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TRAINS GOING SOUTH.	
Leave Weldon 11:54 am, 9:48 pm.	Arrive Rocky Mount 12:55 am, 10:36 pm.
Leave Rocky Mount 12:55 am, 10:36 pm.	Arrive Tarboro 12:12 am, 6:01 pm.
Leave Tarboro 12:12 am, 6:01 pm.	Arrive Rocky Mount 1:13 am, 10:36 pm.
Leave Rocky Mount 1:13 am, 10:36 pm.	Arrive Weldon 2:20 am, 11:16 pm, 7:17 pm.
Leave Weldon 2:20 am, 11:16 pm, 7:17 pm.	Arrive Smith 3:15 am.
Leave Smith 3:15 am.	Arrive Fayetteville 4:47 am, 1:14 pm.
Leave Fayetteville 4:47 am, 1:14 pm.	Arrive Weldon 5:35 am, 9:15 pm.
Leave Weldon 5:35 am, 9:15 pm.	Arrive Goldsboro 8:00 pm.
Leave Goldsboro 8:00 pm.	Arrive Hatteras 7:01 am, 3:20 pm.
Leave Hatteras 7:01 am, 3:20 pm.	Arrive Weldon 7:59 am, 4:21 pm.
Leave Weldon 7:59 am, 4:21 pm.	Arrive Wilmington 9:30 am, 5:50 pm.
Leave Wilmington 9:30 am, 5:50 pm.	Arrive Smith 3:15 am.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

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Leave Fayetteville 8:48 am, 8:15 pm.	Arrive Weldon 9:43 am, 10:15 pm.
Leave Weldon 9:43 am, 10:15 pm.	Arrive Smith 10:15 am, 10:15 pm.
Leave Smith 10:15 am, 10:15 pm.	Arrive Weldon 11:47 am, 1:40 pm.
Leave Weldon 11:47 am, 1:40 pm.	Arrive Rocky Mount 12:32 pm, 12:00 pm.
Leave Rocky Mount 12:32 pm, 12:00 pm.	Arrive Tarboro 12:40 pm, 12:40 pm.
Leave Tarboro 12:40 pm, 12:40 pm.	Arrive Rocky Mount 1:29 pm, 12:40 pm.
Leave Rocky Mount 1:29 pm, 12:40 pm.	Arrive Weldon 2:35 pm, 8:22 am.
Leave Weldon 2:35 pm, 8:22 am.	Arrive Goldsboro 3:59 am, 10:10 pm.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Wash- ington 8:40 am and 2:50 pm, arrive Pamlico 9:10 am and 4:00 pm, returning leave Pamlico 11:00 am and 7:30 pm, arrive Washington 11:50 am and 3:30 pm, respectively.

Trains leave Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday 5:40 pm, Sunday 4:15 pm, arrives Plymouth 7:40 pm, 6:10 pm. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday 7:30 am, Sunday 5:40 am, arrives Tarboro 10:05 am and 11:00 am.

Trains on Midland & C. Branch leave Goldsboro daily except Sunday 7:30 am, arrive Smithville 8:30 am. Returning leaves Smithville 8:40 am, arrive Goldsboro 10:20 am.

Trains on Nashville Branch leave Rocky Mount at 4:30 pm, arrive Nashville 5:05 pm. Spring, Hays 3:30 pm. Returning leave Spring Hope 8:0 am, Nashville 8:30 am, arrive at Rocky Mount 9:05 am, daily except Sunday.

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## BLOWN UP BY A MINE.

This is the Findings of the Court of Inquiry Into the "Maine."

NOW LOOKING FOR WAR.

## WAS A POWERFUL SUBMARINE MINE.

Explosion Was From the Outside, But the Court is Unable

## TO FIX THE RESPONSIBILITY

For the Explosion—The Court Also Finds That There Were Two Explosions, First From the Outside, and That Set Off One of the Smaller Magazines.

