

GOT ANOTHER SWORD

This One Presented to Admiral Dewey in Boston.

GOLD WATCH ALSO GIVEN HIM.

The Admiral Given a Great Time as the Guest of the City of Boston and State of Massachusetts.

Special.—The city of Boston and the State of Massachusetts paid an extraordinary tribute to Admiral Dewey yesterday.

Admiral Dewey appeared greatly moved at the mayor's remarks. The crowd renewed its cheering as the admiral arose to receive the gift of the city.

"My dear Mr. Mayor, I wish to thank you for your kind and complimentary remarks. I wish also to thank you, and through you the citizens of this city, for this present of freedom, and for this great occasion, the like of which no living man has ever seen."

The ceremonies throughout the day were attended with much pomp. As commander-in-chief of the State forces, Governor Wolcott rode at the head of his military staff.

Telegraphic Briefs.

A brilliant luncheon and ball in honor of the North Atlantic squadron was given at the Chamberlain and Hyatt Hotels.

The War Department has issued orders to the Forty-fifth Regiment at Fort Snelling, Minn., to start for San Francisco on October 22nd, to embark there for the Philippines.

A Caracas, Venezuela, dispatch says that peace parties are gaining ground. The government troops have been ordered to retreat to La Victoria.

The Jacksonville, Fla., board of trade, city council and the gala week committee united in an invitation to Admiral Dewey to visit Jacksonville on his Southern trip.

Admiral Dewey reached Montpelier, Vt., Tuesday, from Shelburne, on a special train, and was greeted by an immense crowd which had assembled at the depot.

San Francisco Captured.

San Francisco, de Malabon, by Cable.—General Schwan's column, approaching this town, marched through a country so muddy that the mules all collapsed.

Large delegations are expected at the fair next week from all the schools and colleges. The number of students from the University, Wake Forest and Trinity will be especially large.

Arrangements have been made for the unveiling of the monument in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Va.

THE SYNOD.

The Meeting at Asheville. Visit to Biltmore.

The North Carolina Synod has been in session in Asheville, Thursday afternoon. The members were given a trip to the Biltmore estate by the First Church, and on their return took tea at the Normal and Collegiate Institute.

An interesting talk was made by A. J. McKelway, editor of the Presbyterian Standard, showing the paper to have increased greatly in circulation, advertising and reading matter.

State News.

President Richard H. Battle, of the State Agricultural Society wrote Rear Admiral Schley a special invitation to attend the State Fair, October 18th.

There is a queer case on the docket of the Supreme Court from the fifth district. A negro was wanted in South Carolina for murder. The sheriff of Cumberland county, this State, was on the lookout for the criminal and near Fayetteville a conductor on the train pointed out as the man a negro who was arrested and jailed.

The jury in the suit of L. J. Andrews of Durham, administrator, of C. M. Andrews vs. State University Railroad Company, have agreed on their verdict.

The State board of pharmacy has in hand the examination papers of fifteen applicants for license as pharmacists.

Cotton men can not understand how cotton can decline in the face of the government report, and also in the face of the fact that all growers know there is a short crop.

The executive committee of the State Fair has made very complete arrangements to "freeze out" all gambling devices and incidents.

L. O. R. Branch Camp C. V., decides to erect a monument in Raleigh, to the "Women of the Confederacy."

There are now 50 camps of veterans in North Carolina. The annual address will be delivered by Julian S. Carr, major general commanding.

It is decided that the Neuse Cotton Mills, at the Falls of the Neuse, Wake county, will both spin and weave.

Specimens of the ore from the Copperville Mining Company's mines near Raleigh, will be sent to Paris in North Carolina's exhibit next year.

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War Certain.

A flat rejection of President Kruger's demands, and that at a quarter after 3 o'clock, English time, an actual state of war will exist.

General Otis' Official Report.

Washington, D. C., Special.—The Adjutant general's office has received the following dispatch from General Otis, dated Manila, October 10th: "General Schwan's column moved early this morning from Santa Cruz de San Francisco de Malabon. Not meeting with determined resistance, matters were quiet in Imus section."

AN ULTIMATUM

From the Transvaal Government to Great Britain.

BOERS ARE ON THE AGGRESSIVE.

And Give the British Lion's Tail a Vigorous Twist—Four Proposals Laid Down.

