

The Messenger.

RUSSELL ON SIMMONS.

It is an old ruse of a political trickster and enemy of the people to bring counter-charges of corruption and failure when his own bad doings and the conspicuous failure of his own party are brought under the searchlight.

So to rail at democratic misrule and to hedge when driven to defence by saying, "We are black, but you are another," will not meet the case or pay.

The democratic chairman addressed inquiries to Mr. J. M. Mewboorne relative to certain matters connected with the management, etc., of the penitentiary.

As to the charges brought by Russell against the democratic government in the matter of the Halifax farm land, the Anson plantation, the Castle Hayne lease, and any other complaints, they should be met with denials and facts if Russell is not telling the truth instead of romancing, or sounding a counter charge with his big brass horn.

Since the above was in type we have received Chairman Simmons' reply to the insulting letter, which will also be found in this issue.

SCHLEY IS THE REAL HERO

Captain Sampson (called admiral) is a small man. Look at his report. The splendid, gallant fighter, Commodore Schley, is almost ignored, and yet he really won the fight, while subordinates for the most part receive no praise for their part taken in the great battle of 3rd July 1898.

nize the dash, valor and deeds of the main participants. We fear Sampson is a sorry fellow, gangrened by jealousy. He is so very fair he cannot specify merit, and he does but very imperfect justice to the dashing resourceful Schley.

Nevertheless, the scant reference to Commodore Schley may, in the opinion of the latter's friends, lend color to the rumors that the relations between the two men are not as cordial as they might be.

You see it was not Sampson's victory. What has he done anyway that any other naval commander could not have done. And that is the pity of it. It was swift, most gallant fighting on the part of the slight armored Brooklyn when Schley dashed right in among the enemy.

The captains of those vessels did the work aided grandly by their men. Cervera and the captain of his flagship say that but for Schley they would have made good their escape.

We cannot doubt it reading the accounts of men who were there. Yet in face of right and truth and justice there are northern papers, and possibly some southern, who are trying to make Sampson the real hero.

After writing the above we were glad to find an editorial in the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot strongly and justly favorable to Commodore Schley.

It is like threshing thrice-threshed straw again to go over all the facts that really exclude Sampson from the affair, and that unite to acclaim Schley the Alpha and Omega, the beginning, middle and end of the great engagement.

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Hark! Hark! The talk now is that Watson's last "bluff" is not to find Camara's fleet, but to find Dewey at Manila. He will help Dewey thrash the saucy Germans if necessary.

Yet there is something appealing in his expression.

"He has not the stamp of a conceited man nor yet one who has great confidence in himself. He simply has the appearance of a handsome southern boy who has nothing to be ashamed of."

If any Alabamian is mean enough to try to get General Wheeler's place in the congress, we hope the people will see to it that he falls.

The Washington Post notes that Milwaukee has developed a one hundred thousand dollar band defaulter.

In France the sense of justice seems to be as dead as it is in Spain. That corruption in the army may be hushed up public sentiment favors death to Dreyfus and imprisonment to Zola who defended him.

The Philadelphia Record is so moved upon by the modest merit of young Hobson it says and it is timely and appropriate:

"Taken all in all, whether as a hero, a naval constructor or the modest recipient of unexpected plaudits, Mr. Hobson is a pleasing exemplar of young American manhood. May the Twentieth century multiply and increase him, and give us Hobsons in every walk of life!"

STATE PRESS

"We endorse the Dingley tariff bill," says this platform, further, "made necessary by the enormous expenditures incident to the war"—when all the world knows that the Dingley tariff bill was framed and enacted into law before there was any war or any prospect of a war.

That courteous and perfectly legitimate request sent by Mr. F. M. Simmons to the board of penitentiary directors for certain information that under the law should have been embodied in a report by Superintendent John R. Smith and filed on the first day of December last, seems to have thrown the whole "kit and billy" of them into hysterics.

From the best information we can get from all sections of the county, it is evident that the "House of the populists, we mean those who are white, and believe in a white man's government, will unite with the democrats in restoring good government to our county and state.

To Gather in the Spanish Gunboats New York, July 28.—A cablegram from Hong Kong to The Journal says that Admiral Dewey at Manila has dispatched the Raleigh and the Concord to gather up eleven Spanish craft, which, according to information sent him by Consul Wildman, are at various places in the Philippine archipelago.

Robbed the Grave

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day.

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NORTH CAROLINA

Watauga Democrat: On last Thursday Mr. Finley Trivett was drowned in Watauga river while floating saw logs down the stream.

Winston Sentinel: Senator Pritchard did not attend the republican state convention. The reason which one republican gave for his absence is unique.

Charlotte Observer: Jim Thomas, colored, while at work for the Gas Company yesterday morning, helping to lay a main in front of Wardsworth's stables, was struck by a street car and right painfully hurt.

Raleigh News and Observer: Mr. Butler was seen later at his hotel. The point blank question was put to him: "Do you favor fusion with the republican party in this state?"

It was plain and simple enough, but the senator is not good at answering questions. He replied: "I prefer not to answer that now; I have virtually answered it in an editorial in the Caucasian which appears tomorrow."

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