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## CHANDLER AND EVANS

### Navy Department Takes Cognizance of the Ex-Secretary's Charges Against the Admiral.

The Acting Secretary of the Navy, in Reply to ex-Secretary of the Navy Chandler's Charges Against Admiral Robley D. Evans, Writes Him a Letter Severely Condemning His Language in Regard to the ex-Secretary in His Book Entitled "A Sailor's Log"—He is Told that Denunciation of a Former Head of the Navy Cannot be Tolerated—Copy of the Letter Sent to ex-Secretary Chandler.

Washington, August 10.—The navy department has acted upon the complaint made by the Hon. William E. Chandler against Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans. It has reprimanded the admiral and the following letter has been addressed to him:

"Navy Department, Washington, D. C., August 10. "Sir: The honorable William E. Chandler, president of the Spanish treaty claims commission, lately a senator of the United States and formerly secretary of the navy, has complained to the department, as you are aware, of certain strictures upon himself in your book entitled 'A Sailor's Log.' The strictures in question are in the nature of aspersions upon the official conduct of then (1884) secretary of the navy.

"The text of your book, it is not necessary here to recite; nor is it needful to ask of you an explanation why you felt yourself justified in publishing what you have. It is obvious to any reader that you speak offensively of Secretary Chandler's action; that you impugn his motives and otherwise traduce him in respect to orders given you by the secretary in the discharge of the duties of his office.

"You are informed that this deliberate publication of yours has justly incurred the displeasure of the department. For an officer thus to attack a former head of the navy department because of orders given to him by that official is to abandon the courtesy that should always characterize an officer of the navy. If tolerated, it would unquestionably prove subversive of discipline. It would tend to bring the office itself into disrepute. The act is the more reprehensible in this instance, because of your long experience in the service.

"It has become my duty, therefore, to censure you for this breach of obligation imposed upon you as a commissioned officer of the navy of the United States which I accordingly do.

"A copy of this letter will be furnished to the Hon. William E. Chandler.

"Respectfully,  
"E. W. HACKETT,  
"Acting Secretary."

"To Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans,  
"U. S. N., Washington."

Former Senator Chandler was notified of the action of the department in the following letter:

"Navy Department,  
Washington, D. C., August 9.

"To Hon. William E. Chandler,  
"Sir: Referring to recent correspondence upon the subject of alleged strictures made by Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans upon the conduct and motives of the secretary of the navy, in 1884, published in his book entitled 'A Sailor's Log' I have the honor to inform you that the department regards this action of Admiral Evans as deserving of reproof.

"Accordingly, the department has censured that officer, as will appear from a copy of a letter to him of this date, herewith enclosed.

"I have the honor to be,  
"Yours respectfully,  
"F. W. HACKETT,  
"Acting Secretary."

Admiral Evans has acknowledged, under date of August 10, 1901, his receipt of the letter of acting Secretary Hackett. It is the understanding at the navy department that the action taken closes the incident. This is certainly so, so far as the department is concerned, and if anything further is done, it will have to be on the initiative of Admiral Evans, in asking for a court of inquiry or of Mr. Chandler. The right of the navy department to administer a reprimand, without waiting for the findings of a court, has been in question at times, but it is said the precedents leave no doubt that this right exists.

**TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL**

State Officials to Attend the Funeral of Charles Aycock

(Special to the Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., August 10.—Secretary of State Grimes, Treasury Lacy, At-

tor Dixon, Private Secretary Pearsall and others of the state officials will attend the funeral of Charles Aycock at Wilson tomorrow.

The contract was awarded to day to Jacob S. Allen, of Raleigh, at \$4,500 for the new dormitory at the soldier's home here. The legislature appropriated \$5,000, \$500 to be expended for furnishing.

The state normal college at Greensboro is open September 19th, a fortnight earlier than usual.

The state charters the W. C. Thomas Leaf Tobacco Company of Kinston.