London, by Cable.—The Transvaal ultimatum, which is signed by E. W. Reitz, secretary of state, contains the following: "Her Majesty's unlawful intervention in the internal affairs of this Republic in conflict with the London convention of 1834, by the extraordinary strengthening of her troops in the neighborhood of the borders of this Republic, has caused an intolerable condition of things to arise, to which this government feels obliged in the interest not only of this Republic but also of South Africa, to make an end as soon as possible, and to which this government feels itself called upon and obliged to press earnestly, and with emphasis for an immediate termination of this state of things and to request Her Majesty's government to give assurances upon the following four demands:

First.—That all mutual points of difference be regulated by friendly recourse to arbitration or by whatever amicable way may be agreed upon by this government and Her Majesty's government.

Second.—That all troops on the borders of this Republic shall be instantly withdrawn.

Third.—That all reinforcement of troops which have arrived in South Africa since June 1, 1899, shall be removed from South Africa within a reasonable time as agreed upon with this government and with the mutual assurance and guarantee on the part of this government that no attack upon or hostilities against any portion of the possessions of the British government shall be made by this Republic during the further negotiations agreed upon between the governments, and this government will, on compliance therewith be prepared to withdraw the armed burghers of this Republic from the borders.

Fourth.—That Her Majesty's troops which are now on the high seas, shall not be landed in any part of South Africa.

To these demands is appended the definition of the time limit for a reply: "This government presses for an immediate and affirmative answer to these four questions and earnestly requests Her Majesty's government to return an answer before or upon Wednesday, October 11, 1899, not later than 5 o'clock p. m."

"It desires further to add that in the unexpected event of an answer not satisfactory being received by it within the interval it will with great regret be compelled to regard the action of Her Majesty's government as a formal declaration of war and will not hold itself responsible for the consequences thereof, and in the event of any further movement of troops occurring within the above mentioned time in a nearer direction to our borders, this government will be compelled to regard that also as a formal declaration of war."

"I have the honor to be, respectively yours, (Signed) W. REITZ, State Secretary."

Brief Mention.

A terrific hurricane swept the coast of Nova Scotia Friday night and shipping men are anxious about their vessels in that locality.

The boycott against the big Consolidated street railway system, in Cleveland, Ohio, caused by the strike of operatives is practically at an end.

Judge Lynde Harrison, one of the executors of the late Henry B. Plant, of New York, says that no proceedings have been taken to attack the two persistent rumors that Prince George of Wales is the Princess Victoria of Wales are brotrophed.

President H. H. Vreeland, of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, New York, in a speech to employes, declared that railroad workers were benighted by the big combinations.

An endless chain of letters has been started by Miss McClellan, of No. 105 West Seventy-seventh street, Philadelphia, who proposes by this means to raise a fund with which to buy a gold loving cup or home for Rear Admiral Schley. If the movement proves to be a success, Miss McClellan will invite Miss Helen M. Gould and Governor Roosevelt to serve on the committee having charge of the fund.

Another Fallure.

New York, Special.—Bad luck still pursues the big single stickers. On the three days last week when the yachts made attempts to sail, light squally winds left them stranded on the course when the time limit expired.

Knights of Pythias in a Wreck.

Wheeling, W. Va., Special.—Short Creek, 90 miles above the city, a north-bound passenger train collided with a special from Pittsburgh, the latter being loaded with delegates to the Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias. Eight passengers were seriously injured, two fatally. The special had orders to take the siding at Short Creek, but the engineer of the special, it is said, forgot and a minute later the two trains came together and were badly wrecked.

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS.

Addresses the Blue and the Gray at Evansville.

Evansville, Ind., Special.—President McKinley at his cabinet came from Chicago Wednesday morning to attend the national reunion of the blue and gray. A heavy rain was falling, but despite this 10,000 veterans and visitors thronged about the railroad station and the veterans in gray vied with the veterans in blue in tendering a tremendous ovation when the presidential party arrived. They swarmed about the President and cabinet officers, cheering and extending their hands for a grasp of welcome.

Major Wm. Aiken presided and introduced C. A. DeBruer, of Evansville, who welcomed the distinguished guests and veterans to the city. Governor Mott followed with an address of welcome on behalf of the State, and introduced President McKinley, who delivered a short speech. The President said: "My fellow citizens: It gives me very great pleasure to participate with you, men of the North and of the South, in this grand reunion of hearts. We are already united; the peace which Grant and Lee made at Appomattox has been kept, not by law or restraint, but by love and fraternal regard. The Union today rests not on force which may fail, but rests in the hearts of the people, a union that never can be severed."

