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. The old, old dodge is "played" now in North Carolina. The sane, sensible, honest people will not be deceived by the Russell cry of "wolf, wolf." For four years the combinethat rare make up of populist silver men and earnest reformers with the rag, tag and bobtail remnant of effete radicalism pledged to high taxes, a robber tax and the single gold standard-have had full sway in North Carolina, and all know from the highest to the lowest what has resulted things-"to beat the democrats" and the part of the slight armored Brookto get a grip upon swag. A state that was prospering and contented under democratic government has received a severe blow in its varied interests, best people have become despondent, capital has retired or refused to enter, and negrodom .has been flattered and played with until Russell is once more in full fellowship with his "savages," and Anglo Saxonism is at a discount so far as black radicalism and Butlerism can make it to be. To paint the picture in words fitting and revealing would demand the pen of a Ruskin or a Macaulay, or the brush of a ship say that but for Schley they

another," will not meet the case or there are northern papers, and possipay. Governor Russell is believed to bly some southern, who are trying to dor and straight-forward dealing, any pole, one of the iron spikes used as have written the acrid, personally abusive letter addressed to Mr. F. M. Simmons, chairman of the democratic state committee that appears in this issue of The Messenger. The Raleigh Post of Wednesday. The governor's style is so extraordinary in its characteristics-all aflame with vituperation and personal thrusts and plausible pettifogging-that any one familiar with it can not mistake it when it appears signed by another man. The fat governor cannot deceive any ordinary critic of style at this point. He is given to such work. It is not the first time since he was governor that he has used the slime of malice and stiletto of the hidden z ssassin, and the mud of the shambles in his eagerness to outrage decency, 1) gratify his insatiable hatred and to give voidence to his violent, calumniating statements.

The democratic chairman addressed inquiries to Mr. J. M. Mewboorne relative to certain matters connected with the management, etc., of the penitentiary. The governor in his reply makes a personal assault upon the character of the chairman in which very grievous charges are made. The inquiries of the chairman are answered by an attack upon the honesty and character of Mr. Simmons, and by certain charges brought as to the management of the democrats before the combine came in with their outrages and failures.

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. Because connected Cervera's orders) being the mark of sioners. Look at the picture, ye demwith personal vindictiveness and mud-slinging it is no good reason that the charges made by the artful advocate in the governor's chair should go unnoticed and unanswered. Let the truth be stated plainly in answer to Russell. A reply in the spirit of the assailant will not do. All know his between Schley and the commander of the republican or fusion ticket, for as the Colon (driver to surrender by su high gifts of blackguarding and his the Colon (driven to surrender by sure as you do, you will have negroes utter recklessness when hit. So the way is to meet his assaults with facts. 'A plain statement offsetting his charges or refuting them will be worth a ream of criticisms upon Russell's general and particular mean-

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. Schley most heartily praises his men who were thick in the fight. Sampson with the battle, he is unable to recog-

nize the dash, valor and deeds of the Yet there is something appealing in 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. The Baltimore Herald says:

"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.

It would, doubtless, have been better for Sampson's fame had he been more lavish in his praise of the splendid leadership of Schley in the meorable battle.

As will be noted, the reports of the other commanding officers contrast rather strongly in point of generous commendation with Sampson's matter-of-fact sentences."

You see it was not Sampson's victory. What has he done anyway that any other naval commander could not from this combination of antagonizing have done. And that is the pity of it. elements agreed really in but two It was swift, most gallant fighting on lyn when Schley dashed right in among the enemy. Cervera expected progressive, wise, economic and just to be able to destroy easily, as we now know, the Brooklyn. Spanish officers were simply amazed at her fighting its reputation has been damaged, its and their failure to send her speedily to the bottom. God was in it. It was not so written that she should be destroyed. She certainly destroyed two of the cruisers light armored as she was. The report of the commission show that the Brooklyn, aided by the Texas and the Oregon did the work.

