

BY COURT-MARTIAL.

COMPETITOR'S CREW TRIED BY A MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

This in Spite of Consul Lee's Protest. Verdict Expected at Any Moment.—American Claims Against Spain Now Amount to \$12,000,000.
By Telegraph to The News.

HAVANA, Nov. 24.—The prisoners captured on the filibuster "Competitor," whose capture and subsequent trial led to complications between the United States and Spain, have been tried by court martial, despite the protest of Consul General Fitzhugh Lee. Milton, the correspondent of an American newspaper, was tried by the same tribunal.

The decision may be rendered at any moment. The prisoners were not allowed interpreters, and so quietly was the trial conducted that Acting Consul General Springer does not yet know that the case was virtually closed the 14th inst.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—The claims of Americans against Spain now amount to \$12,000,000. The Spanish legation here is compiling formidable claims because of the violation of the neutrality law, allowing the filibustering expeditions to offset the American claims.

No News of the Trial in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—The State department has received no information from Havana or elsewhere concerning the report that the "Competitor" prisoners had been tried by secret and summary court martial. Under these circumstances no statement will be made at the department concerning the report but in view of the plain provisions of our treaty and also the clear requirements of the domestic laws of Spain, our officials are loath to believe the report correct. From Spanish sources it is learned that there was no intention of dealing with the Competitor prisoners in a harsh or unjust manner.

Indignities to "Competitor" Prisoners.

By Telegraph to The News.
KEY WEST, Fla., Nov. 26.—Information received today confirms previous reports that the "Competitor" prisoners suffered indignities in the preliminary before the naval commissioner and were forced to make damaging statements alleged to be untrue. They were without counsel and no representative of the American consulate was present.

Spanish Victory in the Philippines.

By Telegraph to The News.
MADRID, Nov. 26.—A dispatch from Manila in the Philippines, says Major Artagata, has achieved a brilliant victory over the insurgents, who lost four hundred men.

NAIL TRUST BROKEN UP.

Price of Nails Falls With a Thud in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—The great wire nail trust which has levied tribute on the people of the United States and Canada since June 1, 1895, has collapsed and will endeavor to wind up its affairs Dec. 1. Sales agents representing mills within the pool were yesterday scrambling to sell nails at \$1.70 per keg in Chicago, which is precisely \$1 per keg below the trust's circular price, and jobbers were selling in lots of from one to one thousand kegs from stores at \$2 per keg. Before the end of the present week prices will undoubtedly be down to \$1.25 per keg or within 30 cents of the lowest prices ever sold here.

The trust has thrown up both hands, and in a circular to the jobbers gives them liberty to sell at any price they please. Troubles have multiplied on the trust's head very rapidly during the last eight months. In that time the stream of dollars which poured into its coffers during the early months of its career had to be used to buy up at round prices the opposition mills which sprang up on all sides, as well as to meet a multitude of other expenses. Not the least of these was the maintenance of a regular force of inspectors almost as large as the government secret service to keep all the members of the pool "toting fair."

APPOINTMENTS READ OUT.

And the Methodist Conference at Salisbury Adjourns.—Many Preachers Here.

The Western N. C. Methodist Conference, which has been in session at Salisbury for a week, adjourned late Monday afternoon.

The appointments for Charlotte District are:
J. R. Brooks, Presiding Elder. Charlotte, Tryon Street and North Graham Street—W. W. Bays and J. F. Butt.

Trinity and Dilworth—S. B. Turrentine and P. T. Durham. Church Street—H. L. Atkins. Brevard Street—C. M. Campbell. Charlotte circuit—R. S. Howie. Pineville circuit—T. W. Smith. Matthews' circuit—T. P. Bonner. Sandy Ridge circuit—J. W. Clegg. Waxhaw circuit—A. W. Plyler. Clear Creek circuit—R. F. Bryant. Monroe station—W. R. Ware and W. M. Robbins.

Monroe circuit—J. H. West. Polkton circuit—Supply B. F. Fincher. Ansonville circuit—G. D. Hermon. Wadesboro station—Parker Holmes. Morven circuit—R. M. Taylor. Lilesville circuit—J. C. Postell.

