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ONE THOUSAND

CAPTURED ON WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE ALPHONZO XII.

It is Reported That the Shenandoah Has Been Captured—Steamer Probably Out of Danger.

Special from the Charlotte Observer to THE STANDARD at 8.30 a. m.

New York captured vessel supposed to be Alphonso XII, from Barcelona to Havana, with one thousand Spanish troops. Sent shots across Spaniard's bow and she surrendered.

1:30 P. M.—Reported in London that Spanish have captured American ship, Shenandoah, from San Francisco, bound for Liverpool.

1:35 P. M.—American line steamer, Paris, which, according to report, the Spanish are trying to capture, passed the Lizzard yesterday evening and should now be well on her way west.

MORE FIRES.

The Work of Incendiarists—Some Suspicions Entertained—The People Were Called at a Late Hour.

It seems a little singular that at 8 o'clock Thursday night there was a fire at Rev. Alexander's, one at 8 o'clock the next morning at Mr. Wallace Cook's, and at 8.15 Friday night there was another one back in what is known as Reid town.

It was an empty house and is on a street branching off of Church street and is just about the residence of Dr. Archey. In a short while some persons saw the building burning and an alarm was given. They succeeded in tearing quite an amount of the sides off.

There is no doubt but that this house was set on fire by some persons. The testimony of several parties is sufficient. A negro woman living near-by was called by her little child and when she came to the door she saw two persons running toward the woods. About this time Mr. Will Parnell, a white man living near-by, came running towards the scene, and came near the men, who were running in the direction as stated by the negro woman. They were going directly from the fire. Neither one of the parties can testify whether they were white or colored.

The white fire company responded as quickly as could be expected, but after making their connections still, for some reason which is to be tested and stated later, there was no force to the water. The Hook and Ladder company responded and lent some aid.

Inasmuch as suspicious characters were seen running from the above fire it was not unexpected for another one to occur, as such a spirit among these persons will out. About 2.30 o'clock Friday night the fire alarm was given again, and it was found that the privy of Mayor Crowell, near the dynamo, was on fire. As soon as the alarm was given Mayor Crowell rushed out to his barn which was only a few feet from the fire and took his horse out of the stable. He then turned on a small hose of water on his barn and succeeded in saving it.

When Mr. Crowell first arrived at

the scene the building was burning only on the inside and the door was closed, but of course in a few minutes the whole building was on fire and no effort was made to save it. The fire company responded, but owing to the fact that there was hose and connection at the dynamo their services were not needed.

Besides the fact of seeing two persons running from the burning Reid house Friday night there are other clues to some suspicious parties being in our town. We shall publish some suspicious occurrences which come from reliable sources.

On Thursday night a stranger was seen by Mr. Will Goodman and several others standing behind a large tree on Spring street near the Episcopal church, and as the persons would pass along this stranger would always keep the tree between him. Again on Friday night a while only after dark Mr. Goodman passed this place again and noticed more carefully the fellow, but cannot say much about his dress.

On Friday night some time after the fire Brandon Means, while coming down street espied a fellow standing behind a tree on Main street near Esq. Hill's, and, as in the other cases, would keep moving behind the tree. Mayor Crowell, on returning from the fire, came up through the lane by Esq. Hill's and his attention was called by a stranger standing at the corner, though not behind a tree. When the stranger saw that he was being watched by Mayor Crowell he walked down the lane.

Between 11 and 12 o'clock that night two strangers came into the dynamo and asked Mr. Loman for a drink of water. Their faces, he says, were black, wore wool hats and one had on a pair of patent leather tan shoes. Both were nicely dressed. He showed them the water and went on to his furnace, which was on their side. He says he looked at them again and saw that their necks were white, making it probable that their faces were blacked. He at once suspicioned something and sent after Night Watchman Johnson. When Mr. Johnson neared the place Mr. Loman says he saw them running away.

Mr. Loman was the first to see the fire and at once started to blow his whistle, but it was screwed down, and, he thinks, must have been done by some person. The roof is near the ground and can be gotten on without the use of a ladder.

About 3 o'clock in the morning Mayor Crowell and Mr. Loman noticed two persons coming down Mill street near the corner at Mr. R. S. Harris's. Mr. Crowell quietly went to the front of the Misses Nicholson and got under a small tree. The two persons that they had seen were dressed in women's clothing and each had a basket on their arm. They turned up towards a negro house, and it was thought that they went in, and two men were sent to the house, but they were not there. The inmates of the house said that they themselves had heard someone.

Another thing, which seems suspicious in some people's eye, is the fact that a large bunch of lint cotton thoroughly saturated with kerosene oil was found in a new well which is being dug on the lot of Mr. R. L. Duval, which is not so far from the place of the fire.

Our officers are being notified of

everything suspicious, and every effort is being made to capture the persons. There are quite a number of theories entertained that are not open for publication. Several persons were stationed in different parts of town the remainder of the night, but nothing especially suspicious was noted.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Judge Montgomery returned last night from court at Shelby.

—Rev. and Mrs. V. R. Stickley, of Enochville, was in our city last night.

—Mr. S A Weddington, of Derita, is visiting his brother, Mr. W M Weddington.

—Mr. I S Henderson, of Mooresville, is in the city visiting his daughters, Mrs. Zeb Morris and Mrs. Neely.

—Miss Lizzie Gray, of Charlotte, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W G Boshamer, returned to Charlotte this morning.

—Miss Bessie Sims, of this place, but who is attending school at Greensboro, came home last night with her father to spend Sunday.

—Miss Jane Kriminger, who lives at the home of Mr. Jas. Dove, at Caldwell station, is visiting at the home of Mr. W M Weddington.

—Miss Lilly Blackwelder, who is now attending school at Mt. Amcena Seminary, spent last night with her friend, Mrs. Clay Blackwelder.

—Miss Belle Moser went to her home near Mt. Pleasant yesterday evening. Her friend, Miss Lena Fetzer, accompanied her and will spend Sunday with her.

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now is CHICKEN TAMALE and IT'S MELLOW. They are both great.

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