The court of inquiry appointed to investigate the cause of the Maine disaster, has reported that the loss of the battleship was due to an outside explosion. The State Department, by direction of the President, has called Minister Woodford, at Madrid, to notify the Spanish government of this conclusion. The President and his cabinet advisers held two extended sessions on the 25th, on at 10:30 a. m., and another at 3:30 p. m., at which the report was considered in detail. Members of the cabinet stated after the meeting that the discussion was of a grave character, and that never since the wrecking of the Maine has the situation seemed so critical.

The Spanish government has cabled officially to Washington that the Spanish naval commission holds the disaster to the Maine to be of internal origin. The government of Spain, it can be stated positively, is not disposed to return back her torpedo flotilla now proceeding from the Canaries and would be disinclined to consider a suggestion from this government tending to interfere with the disposition by Spain of her own naval forces.

War preparations of an unprecedented scale are being hurried to completion by the War and Navy Departments, and the country is practically on a war footing. Commander Marx, judge advocate of the court of inquiry, delivered the report to Secretary Long early on the morning of the 25th and shortly after it was carried to the White House and placed in the hands of the President. At 10:29 the Cabinet assembled, half an hour earlier than usual, and began the consideration of the momentous document. Even the rigid rules of secrecy which prevail at Cabinet meetings were made doubly strict in this case, and no intimation of the results reached by the court were known until 2 o'clock, when an Associated Press bulletin gave the information to the country as well as the eagerly waiting officials throughout Washington. These results, briefly stated, are that the loss of the Maine was due to an explosion from the outside, the court being unable to fix the responsibility for the explosion. The court does not express an opinion as to the character of the explosive, but the testimony goes to show that it was a powerful submarine mine, the exact character of which is not determined by the testimony, though the belief was expressed that it was a floating submarine mine. There were two explosions, the court finds, the first from the outside, and that set off one of the smaller magazines.

It was this result, expressed in detail and with the precision of a court deeply conscious of its responsibility, together with the evidence on which it was based, that occupied the attention of the cabinet throughout its extended sessions of the morning and afternoon. All other and lesser subjects gave way to this foremost question. There was no change in the plan of making the report public and submitting it to Congress accompanied by a brief message from the President.

While interest was thus centered at the White House, the Navy and War Departments were hurrying forward in the work of preparations. The advance of the Spanish flotilla continued to receive the clearest attention of naval officials, and while, so far as could be ascertained, no definite line of action was determined upon, the need of intercepting the fleet was urged by the highest naval authorities. From the standpoint of the Spanish government, this movement was not a menace, having been decided upon many weeks ago. On the contrary, the Spanish government holds that the extensive armanent of the Dry Tortugas is a more direct hostile act against Spain than any movement of the flotilla. Instead of stopping the flotilla, the present attitude of Spain tends toward reinforcing it with other Spanish warships, not as a menace, but from what the Spanish government feels is a requirement called for by the existing condition of affairs.

Hardly less suggestive than the approach of the torpedo flotilla was the information received by the highest military authorities that the Spanish government had hurried to completion extensive fortifications on the island of Porto Rico, lying just off Cuba, and the only Spanish possession in this hemisphere other than Cuba. The exact character of these defenses, however, has been made known here, and they are being given weight by the military authorities as showing the disposition of Spain.

The orders issued by the Navy Department during the day covered every branch of the naval armanent.

### ALL OFF BUT LEE.

The Mangrove Hurried to Havana to Bring Away American Officials. Key West, Fla.—(Special).—The Associated Press bulletin that the court of inquiry had found that the Maine was blown up by a submarine mine created great excitement here. The most significant development that followed the announcement of the court's report—a development known to but few—was the sudden sailing of the light house tender Mangrove for Havana. The Mangrove was lying quietly in the dock at Key West, when orders came on the afternoon of the 25th for her to proceed with all haste to Havana and to take on board all the American officials in that city, with the exception of Consul General Lee.