**A FAYETTEVILLE SENSATION**

**A Father's Successful Ruse—Great Damage by High Water—An Informer Comes to Grief—Beautiful German**

(Correspondence of The Messenger.)

Fayetteville, August 9.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Boney have been separated for the past year on account of domestic troubles, he living at Rocky Mount, where he is a much esteemed Atlantic Coast Line engineer, and she residing in the western district of Fayetteville. Mr. Boney has been used to come occasionally to see his son, and yesterday afternoon he made one of these visits, riding up to the Cain residence in a buggy, in which an acquaintance sat, while he entered the house. As soon as Miss Prudence Cain brought the child, the father seized it, rushed out to the vehicle, and drove hurriedly away. Mrs. Boney had a warrant issued for the arrest of her husband on the charge of abduction, but he had made his plans skillfully. He had hired the horse and conveyance, saying that he wished to make a visit to his brother in South Carolina, but he rode across the country to Clinton, whence Captain Goddard received a telegram this morning, directing him when to send for his property.

The handsome bridge now building over Cape Fear river at Lillington, Harnett county, at a cost of \$14,000, has suffered severely from the freshets of July and August. Within the past day or two material has been swept away to the value of over \$1,000, and last month the damage to the bridge was estimated at nearly \$3,000.

Dan Turner, a white man living in Flea Hill township, knows how it is himself now. For a long time he has been active in informing against violators of the revenue law, and yesterday he went to jail, on failure to give bail, for selling liquor without a license.

Last evening there was a pleasant german in McKethan's hall, led by Mr. John C. Thomson, with fine music by Remsburg orchestra, complimentary to Miss Eliza Hodges, of Wilson, the guest of Miss Kate Hawley.

The confederate veterans of Cumberland county, Captain J. B. Smith commanding, held a meeting in the town hall this morning, when delegates were chosen to the encampment at Wrightsville.

Mr. Andrew Borden, an extensive cotton dealer of Goldsboro, whose representative in this city is Captain Graves, has bought the valuable Jackson Johnson property fronting 72 feet on Donaldson street, on which he will build a cotton warehouse and platform.

**Boers Capture British Block House**

London, August 10.—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated from Pretoria today says:

"A blockhouse near Brand (Orange River colony) was rushed and captured by the Boers, after sever fighting the night of August 7.

"Elliott has captured seventy prisoners and large quantities of stock and wagons, which he is sending in. No details have been received."

**Band Excursion to Sea**

The excursion given by the First Regiment Band, N. C. S. G., on the steamer Wilmington yesterday was a successful and enjoyable affair. The steamer left her wharf at 10 a. m., and after touching at the Carolina Beach pier went to Southport and out to sea. The sea was smooth but many of the party were seasick and "fed the fishes."

The band played some splendid pieces both on the river and out at sea, and their playing was highly appreciated by the crowd on board. About 300 took in the trip. Refreshments were served on the boat. The steamer Wilmington got back to the city at 5 p. m.

**Ordered to Fort Caswell**

Lieutenant Bradley J. Wooten has returned to the city with his bride. He has been ordered to report for temporary duty at Fort Caswell until he is ordered to proceed to his post with the Seventh Cavalry at Cuba.

O. C. Buck, Belme, Ark., says: I was troubled with constipation until I bought DeWitt's Little Hazel Risers. Since then have been entirely cured of my old complaint. I recommend them. P. R. Bellamy.

Eruptions, cuts, burns, scalds and sores of all kinds quickly healed by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Certain cure for piles. Beware of Counterfeits. Be sure you get the original—DeWitt's. P. R. Bellamy.

## DYNAMITES BRITISH TRANSPORT

### ALLEGED ATTEMPT OF BOER SYMPATHIZERS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Tremendous Explosion Against the Side of a Vessel Loading with Mules for the Transvaal—No Great Damage Done—Several of Her Plates Sprung and Much Water Taken In—No Clue to the Perpetrators.

