

The Messenger.

STILL LYING AS TO NORTH CAROLINA.

From time immemorial North Carolina has been the subject of misrepresentation, jibes, lies and defamations. Even in the great war her services were greatly underrated, her gallant soldiers were overlooked, her foremost generals were neglected, her splendid deeds were passed over and the actual events in battles deliberately ignored or maliciously perverted. It was so from the Seven Day's battle to the close at Appomattox. North Carolina never received even-handed justice from the highest authorities or from the southern press, outside of this state, nor from the Pollards who undertook to furnish historic flashes for historic verities. More lies have been told about Gettysburg against North Carolina than British writers have ever told to the disparagement of Bonaparte at Waterloo. We see that General Pickett's report of the third day at Gettysburg, is to be published with his other reports of battles and services. Let the North Carolina press be on the alert, and we hope Captain Bond will take notes and give the Messenger and its readers the benefit of his comments.

We are reminded of the fact by the studied, systematic, deliberate, pertentious lying of the present. We are gratified to see that Adjutant General Cowles, said to be a man of true courage, has put a prod into the greatly swollen balloon that the irrepressible liar had blown up to the detriment of North Carolina. It had been already shown that the reports about delay and failure, etc., in raising troops were falsehoods out and out. But the liar is sleepless and repeats like republican voters in North Carolina in former years. Stop lying.

General Cowles shows precisely what was called for by the United States government and what North Carolina has done in response. Attend:

1. The first quota of 2,205 men was raised promptly.

2. Second call was for 1,557, which was also raised.

The liar says this was not done, but only 55 were raised. But he lied.

3. General Cowles states on 22 July, that 100 companies or 10,000 men were actually raised by North Carolina on the second call. He states that he "can raise twenty regiments, if necessary, in a week of new troops and with an unlimited quota we can furnish 100,000 in thirty days. We have been awfully and persistently lied on, and I believe studiously and maliciously, in Washington." That is right. The lying originates in Washington. The enemy and slanderer deserves castigation. Under the second call 100 companies were offered, and yet the mean Washington liar tells the country but 55 men were raised. Boot him instanter.

North Carolina is never behind in doing duty and making history. In 1861-65 she raised over 126,000 men and sent them into the war, of which 41,000 perished by battle or disease. In 1860, she voted but 112,500 whites. In deeds she may be counted, but in loud blowing and slurring and lying she can be easily discounted by others. It is dastardly and wicked for liars outside to slander a resolute and patriotic people.

WILL IT BE PEACE OR MONTHS OF WAR.

What next? Will Watson really go into Spanish waters to meet Camara? Perhaps it is only a ruse, another "bluff." Foreign war vessels are gathering rapidly in said waters to await events. The capture of Nipe and the destruction of a Spanish cruiser, the Jorge Juan, by two of our vessels, follow in order in the events of the war. Garcia's letter was a fabrication by a northern newspaper correspondent who is a liar. But reports from Santiago report Garcia's army disbanding, and his farmer soldiers are returning to their homes. The general opinion among American soldiers in Cuba is that the insurgents "are no good," and not to be relied upon. They want to murder and deplete and plunder. Major James M. Bell, of First U. S. cavalry, wounded, is thus reported:

"Don't ask about the Cubans. The regular army has no use for them. Probably they are capable of any vandalism of which they are accused, but this is not my point. What they want is to see us do the work and themselves reap the fruits. When I was being carried, wounded, to Siboney, we stopped under the shade in the Cuban camp. The men with my litter were exhausted, and the sergeant in charge asked aid of the Cubans resting there. The Cuban officer in command replied: 'My men are tired. It's too warm for them to work.' They have not been of much service in battle either. We have no use for them."

But what about the war? Are there real prospects of peace, or is it pro-

bably certain that war will continue for months to come? Reports are many and various. On the same day you will see sent two dispatches flatly contradictory. For instance of 23 July, a London cable reported that the powers, with the exception of Great Britain, had agreed not to allow "an American annexation of the Philippines or an Anglo-American protectorate over the island." And yet it is reported that Germany will not interfere.