The captains of those vessels did the work aided grandly by their men. Cervera and the captain of his flag would have made good their escape. So to rail at democratic misrule and We cannot doubt it reading the acto hedge when driven to defence by counts of men who were there. Yet saying, "We are black, but you are in face of right and truth and justice as ridiculous and unfair as it would be to credit Lee with the victories of the first and second days at Gettysburg insteal of some other soldier if he had been ten miles away and only heard the guns. We have no patience with unfairness and injustice in any thing. We are for the right, for the truth, for honor and justice in all transactions and deeds in military and civil life, in church and state. Let all the heroes be honored, every mother's son of them. Let the officers and the men receive their meed of praise. If Commodore Schley had hesitated with his fast, thinly armored ship to have sailed into the Spanish fleet fighting alone at first four of their cruisers, and had let them escape, pleading they were too many and too strong for him, Sampson would have denied all responsibility and said that he was not a participant and could not prevent the calamnity and the disgrace. And newspapers now unjustly withholding praise and honor from Schley and bestowing the honors on Sampson would have been swift in their condemnation and abuse of the gallant Marylander. Let justice be done though the heav-

> After writing the above we were glad to find an editorial in the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot strongly and justly favorable to Commodore Schley. We copy with pleasure the following ocrats in restoring good government

"It is like threshing thrice-threshed straw again to go over all the facts that really exclude Sampson from the affair, and that all unite to acclaim Schley the Alpha and Omega, the beginning, middle and end of the great | court, and there are two negro school Cervera broke from covert with his fleet; he led the pursuit; he bore the brunt of the fighting-his ship (by sheriff, register and county commisevery gun of the enemy; he did the chase by skill, speed and daring, sending the last and swiftest of the Spanish fleet to wreck and surrender before re-elected. We know there are many Sampson appeared to usurp honors good republicans and populists who won by another. That is what hurts have never seen these things in the sword of the beaten commander."

BREVITIES

What a fine hero is little Jo Wheeler, of Alabama. How resolute and intrepid! We felt proud of him when we read in yesterday's Messenger how he refused to fall back when urged by officers to do so in the terriffic fight of July 1. Said the brave southerner: "No! it will not do. American prestige is gone if we give an inch." And he didn't.

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

The modesty of Lieutenant Hobson is the talk of the north. A correspondent describes him in Washington:

"The first conviction was that he was handsome, yes, an exceedingly of the bowels, do not irrihandsome man. He looks an athlete tate or inflame, but leave and walks with easy graceful step. all the delicate digestive or-

his expression.

"He has not the stamp of a conconceited 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."

to try to get General Wheeler's place in the congress, we hope the people will see to it that he fails. Give General Jo an unanimous vote for he deserves it.

The Washington Post notes that Milwaukee has developed a one hundred thousand dollar- band defaulter. We presume the sympathies of the community will be promptly extended to this unfortunate.

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

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 examplar 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. Nothing could be more uncandid than this, nor anything more unworthy than a phrase following in which it is sought to give the administration and the republican party the glory for the success more than good government, from southern republicanism. Away with it! the republican party, and yet if he were well regulated and meant well by nect himself with the republican party of North Carolina on account of the conscienceless association into which it would bring him.—Charlotte Ob-That courteous and perfectly legiti-

mate 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 them into hysterics, the pompous Mem-rns of the many O's is said became wrathy and in a fiery speech flung projectiles that exploded all over the heads of some of the members of the board. He proclaimed his honesty in tones loud enough to be heard by the escaped convicts, and intimated that he would rather be feeding pigs on his Lenoir county "truck patch" than to me meddling with this white elephant with a tail at both ends, or words to that effect. Mr. Simmons has merely made a request for information, but Mr. Simmons in this is about in the same condition with the balance of the people of the state, for it seems that hereafter all the people are to remain in blissful ignorance of the doings of this "House of Lords," these mighty moguls of maiestice manouvering, these princely potentates of the pen, this collossal collection of convict curators, this bully board of bouncers, these silent secret service solons.-Raleigh News and

From the best information we can get from all sections of the county, it is evident that the better class of the populists, we mean those who are white, and believe in a white man's government, will unite with the demto our county and state. They can't afford to do otherwise, for they see that a continuance of republiacn rule will bankrupt the government and negroize it beyond all hope of redemption at the polls. Why, there is a negro magistrate in Ellerbe township, appointed by Z. F. Long, our clerk of engagement. But he was there when committeemen on every township board, appointed by our board of education, and one negro on said board of education, appointed by our clerk, ocrats and patriotic republicans and work, in the main; and he ended the populists. Behind the picture! Can you endure it longer? Don't you know that how the veterans are passing. Glancthis is but a foretaste of what these fellows would do for us if they are Sampson so irreparably. He at least light. They say, we are as much should not have trusted himself in opposed to the negro in office as you disabled; in 1897 there were 37; in Schley) to intercept and receive the put over you. You must remember that there are about four times as up to number 18 this year. Ten dolmany negroes as there are white republicans, and the negroes are the masters of their white allies .- Rockingham Rocket.

