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TRUTH COMING TO LIGHT.

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We have referred before to the interesting fact that the gallant Captain William R. Bond, of Scotland Neck, had prepared a volume on Gettysburg and some other great battles. It is a loss to the state that the volume has not been published before. This he is capable, has made a close study of the battles tried and of it is not difficult to tell the truth—how to the line let the chips fall where they may.

The Gettysburg Battle-Film, Memorial Association has published an account of that tremendous battle that lasted for three days, and but for Longstreet would have resulted in a victory for the confederates, as we do not doubt. The book, we learn from Captain Bond, through an article in The Scotland Neck Democrat, was the work of Mr. John M. Vandercilpe of him we know nothing—whether of the north or south. He is not a North Carolinian, and he had the confidence of the Association as he was selected to write it. The interesting part to us is the fairness of the author, and the justice he does the troops of our state.

There is certainly many very high places in the tactics bill. Take the article in the plates. To show how absurd this is, a writer in the New York Evening Post, signing himself "Steel-Maker," says the "draw back" is an insult to common sense. We quote, and he proves his contention: "The steel makers of the United States are protesting against the tariff on steel plates that are known to the trade as 'sheet bars,' the raw material from which thin plate is manufactured. The American manufacturer of thin plate, who commands the cheapest raw materials in the world, is therefore today asking congress for protection against a tariff on steel plates."

Can it be possible that such an imperfect, greedy, oppressive, unscientific, unconstitutional measure of oppression can pass the senate and not grow and grow and grow? It is to be hoped not. It is most objectionable in a thousand particulars. Let the senate discuss it thoroughly, and let its absurdities and ignorance and abuses be well ventilated. Take up the bill serially and consider in detail its most atrocious in legislation and taxation. Many of the extreme acts must be severely reamed. Cut down, cut down. There ought to be revision surely in the wool, sugar, lumber and other schedules.

The late Miss Julia Cooper, of New York, introduced in the senate the bill to receive 200 more pupils. Rev. Augustus E. Schade, a deposed pastor of the German Reformed church at Williamsport, Pa., has been indicted for bribery or vexatious, habitual and unwarranted litigation.

Let it be borne in mind that this jurisdiction tax bill seeks to tax foreign literature 25 per cent. It is not to be wondered at that there is talk of retaliation. Canada so talks, and Russia and Germany and perhaps other countries will strike back. They ought to do it. Here is one more specimen of outrage, and want of sense. The Boston Herald says:

of another state. We quote from the Democrat's endorsement: "Answering the charge some have made that the left of the line did not advance as was expected because the troops were not in the best of condition, quality" as those upon the right, and were "raw," "undisciplined," etc.

Here is the summing up of losses: North Carolina killed and wounded 3,285 and missing 718; Virginia's killed and wounded 2,522 and missing 1,513. Will the liar's abandon their trade of treachery and injury? We hope people will find out more of the truth still. In Colonel Batchelder's famous and marvelous map of the great battle (a northern work) you will see the North Carolina killed lying farther in the federal lines than those from Virginia, or any state.

Wilmington people sympathize with the good people of Lumberton by a very disapproved array of their gallantry and steady, so dauntlessly across the dead swept field; but honor, too, the Thespians North Carolina and other Thespians that day, marched and fought that day. The valor of the one will not be immed by according justice to the other.

Many of the New York residents are very much opposed to the McKinley-Dingley monstrous tax bill. There is a high tax on carpet wools. But says Mr. Charles S. Smith, "they are not grown in this country. They cannot be raised in the United States. God is against it. Isothermal lines are against it. Climatic influences prevent it. It is a loss to the country from which they are imported from 9 to 10 cents a pound. They were free under the last tariff. The tax 11 cents a pound as put on wool. Of the product not more than 1 per cent are used in clothing goods; which 95 per cent, are used in carpets or can be used in any other way, and yet the wool is taxed 11 cents a pound that can not compete with the American product as no such product is American. Mr. Smith says it "violates the principle of protection. You might as well put on tea, coffee or opium."

There is a well put on, coffee or opium. That is one of the criticisms which is perfectly proper for the chamber of commerce to make upon this bill. I understand that Mr. Dingley himself is absolutely opposed to it. "What a rascally tax!" Mr. McKeever said (this was at a meeting of the New York chamber of commerce) that "every article in schedule K, which is the wool schedule has been largely increased. I have been familiar with all the tariffs from 1857 to this present one."

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HOME FOLKS.

That new and unrivaled Semi-Weekly Messenger—price only \$1 a year—is making friends and will continue to do so wherever it is introduced.

Have you sent your subscription to Mr. Stockard for a copy of the volume of his poems soon to be published? North Carolina has never done much in the high line of poetic inspiration, but Mr. Stockard is a true singer.

A letter from Mr. Robert L. Jenkins, United States consul at Patras, Greece, of the date of March 16, 1897, has been received at this office. He expressed confidence that Greece is sure to succeed in its cause in behalf of Crete, for he says they are a plucky people, and it rejoices him to know that his country is so sympathetic with the Greek cause.

There is talk in New England of a new movement of much "pith and moment." It concerns the textile business, and a new scheme is advocated by The Protective Journal and other organs. There is to be no abandonment of mills "up there," as there has been of hundreds of farms that did not pay to cultivate them.

Speaking of the men who have gone into this new movement, The Journal says that they have been restless under the frowns of the southern cotton industry. They can shut out competition in the south in this way? We do not believe it, for the south can follow suit.

A something lugubrious speech in effect, if a bragging one in tone, was that one made by Lord Salisbury, the British premier, not long ago, before the Associated Chambers of Commerce. It was a talk about England's commercial position, and was full of the things that our country could "beat down every rivalry, under all circumstances, in any part of the globe."

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A LETTER FROM GREECE.

The Attitude of Greece Toward Crete—The Little Kingdom Determined that the Crete Shall Be Free—The Fine Condition of Greece—Her Position Toward the Allied Powers.

Both in America and Europe the determination of Greece to resist coercion is being followed with interest. It is carried out. The king, the government and the people are of one mind, that is to liberate Crete from the Turkish yoke and give it out to the world. Even if the great powers should force and coerce Greece, And, weak as this little country appears to be, at first sight, she indeed possesses an element of strength hardly dreamt of by those who have not studied her carefully.

It has been often stated that Greece is simply intriguing for more territory, and that she is simply a power-hungry nation. Crete was Greek before Eurymachus had even emerged from the first stages of barbarism. The arts, literature and political constitutions were flourishing in that island at the time when our ancestors were living in holes and caves, eating the roots of trees, painting their bodies for want of clothes and sometimes diversifying their diet with the greater and smaller fellow barbarians.

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LACES That have the glamor or originality next demand your attention. We can successfully lay claim to more novelties than ever and indisputably the new designs outclass the past. Nets, Beadings, Tinsels, Chiffon on gauze web-like ground-works are perhaps most noticeable while Silks have largely entered into the composition of many.

Wool Weaves. The Wool Weaves of 1897 bear no trace of former effects. The eye is caught at once by diaphanous open meshes to wear over a Silk foundation that harmonizes or contrasts according to individual preference. Yet while Grenadines, Etamines and the loosely-taken fabrics have the first call. Checks, Plaids, Coverts and all such closely-woven cloths are perfectly correct and desirable.

New Cottons. The new Cottons simulate the open effects of Wool stuffs, and, worn over high Lawns, make daintily attractive gowns. Old-time Gingham have given way to New Tissues—a decided betterment as to looks and wear. French Organdies are sweeter than ever. The Dirigo Novelties show a dozen new designs.

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