As the News stated Monday, the Conference took no action against State aid but adopted an educational report urging their "people to foster denominational schools of higher education, looking to the preparation of our own boys and girls for our colleges; and resolving that these schools, together with Trinity College and other schools belonging to or run in the interest of our Church, should have preference in our patronage and support."

The report on books and periodicals endorses all the publications of the Nashville publishing house, and endorses the N. C. Christian Advocate, published at Greensboro, Rev. L. W. Crawford, editor; as the organ of the Conference. A commission consisting of J. R. Brooks, C. W. Byrd, J. H. Weaver and C. H. Ireland was appointed to confer with the North Carolina Conference looking to the adoption of the paper as the organ of that conference.

The report on church property shows: Number of churches, 650; value of churches, \$841,655; number of parsonages, 107; value of parsonages, \$117,919.60; number of district parsonages, 5; value of district parsonages, \$7,900. There are 102 Epworth Leagues in the Conference, with 3,470 members, who contributed \$1,547.01.

Bishop Galloway ordained the following deacons and elders:
Deacons: J. A. B. Fry, J. W. Roberts, L. L. Smith, L. H. Triplett and E. L. Bain, traveling preachers. Local elders: Miles A. Abernethy, John C. Brown. Traveling elders: James D. Gibson, Thomas R. Johnson, Jacob R. Moore, Alva W. Plyler, John M. Price, Albert Sherrill, Samuel D. Stamey, Jesse P. Rogers, Walter H. Willis, Thomas B. McCurray.

PEOPLE GIVE THANKS

FINE SERMONS AND SUPERB MUSIC AT THE CHURCHES.

Visitors From Other Towns Here for the Day—Hotels Serve Elaborate Dinners, but Most People Eat Their Turkey in Peace at Home.

Charlotte gave thanks today in a fashion befitting the day.

The services in the various churches were more elaborate than ever before, and the day was more universally observed in the churches. The programmes of special music were well selected and finely rendered, and added much to the attractiveness of the services.

All the ministers preached sermons appropriate the occasion, and the people gave thanks to the Giver of All Good for the blessings of the year.

The collections in most of the churches were for the orphanages, and the institutions at Thomasville, Barium Springs, Oxford, and the Thompson orphanage, in this city, were all remembered in the thank offerings.

Rev. Dr. A. P. Saunders, of Fredericksburg, Va., preached the Thanksgiving sermon to the united Presbyterian congregations of the city at the Second Presbyterian church this morning. A large congregation attended. His text was the first verse of the 108th Psalm, "O, God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory."

He said it was not only the duty but the pleasure of praise for us to give thanks to God.

All true praise must come from the heart, and without that element it is empty and vain in the sight of God. Unless the heart is attuned to God's praises it will not pour out melodies to His Glory. Only do we praise God aright when we see him in the face of His own Son. The heart, and the only heart prepared for real thanksgiving and praise is the heart fixed on God. We shall not be worthily thankful until we see God in all our blessings.

The choir sang the "Te Deum" as a voluntary, and as an offertory the anthem, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord."

At the end of the service the congregation sang the national hymn, "America."

Rev. J. W. Staggs told the history of the hymn and how it came to be our national song, and made a few remarks on the duty of patriotism and faithfulness to our government.

The collection was for the Orphanage at Barium Springs.

There was a large congregation at Tryon street Methodist church to hear Dr. W. S. Creasy, of Winston, former pastor of the church.

The large audience was an evidence of the high esteem in which Dr. Creasy is still held by his old congregation. Few men have ever served a Charlotte congregation who have been so popular as he.

Dr. Creasy took for his text the first verse of the 103 Psalm—"Bless the Lord, Oh, my Soul, and let all that is within me bless His holy name."

If, he said, we would spend more of our time in praising God for what He has done for us, we would be much happier. The sweetest memories in any heart are those of having tried to make others happy. We are to thank God for having been allowed to become workers in God's vineyard. God has forgiven and forgotten our iniquities and we should be thankful for it. He not only forgives our iniquities but he heals our diseases of body and of sin. Are you not glad that Jesus not only forgives your sin but he promises to heal you of the disease of sin. How we should praise God for having redeemed our lives from destruction; while others have fallen we have been spared; and many have been redeemed this year from eternal destruction.