New Orleans, August 10.—What is regarded as an attempt of a Boer sympathizer to blow up a British transport occurred shortly after midnight when there was a terrific explosion at the stock landing where the Harrison steamer Mechanician is moored. The Mechanician is to carry mules to South Africa. The explosion shook houses, rattled dishes and awakened people for some distance around. Most of the crew of the ship were asleep, but the explosion brought them quickly from their berths to the deck. An examination showed a large dent on the starboard side of the ship. Two plates at the water's edge had been sprung and considerable water was let into the ship.

Pumps were immediately put to work and when daylight came it was found that the vessel was in no danger of sinking and that the damage done was not serious. The crew of the vessel denied that there was any explosive on board and there seems little doubt, according to the statements of those who examined the ship, that the explosion was from the outside and that some sort of a bomb or torpedo had been used.

Alfred Leblanc, of the Harrison Line, visited the Mechanician early today and a report of the damage done was submitted to him. He said three large plates in the starboard of the ship had been stove in and that sixteen rivets had been broken off or knocked completely from their places. As the ship was taking considerable water it was decided to shift the ballast so as to lift the damaged section out of the water. It is thought the damage can be repaired here.

Agent Leblanc said the Mechanician will be loaded with a cargo of mules on Monday and get away for South Africa as soon as possible.

A British officer who was on the ship last night said the explosion was terrific and a column of water went high up in the air and came down on deck.

Captain Ball, of the Mechanician, was on board at the time, but none of the officers was willing to express a theory with regard to who was responsible for the explosion. It was suggested in some quarters that it might have been the act of some disgruntled muleteer. Many of the muleteers who have, from time to time left the city on the British transport, have returned with complaints of ill-treatment and a number of suits are now pending against British ships in the federal court.

## THE STATE'S DIVIDENDS

Received from the North Carolina Railroad—Applicants Who Secure Peabody Scholarships—New Director of State University Gymnasium.

Messenger Bureau.

Raleigh, N. C., August 10.

Iredell Meares, of Wilmington, is here to see the United States attorney regarding some titles to government lands at Southport.

The state treasurer today received as dividend on the 6 per cent. bonds of the North Carolina railway \$90,000 and paid the New York interest on these, aggregating \$31,323.

Some one made the point that the finding by past legislative committees that ex-Treasurer Worth's accounts were correct relieved him from liability for the stealings of his clerk, W. H. Martin. Not even the ex-treasurer's attorney makes any such claim, an official informs your correspondent.

The following applicants from this state for Peabody scholarships passed the examinations, the state superintendent of public institution announces: Miss Lizzie Ferrett, of Clinton, 87 per cent.; Walter P. Jones, of Surry county, and Miss Madge White, of Statesville, 81 each.

Great preparations for the state fair are in progress. General Cox, the president, says the list of attractions is the largest on record.

In the entrance examinations for scholarships at the Agricultural and Mechanical college here, held in the various counties, 83 passed out of 109. At the examinations at the college next month about the same number will be admitted. The opening is September 4th.

A dispensation is granted by Grand Master of Masons Royster for a new lodge at Aulander, Bertie county.

E. L. Eliason, of Chestertown, Md., will be the director of the gymnasium at the state university. Charles O. Jenkins is the new foot ball coach. Both he and Eliason are Yale graduates.

The record of grades made on examination by the last freshman class at the university shows it is probably the best class which ever entered there. Over 80 completed their work with credit and a third of all passed without a failure.

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## THE STOLEN GOLD FOUND

### THE SUSPECT UNDER ARREST MAKES A FULL CONFESSION.

After Three Days of Persuasion He Tells Where the Bullion was Hidden in the River—The Water Searched and \$130,000 Recovered—Winters, the Burglar, Declares He was Alone in the Robbery.

San Francisco, August 10.—Jack Winters, who was arrested as a suspect in connection with the Selby Smelting works robbery, has confessed and so far \$130,000 worth of bullion has been recovered from the bay where he had sunk it.