It is feared here that the knowledge of the court's report has excited the Havana population and brought to an American sentiment to a climax. Officers of high rank are still retained. Rear Admiral Sicard, however, said: "The court of inquiry brought its findings according to what its members believed. Nothing could have made them do otherwise. If they had been able to fix the responsibility, I feel sure they would not have shirked their duty." The attention of Rear Admiral Sicard was drawn to the fact that Spain had officially denied that Havana harbor was mined. He replied: "If Havana harbor were mine I certainly should have mined it. The water there is especially suited to such methods of defense. Spain's denial had nothing to do with the court of inquiry. I should not believe a statement that Havana harbor was not mined. The court has not yet been dissolved. It is barely possible that more work may be required of it; but this is not probable."

"The court of inquiry is composed of splendid men. I am greatly satisfied with their work. I hardly suppose much excitement will be caused by the announcement of the results, as I am under the impression that 99 per cent. of our people were already convinced that the Maine was blown up externally, and I scarcely think their ideas would have been changed if the court had reported otherwise."

An Explanation. Washington—(Special).—At the White House it was said that official advice here did not bear out the suggestion of a pending crisis in Havana, and that there were no dispatches from General Lee of a disquieting nature.

### SPAIN'S REPORT "CONFUSED."

Wants Our Report Held Back from Congress Until They Are Ready. Madrid, (By Cable).—The Spanish government has received the Spanish report on the loss of the Maine, which, however, is said to be "confused," and explanations are said to have been requested. In any case, it is said, it will not be published until after the report of the United States court of inquiry has been made public. The Spanish report says: "It is scientifically and practically demonstrated that the explosion was internal."

The United States minister, General Woodford, had a long conference with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senor Gullon. Absolute reticence is observed as to what transpired. The correspondence says the Spanish government will dispatch a note to Washington requesting that the report on the loss of the Maine be not sent to Congress until both reports are presented and considered by both governments.

### GEN WOODFORD WILL NOT TALK BRUTALLY FORCING SPAIN INTO A WAR, SAYS EL IMPARCIAL.

United States Minister Woodford, interviewed tonight with reference to the report that he had received from Senor Gullon in Washington as to the findings of the Maine court of inquiry and the proposed action of the American government, declined to divulge anything. General Woodford said: "I am earnestly desiring peace, which I also earnestly desire."

El Imparcial says: "The United States are brutally forcing Spain into a conflict. To send the Maine report to Congress is equivalent to throwing a torch into a barrel of gunpowder." It is pursuing a conciliatory policy, and it is believed will propose that the Maine disaster be referred to international arbitration.

Condition of Spain's Troops. A private letter from Manzanillo, received at Kingston, Jamaica, by a schooner, says the condition of the Spanish troops there is terrible. It adds that starvation and disease prevail everywhere, and that the government forces have sustained heavy losses in recent skirmishes with the insurgents, the wounded being brought to town in cart-loads. The letter concludes that even without the intervention of the United States the war cannot last two months longer.

The Ohio Flood. The water is over fifty feet at Cincinnati and still rising at last reports. Interior towns in Ohio that have suffered inundation and damage are finding relief by the recession of the water. Loss of life is reported at Hamilton, O., where the great Miami swept away two cottages and drowned six inmates. Several other lives are reported lost from other sections. The water is falling at Pittsburg, Pa.

Pilots Ready to Serve. Cape Fear, N. C., pilots have offered their services to the government in case of war.

Every woman knows some man who would be immensely rich instead of poor, if "he had his wife's energy."

### HAS NO JURISDICTION.

Major Wilson Loses His Case Before the U. S. Supreme Court.

### CALDWELL'S CASE DISMISSED.

The Governor's Right to Remove Members of the R. R. Commission Sustained by the Decision.

A special from Washington, of the 25th, to the Charlotte Observer says that in the United States Supreme Court today the case of J. W. Wilson, vs. the State of North Carolina, in relation to L. O. Caldwell was dismissed on the ground that the court was without jurisdiction. The case involves the right of the Governor of North Carolina to remove members of the Railroad Commission from office under the State law of 1891, and this right was sustained by today's decision. Mr. Wilson was formerly chairman of the railroad commission and was summarily removed on the ground that he was a railroad stockholder, and Caldwell appointed in his stead. Mr. Wilson refused to vacate and Mr. Caldwell began a quo warranto proceeding against him to test the title to the office. The State courts decided against the quo warranto, and this view was practically sustained by the decision rendered today, holding the United States court to be without jurisdiction. Justice Peckham, in deciding the case, said that the office was exclusively State property, and the United States court had to deal only with the question whether Mr. Wilson was deprived of any right guaranteed by him by the Federal constitution. He had not been so deprived, and accordingly the court was without jurisdiction. The case also involved a proceeding on motion of Mr. Wilson to punish Mr. Caldwell for contempt in proceeding upon the judgment of the State court, while the case was pending in the United States court. This was also dismissed, because it appeared that Caldwell was ignorant of the fact that the court had taken cognizance of the contempt proceeding.