"If I have been permitted in the slightest degree to help in the work of reconciliation and unification, I will esteem it the greatest honor of my life. When I call for troops to fight the Spanish war, men from the North and South, without regard to political belief or religious creed, rallied to the standard of the Union. The best men of the South came; the sons of old Confederate soldiers, the best men of the North came; the sons of the old members of the Grand Army of the Republic, all came together in one heart to follow the flag of their country wherever it might lead. We have been reconciled; more than reconciled for our reconciliation has been baptized in the best blood of the future, putting the past behind us. And this government relies upon the patriotism of the country, North and South, to stand by the purposes of the government and follow in the pathway of destiny."

"I am glad to meet and greet you; we come together not as we came a third of a century ago, with arms in our hands, but with love for each other in our hearts. In the conclusion of his speech, President McKinley announced that the members of his cabinet were present and several would make short addresses."

Great Britain's Protector.

Washington, D. C., Special.—It is practically settled that the United States will look after the interests of Great Britain in the Transvaal. Great Britain has made no formal request for such action on the part of the United States. It is believed that there is a perfect understanding to the effect between the representatives of the two governments. Mr. Tower, the British charge d'affaires, had another conference with Secretary Hill, at the State Department, Wednesday, at which it was reached that the United States would look after British interests in the Transvaal in case of the withdrawal of the British representatives. This was made necessary by a declaration of war.

Big Cotton Fire.

New York, Special.—Fire Friday destroyed a large four-story warehouse at the foot of Forty-second street, Brooklyn, owned by the Bush Company, limited, and 8,000 bales of cotton which were stored in it. The loss will be \$300,000, principally on the cotton, which was well insured.

Found Rebels Entrenched.

Manila, by Cable.—Major Cheatham, with a scouting party, while proceeding along the west shore of the lake, Thursday, encountered a force of rebels strongly entrenched at Muntinlupa. Major Cheatham reports that he drove the rebels from their position and that in the engagement three Americans were killed and two wounded. Rumors are in circulation in Manila that Major Cheatham discovered three American prisoners who had been bound, gagged and shot by the insurgents. These rumors, however, are now confuted.

Bank Robbers Outdone.

Savannah, Tenn., Special.—Three masked robbers entered the bank here Friday morning, and attempted to rob the vault containing considerable money. President William McMahon threw his loose money into the safe and seized a gun. His first shot killed the leader of the robbers, Pearl Thurman. The assistant cashier, John Marshall, rushed out of the side door and shot two of the robbers' horses. Cal. Derrick, one of the robbers, was arrested after being wounded.

Violent Earthquake.

Amsterdam, by Cable.—A dispatch to the Handelsblad from Batavia, capital of the Netherlands, Indies, Java, says that a violent earthquake has visited the south side of the island of Ceram, next to the largest of the Moluccas, between Booro and Paupua, completely destroying the town of Amel and killing, it is estimated, some 4,000 people, as well as injuring some 600 others. The dispatch says that details of the disaster have not yet been obtained.

FIRST BATTLE.

Reported That Actual Hostilities Are Begun.

NEWS THOUGHT TO BE CORRECT.

The Alleged Fight Reported by a Paper Published in Edinburgh—Few Details Obtainable.

London, by Cable.—An Edinburgh paper, the Scotsman, asserts that a battle has taken place between General Sir George Stewart White commanding the forces at Natal, and the Boers, who entered Natal by way of Van Reenan's Pass. General White, the Scotsman says, is very sanguine of the success of the British movement. The foregoing report is considered to be correct, as Thursday night the War office had news of a British advance from Ladysmith, and was hourly expecting further intelligence. A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from his correspondent at Ladysmith, dated at noon on Friday, says: "A strong, noble column, under Sir George Stewart White, accompanied by General Sir Archibald Hunter, proceeded before daybreak this morning toward Acton Homes for the purpose of reconnoitering. General White's object was to observe what was going on and also to test the mobility and efficiency of his forces. All the men are well and the weather is now fine."

Track Tanks For Freight Engines.

The use of track tanks by locomotives of high speed passenger trains may take water without stopping is almost universal on the larger Eastern roads, where fast expresses are the rule. The Baltimore & Ohio railroad has a number between Washington and Philadelphia, and intends to equip the entire main line in the same way. This decision was recently arrived at through the use of passenger locomotives, equipped with water scoops, on fast freight trains. It was found that much time was saved, danger from stopping being reduced to a minimum and cost of running lessened. The transportation officials made some calculations and the figures showed a saving of no small sum, if track tanks are used for slow freights on the divisions where business is very heavy. The extra stops for water take much time and the wear and tear on equipment is no small matter, and if five stops on each train can be eliminated between Cumberland and Baltimore where trains are the thickest, the saving will be large.