For three days the detectives have tried all sorts of persuasion to make Winters confess, but apparently without effect. Finally, Winters asked to see Superintendent Ropp, of the Selby works, who, he said was the only friend he had.

In his conversation with Ropp, Winters indicated that he knew where the gold had been hidden. Ropp told Winters that he had a strong case against him and that he would be sent to the prison for thirty years. He said: "You will be an old man when you get out and it will do you no good to hide the gold. We know it is hidden in the water near the works and we will search every inch. You may be sure the gold will be found before you get out of prison."

Winters finally weakened and told Ropp that he had taken the gold and would take him to the spot where it was hidden. Winters, in company with Superintendent Ropp and a force of detectives, left on a tug last night for Crockett. There they waited all night for low tide. Winters pointed out the place at the end of the railroad wharf, behind the coal bunkers, at the head of the Vallejo ferry slip. At that point at low tide the mud is about four feet deep, covered by a foot of water.

When the tug reached Crockett, Winters pointed out the spot in the water where he said he had thrown the gold. Superintendent Ropp marked the place of the wharf and the tug steamed away to await for low tide.

This morning Winters got in the mud and water up to his neck and for an hour and a half, groped for the missing bullion. Up to 10 o'clock \$130,000 worth had been recovered. This includes the four bars of fine gold.

Winters had put some of the bars in bags. He said one of the bags had broken and some small bars had dropped out. It is now only a question of careful search to find the rest of the \$230,000. Winters claims he did the job all alone. He says he made fourteen trips from the vault to the wharf from which he dropped the gold.

The tug, with the detectives, and the prisoner, returned to this city this afternoon.

## RALEIGH WINS AGAIN

Pitcher Sweeney Blanks the Visitors Up to the Eighth Inning—Raleigh Sells Her Best Players—Our Team to be Strengthened.

The Giants were defeated in the third game of the series by the Red Birds yesterday. Sweeney a local pitcher, allowed only two men to reach first until the eighth inning and one of these had four balls and the other was hit by the pitcher, but the eighth and ninth proved our Jonah, the visitors getting three hits in each, two of which were good for three bags. Stanley for the Red Birds had only four hits against him and they were pretty well scattered.

The visitors scored six runs in the last two innings.

In the eighth Stocksdale singles and Curran fans. Stocksdale steals second and goes to third on wild throw of Thackara. LeGrand hits to Warren, who throws home to catch Stocksdale, but Stocks returns to third safely. Stanley walks on four balls, forcing LeGrand to second. Powers singles, scoring Stocksdale and LeGrand, Stanley going to third. Atz singles, scoring Stanley. Sorber fans and Kelly hits one to Frost and is out at first.

In the ninth the visitors again score three runs. Hennegar fans. Stockdale hits safely to left for two bags and scores on Curran's single. LeGrand then hits for two bags and going to third on throw trying to catch Curran at the plate. Stanley hits foul to right, where Willig makes a very pretty catch but LeGrand comes home. Powers ends the agony by striking out.

The Giants scored their only run in the fourth.

Warren files out to Hennegar. Allen

**Death of a Seminole War Veteran**  
Memphis, Tenn., August 10.—General Rufus P. Neely died today at Bolivar, Tenn., aged 93 years. He was prominent in state politics a half century ago, was a volunteer in the Seminole war and the war with Mexico and commanded the Fortieth Tennessee (commanded the Fortieth Tennessee (commanded the regiment in the civil war. He was at one time president of the Mississippi Central railroad.

## THE STEEL STRIKE ON.

### Thousands of Workmen Leave Their Places at the Appointed Time of Strike.

reaches first and goes to second on error of Stockdale, going to third on error of Stanley. McGinnis then singles, Allen coming home. Thackara flies out to Kelly. Frost hits safely to right and Kelly makes an error, allowing McGinnis to go to third. Willig fans.