### North Carolina's Woods.

The lumber resources of North Carolina are very great after two hundred years of cutting and slaying. There is not only a vast amount of lumber left for the virgin forests are spread all over the State in hundreds of thousands of acres, but the value and variety of woods are remarkably good. The other day we were looking at some of the beautiful polished native woods in the North Carolina Exposition Car, when Mr. Moore, the police manager, told us that there were 108 of the species of the finer woods, some of which are of unsurpassed fineness and elegance. We recall our friend, the late Professor W. C. Kerr, State geologist, who in 1870 estimated that the State's timber resources were valued at \$1,800,000,000, employing 12,000 persons and 3,800 boats. Trucking amounted to from three to six millions annually and the value of all farm productions of the State in '87 was fifty-one millions, while half of this, or \$25,000,000 was in Eastern North Carolina. The value of live stock for Eastern North Carolina is \$8,000,000.

### Eastern Carolina Industries.

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### Tar Drippings.

The Guilford Lumber Company will move its plant from Asheboro to Tryd. Several cars of dynamite, gun cotton and other war munitions have arrived at Fort Caswell.

In New Hope township, Chatham county, are two miles whose combined age is 87—one being 34 and the other 33 years old.

The Eastern Truckers' Association reports on strawberries that shipments will begin April 10 and that the crop will be enormous. Berries are turning red.

The Newbern Journal reports that two negro women were drowned at Follockville recently. The bodies of the negro women were found on the same spot in fifteen months.

Lumberton has sent \$23.75 to the Cuban sufferers.

Last week was the biggest week in the history of the Winston tobacco market. Over one million pounds of leaf were sold for nearly one hundred thousand dollars.

A white convict, aged 55 years, arrived at the penitentiary a few days since from Wilkes county. It turns out that it is his second term and that he was one of the first convicts who entered the penitentiary when it was opened in 1870.

Foreign Affairs. The czar has authorized an additional expenditure of 8,000,000 roubles annually for six years for the Russian navy.

Chinese officials are said to be in a conspiracy to overthrow the Manchu dynasty and offset European control.

Americans have been invited to join in an English millennial celebration of King Alfred, the Great, who died in 901.

It is believed in London that Lord Salisbury will remain premier, but that a reconstruction of the British cabinet is probable.

### NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST.

The Happenings of the Past Few Days Condensed for Our Readers.

The South. Judson W. Lyons, of Georgia, has been appointed register of the United States treasury to succeed Bruce, deceased.

Thomas E. Watson has declined to be the Populist candidate for Governor of Georgia and W. B. Hill refused to run for chief justice.

Frederick L. Smith, of Norfolk, Va., was arrested at Philadelphia, charged with larceny of \$1,500 from the Smith-Little company, of that city.

Smallpox is still spreading in East Tennessee. Five new cases have developed at Knoxville and there are many in the smaller towns.

Fire in the postoffice block on the Main street of Elkin, N. C., destroyed property to the amount of \$20,000. Believed to be incendiary.

In a letter to the board of visitors of the University of Virginia Mr. C. B. Roush inclosed his check for \$10,000 to complete the physical laboratory.

The lumber men of Georgia will donate the material to be used in the construction of the building for the State exhibit at the Omaha Exposition.

At Chester, S. C., Jim Anderson, colored was found guilty of the murder of Capt. James K. Marshall on the 25th. He will be hanged in three weeks.