Spain will no doubt have a new cabinet. General Polavieja has been with the queen regent. On 23d there was a conflict of opinion as to whether a semi-military cabinet would make for war or peace. Much confidence is reposed in the general who had just arrived. Senor Gamazo, minister of public instruction, was talking and said that the intentions of the government was "to conclude an honorable peace." But the British foreign office at Madrid discredits this. The Madrid special to London Daily News and other papers on 23d, agreed that there was "no real step to peace" that had been taken. The ministerial organ, El Correo, says: "The government is satisfied that the nation desires peace, but if the Washington government raises difficulties, Spain will cease to seek a pacific solution."

The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "Fresh developments in the struggle will probably occur before the peace partisans overcome the resistance of the war party."

The American ambassador to Spain, General Horace Porter, has no information of any peace negotiations, as he states. Spain is showing the same blindness, pugnacity, pertinacity now as she has shown all through her history—utter blindness to facts. The Paris Matin of 22d said:

"It is recognized by all except Spain that the United States will refuse to listen to suggestions upon the part of the concerted powers."

"In this matter," one of the ambassadors said to a representative of the Associated Press, "Spain knows the irreducible minimum upon which the United States will discuss peace. What is she waiting for?"

"Spain seems to forget the United States can stop the war the moment she likes. Now that she has no Spanish fleet to reckon with she can take Puerto Rico and the Canary Islands at her leisure, and finally deal with Cuba in the cool weather. Then Spain will consider the American terms less ridiculous than now."

Sagasta on 22d said that preliminary negotiations looking to peace had been taken, but no confirmation has been found for the statement. The thing remaining for our government to do is to capture Cuba, Porto Rico, and if possible to destroy Camara's fleet and if that is not enough punish Spain farther until she sues for peace.

THE SOUTH'S GREAT ABBEY

When the question of a Battle Abbey for the south was first agitated, the Messenger thought it best to go to Atlanta or some city farther south than Richmond. But it was decided at Atlanta to put it at Richmond. This will be probably acquiesced it willingly. Asheville, Atlanta, Nashville or some other city would have been more in accordance perhaps with "the eternal fitness of things." The Richmond Dispatch discussing the final decision, says:

"Richmond has won in this case by showing what she has done. Other cities held out great promises, but we were in a position to prove our worthiness by our works. Lee Camp Soldier's Home, Lee Camp Hall, and more than all, the Jefferson Davis Museum were all exhibits in the evidence that caused the judgment of the trustees to be given for us."

The plan is to raise \$100,000 by subscriptions, and of this sum the most of it is already subscribed. Mr. Rouse, of New York, it will be recalled, promised to contribute \$100,000 in the event of a like sum being raised. So the needed funds will be forthcoming to carry out the very modest plans of those having charge. We would like to have seen a greater undertaking. We would have been glad if a building vast and elegant, to cost not less than \$1,000,000, could have been erected. It really looks as if the South of 1898, with a population almost double what it was in 1861, could easily raise \$1,000,000 to be used as Westminster Abbey of the south in some respects, while being also "a repository for all of the books and manuscripts, works of art, battle-field souvenirs, etc. belonging to the era when our people took up arms against overwhelming odds and kept the field four years."

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BREVITIES.

It is now certain that Admiral Dewey and Lieutenant Hobson are Episcopalians. Captains Sampson and Watson and Lieutenant Powell are Presbyterians. We think Captain Philip is also a Presbyterian. Colonel Wood, of the Rough Riders is "a rare Christian gentleman."

France has just celebrated the 100th anniversary of the birth of the great historian Michelet was was also indeed a great poet. His widow survives and for nearly a quarter of a century has been engaged in arranging for publication a vast amount of literary material her eminent husband left. She will publish a volume of letters written to her by him before they were married.