"He has satisfied our mouths with good things. How God has blessed us on this line! There has been an abundance of the good things of life in our country this year. Let us praise the Lord for the abundance that he has given to the people."

After the sermon the congregation, standing, sang the national hymn, "America."

Rev. S. B. Turrentine led in prayer.

After the services a number of Dr. Creasy's former parishioners greeted him.

Rev. John T. Chalmers preached

the Thanksgiving sermon at the A. R. P. Church this morning, and will preach the sermon in the church at King's Mountain this evening.

Rev. H. L. Atkins preached the Thanksgiving sermon at the Church Street Methodist church this morning.

Trinity Methodist church will hold its Thanksgiving service at 7:30 o'clock this evening in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. The auditorium has been appropriately decorated with grain and fruits, and the service will be unique, embracing an offering of substantial gifts. Rev. Dr. W. S. Creasy will conduct the services. The public invited to attend.

Tryon Street, Olivet, and Twelfth Street Baptist churches held a union thanksgiving service this morning at Tryon Street church. Rev. L. R. Pruett read the President's thanksgiving proclamation. The scripture lesson, the 103rd Psalm was read by Rev. J. R. Hankins, after which Dr. Barron preached a most excellent sermon appropriate to the occasion. Attractive music added much to the enjoyment of the services. A collection was taken for the Thomasville Orphanage.

Mrs. Martin sang a very appropriate solo.

The Graham Street Presbyterian church celebrated Thanksgiving with a very enjoyable praise service last evening. A "harvest home" celebration will be given next Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Bowman preached an excellent Thanksgiving sermon at the Lutheran church this morning.

On account of this being a legal holiday, the weather bureau issues no weather map or weather forecast.

The postoffice and public buildings are closed, all the banks are closed and many business houses have given their employes holiday.

WILL CONGRESS HELP CUBA?

Leading Senators Express Their Opinions of the Matter.

By Telegraph to The News.
NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—The following expressions are the answers of Senators to the question: "Are you in favor of Congress at an early date passing a joint resolution which will be mandatory on the President to protect the struggling Cubans from extermination by the Spanish?"

Lodge of Massachusetts: hopes for Cuba; Chandler, of New Hampshire, favors immediate action; Proctor, of Vermont, wants the war to cease; Carter, of Montana, thinks agitation would be unwise; Mitchell, of Wisconsin, believes nothing can be done; Cockerell, of Missouri, wants to recognize the belligerency of the Cubans; Vest, of Missouri, undecided; Kyle, of South Dakota, wants no delay; Faulkner, of West Virginia, opposes haste; Bacon, of Georgia, wants an end put to the war; Pasco, of Florida, favors prompt action; Call of Florida, favors recognition; Blackburn, of Kentucky, wants to exhaust the powers of Congress in favor of the Cubans; Tillman, of South Carolina; Allen, of Nebraska; Wilson, of Nebraska, favor action in favor of Cuba; Lindsay, of Kentucky, awaits the President's message; Morgan, of Alabama, thinks there will be trouble; Pugh, of Alabama, believes it to be an executive question; Perkins, of California, says Congress must not act hastily; Sherman, of Ohio, is reticent; Harris, of Tennessee, says he is uninformed; Peffer of Kansas, is against Spain's aggressions; Hawley, of Connecticut, thinks the President will let the matter stand as it is; Blanchard, of Louisiana, favors Cuban recognition; Morrill, of Vermont, awaits the President's message; Burrows, of Michigan, thinks the action of Congress will depend upon events.

Democrats Still Claim Kentucky.

Chairman Sommers, of the Kentucky Democratic campaign committee, claims that if the State canvassing board counts the ballots as cast, Bryan will get twelve out of the thirteen electors of Kentucky. In many precincts ballots were stamped opposite the name of the first electors only, and according to the election law of Kentucky these ballots should be counted for those electors and not for the others.

Where is "Zanesville?"

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 25.—"Friday" Mitchell who treated a five-year-old girl brutally, was lynched near Zanesville, North Carolina, early this morning.