To Gather in the Spanish Gunboats

New York, July 28.-A cablegram from Hong Kong to The Journal says that Admiral Dewey at Manila his 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. Among these vessels are three gunboats at San Miguel, Luzon island, and four at Port Royalist, Palawar island. Four merchantmen, with cargoes of tobacco, are reported at Cagayana, Luzon. The same dispatch reports that English traders at the coal mines in Luzon islands have been imprisoned and subjected to ill-treatment otherwise by the Spaniards there.

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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. He was below the splash dam" when the gate was raised and there being more water than If any Alabamian is mean enough he thought he was caught in the flood of water and logs and his bruised and lifeless remains were found one-half mile down the river. Mr. Trivett was a good man.

> Winston Sentinel: Senator Pritchard did not attend the republican state convention. The reason which one republican gave for his absence is unique. He said the senator had promised so many men office and so many had failed to get the places that he feared to meet his "legion of the disappointed," and that the convention contained many of this class of men who failed.

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 .--- A band of fifteen negroes assembled at Gold Hill, on the western outskirts, Monday afternoon for a game. The cards were shuffled and the game begun. Among the players was Charles Ellis, known amongst the negro sporting element as "Charleston," he being from South Carolina, and having the low country dialect; Jim Jenkins and Lee Byers. Jenkins and "Charleston" are great friends. Byers was an outsider. As the game proceeded, Ellis and Byers got into a dispute, and Byers was about to get the best of it, when Ellis drew his pistol and fired twice at Byers. Byers dodged and one of the balls hit Jenkins, taking effect in his neck. The party scattered instantly -Willie Smith, the little daughter of Sheriff Smith, gave an example several days ago at Spartan grit, which she inherits on both sides of the house. She had recently become the happy possession of a wheel, and was out taking her first ride. In coming along Church street at full speed she was run into by a recruiting officer, of the war thus far. But, as men do | similarly mounted. The collision took not gather grapes of thorns, nor figs | place in front of Hanan's store. The of thistles, neither do they get can- child was thrown against a telephone steps by the lineman striking her in the breast. Mr. Hannan saw the collision, and ran to the assistance of both parties. The soldier was not his people he could not afford to con- hurt. He and Mr. Hannan picked the child up and took her in the store. After the shock of fright was over she insisted that she was not hurt, and rode off. She was afraid her parents would not let her ride again, so she did not tell of the accident, but, kept the fact and her bruises to herself. Mrs. Smith heard of it Monday for the first time.

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.--A mule hitched to a wagon was frightened by a trolley car near Camp Dan Russell yesterday afternoon and ran away throwing out the owner, W. F. Stephens, and an old darkey named Reuben Farrier, who was riding with him. Farrier was seriously hurt, receiving an ugly gash above the eye-Yesterday afternoon as Mr. Joseph Blake was riding on the Holleman road, he found Mrs. W. H. Rodgers and Miss Hattie Wilkie, of New York, in a very bad plight. They were out driving, and the work house team ran away and ran into their vehicle from behind. The heavy wagon and horses ran into their carriage, demolished it, knocked out Mrs. Rogers' teeth, and knocked Miss Wilkie senseless. It is a thousand miracles that they were not killed. Mr. Blake gave them all the assistance he could, sent his man Is busy now receiving new goods evback to the city for Dr. J. R. Rogers 'ery day and selling far more of them and a carriage, and then the two than we expected. Our trade is exladies were brought to the city. Misa tra good. We are selling lots of new Wilkie did not regain consciousness and stylish goods at a small price. until she reached the city. She is suffering from nervous prostration. Mrs. Roger's face is badly bruised. - A inch Heavy White Goods for Shirts and more pitiful list than that of the totally disabled Confederate soldiers it 4-4 Sheeting from 3%c to 4c. Sea Island would be hard to suggest. One is kept | Sheeting at 41/2c. One yard wide in the state auditor's office, and as it Bleaching at 4c. Our Bleaching stock is transcribed from year to year on the books for the payment of \$10 per month pension from the state it shows ing down the page one is struck with | 75c, just received, to close at 39c; plaitthe fact that nearly or quite threefourths of those on this splendid roll of honor are totally blind. In 1896 there were 33 on the list of totally phabetical order last year has moved lars a month is so little to pay to the man who is old and blind! Surely as the list shortens the pensions might be increased.

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. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

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