Several northern professors in colleges have gone to the war. Among them are Professor Hatfield, of the Northwestern University and Professor S. P. Anderson, of Willamette University. The latter has gone to Manila.

The strength of our army is now 254,479 strong. There are 23,021 yet to be raised to complete the number authorized by the congress.

There will be 20,000 Krag rifles distributed among the Puerto Rican men.

Ah! it is now admitted by the United States government that the move on Spain by Watson was pure bluff, and only intended to compel the return of Camara. The news from Washington is that the "ruse was successful, but the fact that the public took the announcement at face value causes embarrassment."

It is interesting to learn from the commission examining the wrecks of the Cervera fleet that the explosions did not affect the Spanish vessels as in the case of the blown up Maine. This is "proof strong as Holy Writ" well nigh that the Spanish pretense and theory were false as to internal explosion. The destruction of the Maine was beyond all shadow of a shade of doubt the devilish work of the Spaniards, and for their infernal deviltry they have paid a fearful price in the capture and destruction of perhaps forty vessels of all kinds by now, and the complete destruction of their two fleets of best cruisers. Retributive justice has indeed overtaken them with swiftness and potency of destruction and their boasted fleets are wrecks.

STATE PRESS

The democratic party has been happy in selecting of its candidates for congress in North Carolina this year. Third district, Charles R. Thomas, a Bryan elector last year; Sixth district, John D. Bellamy, a true silver man; Ninth district, W. T. Crawford, one of the most loyal silver men in the state, with a brilliant and consistent record. These nominations stand out in bold relief when contrasted with the action of the populist endorsement of the republican goldbug nominee, Oliver Dockery. There is no question as to what party is for principle.—Shelby Star.

The question is asked, "Why has North Carolina gotten so few appointments at the hands of the president in the military service?" It is intimated in certain exclusive circles, supposed to be well informed, that the distributors of pie prefer to retain a strong grip on the civil list of officers, where any ordinary republican can be made fit rather than ask for military preferment for our fellow-citizens who are worthy for the service—99 out of 100 of the latter being democrats. This may not be patriotism, but it is politics—thoroughly modern politics as that science is practiced in North Carolina.—Asheville Citizen.

Let us bury all past prejudices, therefore, and come together heart and hand in one united effort with one common purpose, and throw off the galling and humiliating yoke that bears upon us. We can do it. Will we do it? That depends upon our manner of work. If all who desire a pure government will work together they can bring about a mighty change. The democratic party has a great opportunity, and it bears also a corresponding great responsibility. Let us work with a zeal and energy never yet known man to man, neighbor with neighbor, and the victory shall be ours.—Oxford Ledger.

This is a terrible indictment of the present regime in North Carolina—terrible in its meaning and in its truth. In one incisive sentence it states the whole case for democracy, epitomizes issues, embodies results. It is bad enough that the experiment should have smirched the name of the state, foisted upon it a lot of incompetent officials, put a premium on ignorance and brought in its train vice, indecency and disorder in public and private life. But all these could be easily wiped out by a return to power of the only party that is at once clean and competent. A letting down of the aspirations of the people is a more serious matter. It is the worst misfortune that could befall a state, and especially North Carolina. It is a misfortune that will take time in the remedying.—Raleigh News and Observer.

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NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte News: It is stated now that Mrs. Bagley, of Raleigh, mother of Ensign Worth Bagley, only gets \$11 pension per month. It was stated that she would get \$50. Lieutenant Shipp's widow, it is said, will get only \$9 for herself and \$2 each for her two children.

Winston Sentinel: Encouraging are words coming from all over the Piedmont section regarding the new tobacco crop. It is growing nicely and the farmers are expecting a fine yield this year. Only a small per cent of the 1897 crop remains in the hands of the farmers.

Raleigh News and Observer: David A. Ray, of the democratic township of New Light, has a gourd that holds exactly one pound of powder. It was cut in 1843 and has been in constant use in the Ray family since. He had a peach tree 46 feet in diameter at the branches and three feet and 2 inches in diameter in the body.