WEYLER BACK IN HAVANA.

His Campaign Against Maceo Has Failed Ingloriously.

By Telegraph to The News.
HAVANA, Nov. 24.—The city is in a state of excitement over the return of General Weyler. No reason for the return has as yet been given. One thing is evident, Weyler in gloriously failed to crush Maceo as he started out to do four weeks ago. It is reported here that scouts informed him Maceo was contemplating a descent upon Havana, and it is possible that Weyler is prepared for some such movement, as the Spanish government is understood to have given Weyler orders not to return unless he accomplished something decisive.

There are anxious inquiries as to "What next?" and even more anxiously people are inquiring "What will the United States do?"

The Cuban hospital at Esmeralda, near Ajo De Agua, was raided and captured by Spanish troops. The eleven inmates were put to death by the machet, no prisoners being taken alive.

Weyler to Remain in Cuba.

By Telegraph to The News.
MADRID, Nov. 23.—The situation in Spain is virtually unchanged. Since the declaration of the probable retirement of Weyler the government has telegraphed him at great length and it is believed he will remain in Cuba.

All news from the Spanish colonies is distressing. A revolt in Porto Rico is momentarily expected, the situation in the Philippines is one of dreadful woe.

Fatal Riot in Cleveland.

By Telegraph to The News.
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 22.—A riot occurred here early this morning on the Franklin Avenue extension, near Columbus street, a locality thickly populated with Hungarians and Irish-Americans. Many were stabbed, knives, dirks and clubs being used. A dozen men are more or less injured, two perhaps fatally.

Was it Too Hot for Weyler?

By Telegraph to The News.
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Nov. 24.—The Cubans say Captain General Weyler has returned to Havana because a ransom was set on his head by Maceo and that Weyler has returned because it was too hot a fight.

Y. M. C. A. District Convention.

Special Correspondence of The News.
SHELBY, N. C., Nov. 23.—The district convention of the Young Men's Christian Association met in association hall on Friday afternoon at 6:30. Delegates from seven associations were present.

The afternoon exercises consisted of Bible reading, conference reports and informal discussions.

Mr. W. S. Warren, of Gastonia, was chosen president of the convention, Mr. B. F. Lattimore, vice-president, and Mr. R. S. Erskridge, Davidson College, secretary.

The day sessions were held in association hall, the night sessions in the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches in succession. Addresses were made by Rev. J. G. Galloway, Gastonia; Mr. F. P. Turner, Mr. G. B. Hanna, Mr. Frank Mahan and Mr. R. S. Erskridge, and papers were read by Mr. James Calder, and Mr. O. B. Van Horn.

Bible readings were conducted by Mr. R. V. Miller, Asheville.

The ladies attended in large numbers, and their aid in the musical exercises was very valuable.

The convention, though not large, was very spirited, and greatly stimulated the local associations and the attending delegates.

The convention adjourned on Sunday night with a union service in behalf of the State work at the Baptist church.

Wells Goodman, Republican registrar for Hoslett's township, Gates county, and his brother, Kader, were lodged in jail at Gatesville by Sheriff R. O. Riddick, for cattle-stealing.

The season has opened at the winter resorts in Moore county. All the cottages at Pinehurst are already rented, and the hotels at Southern Pines are filling up with visitors.

THE VALUE OF CONSTANCY.

Consistency is a virtue which is not always appreciated. It is the quality of being true to one's word, of standing by one's principles, and of not being swayed by the winds of fashion or the passions of the moment.

WOMEN'S COLUMN

Yesterday on corner of Third and Main streets, a young woman was seen walking with a very large dog. The dog was of a rare breed and was very tame.

A young woman of North Tryon street, who has been visiting in the city, has just returned to her home in the country.

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QUITTING BUSINESS. Dissolution. SALE. Selling Out.

WHY? CAUSE OTHER MERCHANTS STRUGGLING TO MEET OUR PRICES; PRICES LIKE THESE: Cashmere, fine grade, 7c. Extra heavy cotton, 7c. Wool Stockings, 25c. Flannel, only 24c. JACKETS—CAPES, all are reduced.

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