**SCORE BY INNINGS.**

Wilmington ..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—1  
Raleigh ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3—6

**RALEIGH.**

AB. R. H. P. O. A. E  
Powers s ..... 5 0 1 0 0 0 0  
Atz 3rd b ..... 4 0 1 0 2 0 0  
Sorber 1 f ..... 4 0 0 1 0 0 0  
Kelly r f ..... 4 0 0 1 0 1 0  
Hennegar 2b ..... 4 0 0 5 4 0 0  
Stockdale 1b ..... 3 2 2 8 0 2 1  
Curran c f ..... 4 1 1 1 0 0 0  
McGinnis c ..... 3 2 1 10 2 0 0  
LeGrand p ..... 2 1 0 1 2 0 2  
Stanley p ..... 2 1 0 1 2 1 1

33 6 6 27 10 3

**WILMINGTON.**

AB. R. H. P. O. A. E  
Clayton s ..... 4 0 1 2 1 0 0  
Devlin 1b ..... 4 0 0 10 0 0 0  
Warren 3rd b ..... 4 0 0 1 1 0 0  
Allen 1 f ..... 3 1 0 1 0 2 0  
McGinnis c ..... 3 0 1 1 0 0 0  
Thackara c ..... 3 0 0 9 0 0 0  
Frost 2b ..... 3 0 2 1 5 0 0  
Willig r f ..... 3 0 0 2 0 0 0  
Sweeney p ..... 3 0 0 4 0 0 0

29 1 4 27 11 2

**Summary:** Stolen bases, Powers and Atz; two base hits, Sorber and LeGrand; base on balls, by Sweeney 2, by Stanley 1; hit by Sweeney 1; struck out by Sweeney 7, by Stanley 10; time 1:45; umpire Mr. Weeks, attendance 550.

**NOTES.**

Clayton played his usual good game at short.

Willig made a very pretty catch of Stanley's fly in the ninth.

The Giants play here the first three days of next week with Tarboro.

Stanley, Atz and Smith have been released for \$1,000 to New Orleans.

Atz played a fine game at third as usual.

Frost at second played a fine game, having one put out, five assists, no errors and two out of the four hits gotten by our team.

The Red Birds were unable to find Sweeney, the local pitcher until the eighth and ninth innings, when they got three in each.

Warren's stop of Atz's drive was very pretty. Wallie said that Atz robbed him of a hit yesterday so he had to get it back on him.

The rowdy way in which some of the Wilmington rooters acted towards Umpire Weeks was entirely uncalled for and should be stopped.

There is not the least particle of truth in the report that the Wilmington team contemplates disbanding before the close of the season. On the contrary, the team is to be strengthened. Manager Cowan last night telegraphed for two good outfielders, who are good at the bat also, named O'Brien and Dommel. Our pitching force will also soon be strengthened. Wilmington is in the league to stay.

**CHARLOTTE-TARBORO GAME.**

At Tarboro—  
Charlotte ..... 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—1 3 1  
Tarboro ..... 0 0 0 2 0 1 0—3 3 3  
Batteries: Murray and Gates; Slagle and Lehman.

**STANDING OF THE CLUBS.**

Won. Lost. Per Ct.  
Raleigh ..... 19 9 ..... 67.9  
Tarboro ..... 13 13 ..... 50.0  
Wilmington ..... 12 15 ..... 44.4  
Charlotte ..... 11 18 ..... 37.9

**THE COLOMBIAN REVOLUTION**

**The Ranger to be Ordered South—Another Battleship in Readiness**

Washington, August 10.—The navy department officials confirm the press report from San Diego, Cal., that the United States steamship ranger has been ordered to get in readiness for a trip to Panama. No order directing her to leave for the isthmus has yet gone forward. The Ranger is a small cruiser of 1,020 tons displacement and has been engaged for some time past in surveying work down on the Pacific coast and in Central American waters. It is very possible that her services at the seat of trouble will suffice and that a battleship will not be obliged to make the long trip down from the north. The Ranger has a complement of twenty-one officers and 127 men, and is in command of Commander Wells L. Field.