Edwin Markham's Poem, The Muse of Brotherhood.

Mr. Markham's most recent poem, The Muse of Brotherhood, is one of the few really great poems that the close of the century has produced. In it, Mr. Markham voices a lofty optimism that is at once more impressive and more convincing than the notes of hopelessness and despair that characterize the Man with the Hoe. At the same time he nobly sets forth the principle of that universal brotherhood which says: "My love is mightier than heavens where Taurus wheels, My love is deeper than the pillared skies; High as that peak in Heaven where Milton kneels, Deep as that grave in Hell where Caesar lies."

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THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

THE SOUTH.

On one side of the blade of the sword which the citizens of Georgia will present to Lieutenant Brumby of the Olympic, appears the following inscription: "Presented by the citizens of Georgia to Lieutenant Thomas M. Brumby, U. S. N., in recognition of his distinguished services to his country at Manila Bay, May 1, 1898." The reverse side bears the following: "Born at Marietta, Ga., 1852. Appointed to Annapolis from Atlanta, Ga., 1872. Graduated 1877."

A Norfolk dispatch says: Rev. Charles I. Stangle, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, formerly chaplain of the Delaware legislature, and later superintendent of the Union Mission, of this city, yesterday joined Spurgeon Memorial Baptist church, was baptized by immersion, and will be ordained next Monday.

Rev. Frederick T. Lemkey, formerly of Norfolk, and Miss Willoughby Brokenborough of Forest, Va., were united in marriage at St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal church, in Norfolk, of which the groom is rector, by Bishop Goodrich of this city.

Cards have been issued by Judge and Mrs. Theodore S. Garnett, of Norfolk, to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Lelia B. Garnett, to Dr. Wm. Elliott Huger, of Baltimore, at St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal church, Norfolk.

Robert Obney, a colored brakeman, employed by the Norfolk & Western Railroad, while attempting to couple cars in the West End yard, at Norfolk, Va., missed his footing and fell under the wheels. Death was instantaneous.

There were 24 new cases of yellow fever reported in the last 24 hours at Key West, and three deaths.

The North.

The international Commercial Congress met in Philadelphia Tuesday.

A statue of Father Gallizian, the prince and priest, will be unveiled in Loretto, Pa.

President McKinley spent a busy Sunday in Chicago.

In the presence of a large crowd of spectators, and surrounded by the diplomatic representatives of three governments, President McKinley on Monday laid the corner-stone of the magnificent new postoffice building in Chicago.

The funeral at Pine Ridge, S. D., of Conquering Bear, the Indian chief who, after winning a hundred battles against unfriendly tribes, died from getting off a trolley car the wrong way, was attended by six of his relatives, and his face painted black for mourning, and 123 of his children and grandchildren.

Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, who returned recently from the Philippines, is represented to be strongly in favor of the imperialistic policy of the administration.

Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, made an address Saturday night at the Marquette Club banquet, in Chicago, where Mr. McKinley was the guest of honor.

Admiral Dewey and a party of friends left Washington Monday for Vermont. The party included, in addition to the admiral his aides, Lieutenants Corbridge and Brumby, Dr. Welch, Governor Smith, of Vermont, and the admiral's son and his Chinese servant.

Four thousand dollars in gold were stolen from a United States paymaster wagon in San Francisco.

Dean Wayland, of the Yale Law School, who has returned from Europe, expects war between England and the Transvaal.

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ARP ON METEORS.

Arp Writes About These Mysterious Visitors.

HAS A LETTER FROM ARKANSAS.

Describing a Phenomenon Out There Last Month. Meteors Never Hurt Anybody.

A friend living in Arkansas writes me about the recent fall of a meteor near his home, and he compliments me by asking some questions that I cannot answer. The signs of meteors and their flight and fall is yet the unsolved problem of the age.

He says that on the 26th of last month, at 8 o'clock in the morning, there was a flash, and not a cloud to be seen, there was a rumbling sound of thunder so weird and unnatural that it was alarming. It was like the rolling of heavy trucks over an uneven surface, and very unusually loud. It was heard in all the neighboring towns, and they all telegraphed each other to know if a fall had not blown over or a magazine exploded. Suddenly there was an explosion in the air and a dark cloud formed and meteoric fragments fell at different places in this vicinity. A small piece of iron, weighing one and a half pounds, fell in a field near by and was brought to town while it was yet hot. It was powder-blackened on the outside, but inside was a grayish color, and its particles showed the gold dust. Under the microscope they resembled quicksilver.