Newton Enterprise: Deputy Sheriff Rowe arrested on Wednesday night Solon Drum, who escaped some time ago from the penitentiary, and Gilbert Drum, who escaped from the Fredell county chain gang. They had each served about four months of their terms and since their escape have been traveling in Tennessee and other states.

Raleigh Post: The democracy of the Seventh congressional district added its excellent work to that of its friends in other districts, in naming Hon. Theo. F. Klutz as the standard bearer of the party. Mr. Klutz is one of the best men of the state in character, ability, attainments, fidelity to duty and to his people. He was a Bryan elector in 1896, and his canvass of the state was brilliant as well as effective.

Greensboro Patriot: Ed. Smith, one of Captain Dick Smith's sons, was stricken with paralysis Thursday afternoon. The young man has been working with City Engineer Richardson for some time, and it is presumed the heat brought on the affliction. His arms and legs were completely paralyzed, though he suffered no pain whatever. Neither his body nor mind were affected in the least. After two or three days he recovered the use of his arms and right leg, but his left leg remains paralyzed.

Kinston Free Press: We were told by two prominent men that seven or eight negro politicians from the M. M. con were on the Atlantic and North Carolina train Wednesday, going to attend the state republican convention at Raleigh. These negro politicians (Russell's birds of prey) were on the train and made themselves nuisances. They pulled off their shoes and put their feet on top of the seat, some of their rusty toe nails sticking up in plain view. The conductor was requested, we are told, to have the indecent darkies behave, but paid no attention to the request.

Monroe Enquirer: We have it from good authority that Mr. John Griffith, who has announced himself an independent democratic candidate for the office of sheriff, has promised one of the leading populists of the county that he will cast his vote for O. H. Dockery for congressman.—Rev. J. E. Herring, who has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church, spent last Tuesday in Monroe. Mr. Herring has not accepted the call, but will decide the matter soon.—Thirty-two democratic candidates have announced themselves for county offices in Mecklenburg. There is no fixing a slate before the primary in that county.

Charlotte Observer: Chas. Lindsay, the colored porter at the Central, got his finger shot nearly off yesterday at the picnic. He was shooting at a 50-cent piece, and mistook his finger for the money.—Union has been selected as one of the counties for the politico-social meetings to be held throughout the year on August 2d and Hon. C. M. Cooke, of Franklin, and Jas. H. Currie, of Cumberland, will speak, and perhaps Hon. A. J. Waddell, of Wilmington, also.—Mr. Fred Hazgroves, of Wadesboro, was here yesterday and purchased machinery and a general outfit for a factory for the manufacture of shirts, overalls and drawers. The building is ready. The machinery will be placed and work begun at once.

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Sweet Seventeen.

The little town of Whiting, Iowa, is quite excited over the discovery that the Rev. C. T. Atwood, pastor of the Christian church of that place, was engaged to seventeen young women at the same time.

The announcement of his engagement to one young lady resulted in sixteen others coming forward and claiming his hand. A church trial resulted, but before that was had the reverend gentleman resigned his charge. This fall he expects to marry Miss Annie Bigelow.

He arrived at Whiting about a year ago, and was soon found to be a young man of attractive address, and was said to be particularly fond of the society of women. Mr. Atwood became personally acquainted with the families in his church and paid frequent visits to their homes. He was a prime favorite in every home, and many men looked forward to the day when he would be their son-in-law.

Everything went along smoothly until a few days ago, when came the public announcement of his engagement to Miss Bigelow. Sixteen other damsels nearly fainted when they heard the news. Finally, one by one, they confided that he was also engaged to each of them; at least he had promised to marry each one. This came to the ears of the trustees of the church and a public investigation was ordered, but the young man resigned.

His only defence is that he loved them all because they were members of the Christian Church, and he says when he talked of marrying them it was to someone else. Breach of promise suits are threatened.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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