The famous summer hotel at Berkeley Springs, W. Va., in Morgan county, has been burned to the ground. Most of the contents of the building were saved. The loss on the building is \$50,000; insurance, \$18,000.

Dr. C. A. Ryder, of Gainesville, Ga., brother of the man who murdered Miss Owen, and was subsequently killed by a mob, has written a letter to Governor Atkinson, of Georgia, naming those whom he says were implicated in the lynching.

A special from Roanoke, Va., says that three postoffice inspectors have arrived there and think that Howard and Moore, the two men arrested on suspicion of attempting to blow open the Salem postoffice safe, are the leaders of a gang of postoffice burglars that for two years have baffled the secret service.

At Mooresville, N. C., the Methodist school house, full of children, was lifted from its pillars to the ground during a rain and wind storm a few days since. A few of the children were slightly injured. The colored school house was blown down and badly damaged. Other property throughout this section were damaged considerably by the high wind.

The New York Legislature will appropriate \$50,000 for good roads.

Dr. Dowie, of Chicago, Ill., will establish a colony of faith christians in Newton county, Ind.

The building law in Chicago, Ill., has been amended, limiting the height of structures to ten stories.

In Jersey City, N. J., Thomas Shields, his wife and two children were probably fatally poisoned by eating tinned sardines.

The Iowa Republican State committee has decided to hold the next State convention at Dubuque on September 1st.

The next annual meeting of the American Bankers' Association will be held at Denver, Col., about September 1st.

Eight hours a day for factory hands is the demand made by united labor in Milwaukee, Wis., with threats of a strike if not conceded.

The Pennsylvania Railroad's passenger station at Jersey City, N. J., has been burned. Loss, \$250,000. A large amount of mail matter was also destroyed.

At San Francisco, Cal., Jim Jeffries knocked out Peter Jackson in a prize fight. Jeffries' smashing licks on Jackson caused him to become groggy and he fell helplessly against the ropes.

By an explosion at the works of the United States Smokeless Powder Company, San Rafael, Cal., C. A. Jenks, one of the head employes, and a laborer named Jensen were killed.

Several men were killed or injured and twenty others are missing as a result of an early morning fire in a lodging house at Butte, Mont., occupied by miners of the Anaconda copper mines.

Miscellaneous. The Austrian cruiser Donau left Havana for New York.

Mrs. John M. Thurston, who died in Cuba, was buried at her home, in Omaha.

Thirty-five States have thus far voted to participate in the Trans-Mississippi Exposition at Omaha, Neb.

Two robbers held up a train in California, blew up the express car and drove off with a registered mail pouch.

By the explosion of a lamp in their home at Fresno, Cal., James Thompson and his aged wife were burned to death.

Fourteen-year-old Daisy Moore, of Kansas City, Mo., poisoned herself because a school boy did not return her love.

A cold wave of zero weather sweeps the West, the thermometer being below zero west of the Missouri river. Heavy snows fell in some places.

Dun & Co's commercial report for the past week shows great industrial activity and exports largely in excess of those for the same time last year.

Miss Christine Bradley, sponsor for the battleship Kentucky, launched at Newport News, was congratulated by telegram by the National W. C. T. U. on her action in using water to christen the man-of-war.

In a shooting affray at Senatobia, Miss. Sheriff W. J. Bray was killed and deputy Sheriff Homer Gilmore dangerously wounded.

Three business men of Willis Point, Texas, are under arrest for swindling by bogus bills of lading for cotton.

A Berlin dispatch says that Spain has surely madetures to Austria, Germany and Italy for support in case of war.

Citizen's of Florence, Ala., will build a \$100,000 cotton mill.

### REMARKABLE CHANGE

On the Part of Railway Commissioner Caldwell in the

### MATTER OF PASSENGER RATES.

says That While He Voted to Overrule the Railway's Exceptions, He Knows He Did Wrong.