It was a full minute from the beginning of the rumbling thunder, till the explosion came, and the course of the sound was from east to west. The event was so unexpected and so like the mythology of Jupiter tonans throwing a bomb from Mt. Olympus, that the whole country was in a bound, and the negroes declared it a warning and went to prayer.

Philosophers and astronomers have been studying these phenomena for 2,500 years, and have not yet agreed upon a solution. The archives of the Chinese empire record the fall of six years before Christ. The Greek and Roman records are full of them, and Cicero and Pliny have commented upon them. So did Livy, Plutarch and Ptolemy. They have been seen so large that the estimated weight of the fragments and the light was so brilliant as to pale the sun by day and obscure the moon by night. There is now in the Yale College cabinet a fragment that weighs 100 pounds, and came from near the Red river in Arkansas. Many of the western states have furnished specimens for the museums of colleges, and all of them are composed of the same material, iron, tin, sulphur, carbon and other metals known to our own earth. Not a single one has ever been seen to have disintegrated, and the theory that they were thrown up from our own volcanoes with such force as to wander for a time in the outer atmosphere of the earth, and then to resolve into ash, is not tenable. The theory has long since been abandoned, for they seem to have an orbit of their own from west to east. Then came a moon, and the theory came from origin, and were thrown out with such terrific force as to get beyond the moon's influence and within that of our earth. But this was discredited, because these fragments have not melted, and would have by this time materially diminished the size and weight of the moon. Let the fragments favor the moon theory for a time. But our modern astronomers, such as Professors Arago and Almonst and Bowditch declare that meteors are simply certain members of which on charges of gambling at the club was begun on October 3, was sentenced for nine months imprisonment for cheating at cards.

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N. C. BANKS.

Condition as Compared With Three Months Ago.

The abstract of the condition of the twenty-nine national banks in North Carolina September 17, makes an excellent showing in comparison with the former statement of June. On September 7 the banks had in loans and discounts \$7,514,000, as against \$7,754,000 one month ago, and against \$255,000, against \$262,000, due from national banks, \$1,023,000, against \$882,000, due from state banks, \$428,000, against \$885,000, due from State banks, \$428,000, against \$345,000, due from reserve agents, \$555,000, against \$1,062,000, lawful money reserve, \$921,000, against \$973,000, surplus funds, \$834,000, against \$830,000, undivided profits, \$427,000, against \$400,000, against \$312,000, due to State banks, \$358,000, against \$247,000, in dividend deposits, \$7,097,000, against \$7,205,000, bills payable, \$90,000, against \$100,000. On September 7 the average reserve held was 24.54 per cent.

North Carolina Penitentiary.

The auditor has made preliminary estimates with reference to the State penitentiary rolls of 1899. These estimates show the following facts: The total increase in the number of penitentiaries is 478. The total decrease is 21, leaving a net increase of penitentiaries for the year 1899 of 457. Of this increase 215 names were placed on the penitentiary roll by acts of the last general assembly. The amount realized from various sources for the penitentiary found during the year is found number \$122,800, of which \$119,000 will be available for distribution. The amount will be distributed among classes as follows: 121 first class penitentiaries; 241 second class; 213 third class; 2,234 fourth class; 2,674 widows. The amount apportioned to each class will be: First class, \$64,000; second class, \$48; third class, \$16,000; widows, \$16,000. The total number of penitentiaries is 5,889. A few penitentiaries are still under consideration, and when disposed of may make some minor changes in the above estimates, but not in a sufficient degree to materially effect them.

State Notes.

It is time that North Carolinians know that we had a town in our State, which manufactures more furniture of every variety, and grade than any other South of the Ohio. At High Point, the dealer may buy from the manufacturer goods of the finest finish and quality. It is situated in the heart of the fine timber region, the material is cut, hauled and seasoned, and supplies of poplar are readily obtained from the western part of our State and from Tennessee. An abundant supply of home labor is at hand, and the manufacturers can defy the world in competition. They pay wages a train of cars daily, they pay wages reaching into many scores of thousands annually, and they decline all the honorees offers of trusts, secure of their markets.

The Lawdale Railroad will be completed, in something over two weeks, and trains will be running through from Shelby to Lawdale regularly every day. The grading is nearly finished and the cross-ties and rails are laid for several miles. The force of hands are putting down the rails at a speed of three-fourths of a mile a day. The "leveling" or surfacing process requires