executor of James Macklin Station, deceased, has been an action in the Superior Court of Anson county, before the clerk thereof, against each of you and the other above named defendants, for license to sell the lands belonging to his testator to make assets to pay debts against the estate of his said testator. You are hereby notified to appear before the clerk of the said Superior Court at his office in Wadesboro, on Monday, the 15th day of April, 1898, and answer or demur to the complaint or petition, which will be on file in said office, or judgment will be taken against you for the relief therein prayed. March 28, 1898. JAMES C. MCKINNEY, Clerk.

FIRST-CLASS Meat :: Market. I am still conducting a first-class Meat Market at Wadesboro. The best of Beef and other Fresh Meats on hand at all times. JOHN C. MCKINNEY.