As the battleship Iowa reported her arrival at Bremerton today while the battleship Wisconsin has not yet been heard from, it is probable that the former may be substituted for the prospective trip to the Pacific side of the isthmus, if it is decided to send a battleship, although the formal announcement of the change was not made up to noon today.

Colon, Colombia, via Galveston Texas, August 10.—The United States consul general, Hezekiah A. Guderger has publicly notified the Chinese that they are entitled to the protection of the United States consulate. He draws attention to the acts of violence committed against them in the recent insurgent raids along the railroad line and expresses the hope that their rights as foreigners will be in future recognized and respected.

The Order to Strike Generally Obeyed by all the Organized Workers—Will Not be Known Before Tomorrow how Many Men Have Gone Out—The Policy of the American Federation of Labor Not yet Known—The Strike Inaugurated Without Demonstration.

Another Plant to be Torn Down—Mine Workers Declare for the Strikers.

Pittsburg, August 10.—The great steel strike is on. The general order of President Shaffer, of the Amalgamated Association became effective today and thousands of workers left their places to return at some indefinite time in the future, either victorious, or in humble defeat. The order to strike was generally obeyed wherever the workers were organized and enrolled in the lodges of the Amalgamated Association, but it will be Monday before an accurate count can be made of the men who have gone out. A great majority of the mills close down on Saturday and re-open Sunday night and the true test of the strength of the contending sides will be furnished by the number of men who return to work tomorrow and Monday. The policy of the American Federation of Labor has not yet been fully disclosed and that fact contributes another element of an uncertainty to the situation.

The action of the executive committee of the mine workers at Indianapolis today in resolving to support the strikers cheered the Amalgamated men and they are confident that the federation will aid them to the fullest extent.

The closing hours of labor and the opening hours of the strike lacked spectacular action. This city, which is the strike centre was calm and undisturbed. There was no excitement or violence and the pulse of the community was normal.

The police officials issued an order suspending for the time-being the vacation system. They do not anticipate trouble, but want to have every man here and ready for duty in case it should come. They say that President Shaffer has counseled peaceful methods and they have hope that the strikers and their sympathizers will heed his advice.

The strikers held a series of demonstrations in the outlying towns and President Shaffer spoke a final word of encouragement to his industrial troops. Great throngs of workers turned out to greet and cheer the leader and exchange pledges to maintain the contest upon which they have entered.

A striking development of the day was an official announcement from the American Tin Plate Company to the effect that certain plants of the company crippled by the strike would be dismantled and removed to Monessen.

Almost at the same time, it was unofficially announced that there was a chance that the plant of the American Steel Hoop Company at Warren, Ohio, would be torn down and removed to some community more favorable to the corporation.

The order of yesterday, dismantling the Dewees Wood plant at McKeesport, is already being carried out and the announcement from the American Tin Plate Company created marked impression. Representatives of the strikers insisted that the company was not in good faith in the announcement and that even if it was it could not win with such methods. Opponents of the strikers counted the plan another victory and declared that the strike must fail in the face of such decisive action.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 10.—The executive board of United Mine Workers of America, in session here, has officially recognized the steel strike.

At noon a resolution was adopted setting out the causes of the strike, endorsing the action of the Amalgamated Association pledging the support of the mine workers and calling on President Gompers to call a meeting of all the presidents and secretaries of the associations.

**Goldsboro Shuts Out Durham**  
(Special to the Messenger.)

Goldsboro, N. C., August 10.—Goldsboro shut out Durham in the most splendidly contested ball game of the season.

The score:—  
R. H. E.  
Durham ..... 0 1 5  
Goldsboro ..... 4 6 0

Struck out, by Jordan 13, Boon 3; time 1:40; attendance 200; double play, Graves to Short to Surles of the visiting team.