

SALTS OF HIS MISTAKE

His Cablegram Which Caused a Change of Plans in the Cuban Campaign.

SECRETARY ALGER'S STATEMENT

To the War Investigation Commission as to Original Plans of the Campaign and the Reasons for Their Change--General Miles Favored First Attacking Porto Rico--General Graham's Testimony as to Camp Alger--Instructions as to Taking Possession of Porto Rico and Cuba--Warships Ordered to Charleston.

Washington, October 11--The War Investigation Commission devoted its afternoon session today to the examination of Secretary Alger's statement and the papers furnished by him in reply to the commission's inquiries. The accompanying papers include the reports from the various commands of the expedition, and also the various orders and telegrams bearing upon the conduct of the war. Secretary Alger in his report replies to the various questions propounded by the commission, but he gives special prominence to the plan of campaign and to the changes that were made in the original plan.

He states that Tampa was chosen as the base of operations because of its proximity to Havana at which point it was originally intended the first attack should be made. The determination to make a change was due to the developments on the southern coast of Cuba and to Admiral Cervera's course in locating his fleet in the bay at Santiago. When the batteries after certain days Admiral Sampson entrapped the fact that the 1600 men could capture the town within forty-eight hours.

The text of the message is given in its entirety showing the cause of delay in the expedition. The most important being as frequently published, the report that Spanish warships were being sent to wait for the transports. Secretary Alger adds that Admiral Sampson was reinforced by the Admiral's Secretary and his message.

General W. M. Graham was the only witness first in command at Camp Alger. Virginia, at the beginning of the war and the beginning of the campaign which preceded that of the camp. There was only one railroad running about the camp and the station was situated on one end and one-half mile from the water supply was sufficient for more than five regiments of troops, but as the troops increased it became necessary to dig wells. There was delay in digging the wells, forty feet deep, which were sunk one by one. The water supply was ample for all purposes except bathing. The wells were well cared for and there was no surface pollution of them. Before the wells were sunk General Graham said they undoubtedly were sunk for the purpose of his impression that they had been sunk for the purpose of getting a long distance for water. It was also suggested that they had been sunk for the purpose of getting a long distance for water. It was also suggested that they had been sunk for the purpose of getting a long distance for water.

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Instructions have been sent to the United States Army commission to Cuba, fixing December 15 as the date when Spanish control over the island must cease. The commission's report upon these instructions, have notified the Spaniards that on that date all ports and customs receipts and the management of municipal affairs will pass into the hands of the American military commander in the island. This order was not intended to work hardship on the Spanish troops or government, but it was thought best to fix a definite time to end Spanish rule and to begin operations under the United States flag. It is probable that the Spaniards will go to the United States to be taken care of. It is expected to have troops so stationed that there will be no need of the Spaniards to preserve order. The proclamation that have been issued by the president, establishing the United States and offering the manner in which the Cuban territory shall be governed will prevail until it becomes apparent that new regulations are made.

RESULTS OF FUSION RULE. WHETHER PEACE OR WAR

Wake County Fast Becoming Bankrupt, Now Being Considered by the Chippewas.

NEED OF GOOD ROADS MORE TROOPS ORDERED.

A Lecture on This Subject by State Geologist Holmes--Presenting Facts and Figures Given by Him--An Important Connecting Railway Link--South Carolina Negroes Moving Into This State--Kearney Work by the Democrats.

State Geologist Holmes, in the course of a lecture here last night on good roads, said that in only twenty-three of the ninety-six counties of the state there is a road tax. The tax ranges from 8 cents to 15 cents on the \$100 worth of property, being highest in Mecklenburg. The latter county has seventy miles of road macadamized. The bad roads cost the state \$2,000,000 a year. This is as much a tax as if it were levied. To macadamize all the roads will cost only \$2,000,000. Professor Holmes said bad roads are doing more than anything else to keep the state back, and to make the farmers dissatisfied and desirous of moving to the coast.

Striking at the Fountain Head. Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 11, 1898. In the discussion of the efforts of the negroes here to buy rifles there is a point for thought. Not that the number of rifles is important, but that the offer to pay cash for twenty-four rifles at \$12.50 each is a piece of common sense. Where among their race here could that have been found? It is not the rifles that are the important thing, but the fact that they are willing to pay for them. The only other source would be the republican county executive committee, by which, it seems, the rifles were actually ordered.

Important Events of the Day. Reports to the Marine Hospital Bureau show that Yellow Fever is spreading in Mississippi. On the 18th instant Porto Rico will Pass Under Complete American Control and Cuba on December 15. The Secretary of the Navy Orders Four Warships to Charleston, S. C., During the Peace Jubilee. General Alger Furnishes the War Commission Information as to the Plans of the Campaign and the Reasons for Their Adoption.

Colonel Ray on Monday Took Possession of Manzanillo, Hoisting the American Flag. Furloughs of Men of the Second Regiment N. C. V. are Extended Until Further Orders. Spain Says She Will Keep Troops in Cuba Until Peace is Signed. Several of the First North Carolina Boys are Taken to Fort Thomas Hospital on a Hospital Train. The Chippewa Indian Troubles are by no Means Over.

Proposed Terms of the Criminal Court Next Week. It is now well settled that we are to have a special term of the criminal court next month, and that the two capital cases, Ed. King, charged with murder, and Foy, charged with burglary in the first degree, will not come up for trial until then. The reason for this delay before another term of court is obvious, Judge Sully and Judge Blythe and Solicitor Richardson having to attend court elsewhere.

Two Red Hot Articles. On the third page of this morning's issue will be found an article captioned "Why He Turned Democrat." It is the statement made by a life long and prominent white republican of Mecklenburg county about his personal knowledge of the infamous negro rule of the county. He says he is disgusted, and henceforth will stick by democracy.

THE SUPREME COURT

Opinions Filed--Furloughs of Men of Second Regiment Extended (Special to the Messenger).

Wilmington, N. C., October 11--The supreme court this evening filed the following opinions: Johnston vs. Williams, from Warren, affirmed; Gattuso vs. Mitchell, from Northampton, affirmed; State vs. Shields, from Hertford, appeal dismissed; Cobb vs. Woodard, from Pasquotank, affirmed; State vs. Anderson, from Edgecombe, affirmed; Overton vs. Hinton, from Johnston, petition for writ of certiorari denied and new trial granted to plaintiff; appellant, used case heard at the term; Nicholson vs. Commissioners of Manufacturing Company, from Hertford, error; State vs. Gorman, from Hertford, affirmed; State vs. Horton, from Pasquotank, error.

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