A special from Raleigh to the Baltimore (Md.) Sun, of recent date, says: "Chairman Caldwell, by whose influence and vote the railway commission made the passenger rate two and a half cents per mile, has made a most remarkable change. He now says that while he voted to overrule the railway's exceptions, he is clearly of the opinion that he did wrong, frankly says he voted against his better judgment and foolishly yielded to the clamor of politicians, which means the Populist State conference here. He says the commission has no evidence to sustain its actions, and he feels the railroads will gain their case under the recent railroad decision when they go into the courts, as they will. Taking this view, he says he can see no sense in contending about a matter which will cost the taxpayers a large sum in the courts, when he can see nothing but defeat in the end. He is aware he will subject himself to criticism by his plain statement, but says the clamor against the railroads is largely for political purposes. Under the Nebraska decision, he says, the jurisdiction of the commission is favored of abolishing the commission and saving the State the \$12,000 per annum it costs. He says the council of State could easily attend to such duties as are incumbent on the commission, and thus effect a great saving."

### NORTH STATE CULLINGS.

Wilmington is to have a Masonic temple.

The telephone line between Raleigh and Goldsboro has been put in operation.

The State grants a charter to the Shelby Tabernacle Company, capital \$1,500.

The State has chartered the Gay Lumber Company, of Kinston, capital \$50,000.

One of the latest arrivals at the penitentiary is a 13-year-old negro boy who burned a store after he had plundered it.

Some young ladies in Winston are collecting funds to provide headstones for unmarked graves of Confederate soldiers.

President McKinley will not be able to attend the unveiling ceremonies of the monument to the signers of the Declaration of Independence at Charlotte, May 30th.

It is said that twenty-two storekeepers and gangsters and as many distillers will have to answer at the Federal Court in Greensboro month for violations of internal revenue laws.

The statement of the State debt as made up is as follows: Six per cent. bonds, \$2,730,000, with only \$25,000 of bonds not sold in 4 per cent. bonds, \$2,168,150, with \$247,000 not sent in.

It is said Mount Airy is to be tapped by another line of railway. The project is to build a road from the coal fields in Virginia via Mt. Airy to some point South of this place, says the News.

Uriah Parker, colored, of Winston, was trying to unload a muzzle loading gun and it is supposed that he put his mouth to the muzzle to blow into the barrel to see if the tube was entering his head and killing him instantly.

Elliott Co., who were the lowest bidder for the construction of the auditorium and dormitory building at the Institution for the Blind at Raleigh, their bid being \$21,500, discovered that they had made an error and that their bid was far too low, so they forfeit \$400.

Not long ago a man in Fayette county was fined \$100 for contempt. This went to the State school fund. Governor Russell later pardoned the man and he now makes the demand that the \$100 be refunded. The Attorney General decides that it can only be refunded by act of the Legislature.

All the railroads have filed exceptions to the order of the Railway Commission reducing rates on shipments of wood except the Southern. The roads that filed exceptions were the Coast Line, Seaboard, Norfolk and Western, Cape Fear and York and Valley roads and Asheville. The officers of these roads alleged that the reduction ordered was unreasonable and that they could not afford to transport wood at the rate ordered in effect.—Raleigh Post.

The Supreme Court has decided that J. B. Barnes, a prominent citizen of Rocky Mount, must serve a seven-year sentence for attempting to assault a young woman of twenty, who lives in his family. He was convicted and was placed in jail at Raleigh months ago to save him from mob violence. He was returning from church with the girl when he attempted the assault, but two citizens drove up barely in time to save the girl.

At the Cumnock Coal Mine new machinery is being very rapidly put in to replace that burned Feb. 27. About \$30,000 will be expended for this new machinery, and the raising of coal will be resumed May 1, with a larger output than ever. The output in February was the greatest in the history of the mine.

To Pension Deserters. A Washington special says: The committee on pensions reports favorably upon Senator Fitzthum's bill for an amendment to section 4,716 of the Revised Statutes, providing that soldiers may be placed on the pension rolls who served in the Confederate army and subsequently joined the Federal army. This amendment will affect a large number of veterans residing in the Carolinas, and there seems to be a fair prospect of its becoming a law. A similar bill has been introduced in the House by Mr. Gibson.

### FIFTEEN DAYS IN OPEN BOAT.

Terrible Experience of Crew of Kinkora in Making Acapulco.

While