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WHY NO EDITORIAL.
We hope our readers will excuse us for the non-appearance of any editorials in this morning's issue. The truth is their preparation was impossible, as every one connected with the paper was too busily engaged elsewhere and on more important work.

THE GOVERNOR ISSUES A PROCLAMATION FOR THANKSGIVING DAY.

(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., November 10.—Governor Russell tonight issued following Thanksgiving proclamation:
Whereas, the president of the United States has issued his proclamation, appointing and setting apart Thursday, November 24th, a day of solemn thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God for His manifold goodness and mercy to this nation during the past year; and whereas, it is fitting and proper that both individuals and states should occasionally pause aside from their pursuits, and gratefully think of their relations to the Supreme Father, and to one another, making note of all benefactions that they have had from His gracious hand, and acknowledging fully the obligations they are under to Him and to one another; and whereas, the good hand of God has been upon this state and its people during the past year, in that our harvests have been abundant and our borders free from pestilence, and the arms of our state and nation crowned with glorious success in war and in the liberation and enlargement of people who were struggling to be free and independent, now, therefore, Daniel L. Russell, governor of North Carolina, do issue this, my proclamation, appointing and setting apart Thursday, November 24th, instant, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to God for His goodness to us; and I do request that all our people repair to their places of worship on that day and record their joyful sense of thankfulness for the mercies of the past year, and, while they are remembering the bountiful dealings of a gracious Providence, let them, I express hope, that they will not forget the widow and the orphan and others of their fellows who may be in distress.

NEW CONGRESSMEN.

Elected by the Democrats of this State, Our Big Majority in the Legislature.
Special to The Messenger.
Raleigh, N. C., November 10.—Democratic Chairman Simmons says tonight: "It is now settled that White and Linnery, republicans, are elected to congress. We have all the others. It is also certain that we have forty-one senators and ninety-three to ninety-six members in the lower house."

Both Sides Claiming House of Representatives.

Washington, November 10.—Late this afternoon Chairman Babcock, of the republican congressional committee, practically completed a list of the representatives-elect of the Fifty-sixth congress. The authentic advice received by the republican committee indicates that two districts are in doubt. Yet the Second California and the Twelfth Texas—in both, however, Mr. Babcock concedes that the chances are favorable to the democrats; he claims neither of them. Tonight Mr. Babcock's figures show the election of 155 straight republicans, 163 democrats, six populists and one silver republican. These figures do not include the two doubtful districts mentioned. Conceding these two districts to the democrats, as a means reaching definite results, Mr. Babcock claims a certain majority of thirteen over all opposition. Little information of a definite nature was received by the democratic committee tonight. Secretary Kerr maintained that the opposition to the republicans would organize and control the next house of representatives. His figures indicated that the opposition would have at least 150 votes and perhaps 151.

To Fit Out All the French Warships.
Paris, November 10.—The Marin says that at a council of the admirals held yesterday it was decided to fit out all the French war vessels available and thirty reserve ships were being ordered into commission.

UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

Lieutenant Colonel Taylor Put in Command of the Local Troops. Three Other Companies Ordered to Wilmington by the Governor.
(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., November 10.—Governor Russell this afternoon received the following telegram from Lieutenant Colonel Walker Taylor, of the Second regiment of the state guard, commanding the post of Wilmington: "Situation serious. Hold military awaiting your prompt orders." The governor ordered Colonel Taylor to use Captain T. C. James' company of Wilmington to preserve peace and to report action. Commander Morton of the naval reserves, telegraphed the governor: "Have ordered Wilmington division of naval reserves to preserve the peace on the order of the sheriff."

THE TROUBLE NOT YET OVER—MORE NEGROES KILLED—OTHERS BEING HELD FOR LIST OF KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Washington, November 10.—A special to The Post from Greenwood, S. C., says: Five negroes lay dead at Leebeth all day along the road side. Another was killed today and likely four others are dead and lost in the woods. One white man was buried three others lie at the point of death and more have been wounded. Four heads of families have left the country and armed bands of countrymen are scouring the country hunting other victims. All of this is the outcome of an election row. The killed: J. I. Ethridge, white, killed at the polls; Thomas Tolbert, white, mortally wounded at the same time; and Wade Hampton Kinney, Jesse Williams, Drayton Watts, Lum Jackson, all colored, killed yesterday; Essex Harrison and Ben. Collins killed today. The wounded are: Sidney Tolbert, 15 year old, dangerously wounded; John R. Tolbert, white, collector of the port at Charleston, and chairman of the republican state legislative committee; Stuart Miller, white, mortally wounded in head, Crevel Fleming, white, shot in shoulder; M. J. Younger, shot in the neck; Cleave Armstrong, who tried to protect the negroes shot in the neck. In addition to these two, four negroes are reported to be dead in the woods near where the five bodies lay today. The trouble was precipitated on election day when two or three hundred negroes at the polls opened a fusillade against the store in which the voting was going on. In this fight Ethridge was killed and Tolbert wounded. The second occasion for provocation was that a party hunting the slayers of Ethridge was fired into and Miller fatally wounded and Fleming badly hurt. Jesse Williams and two others are said to have confessed taking part in the ambush.

THE GOVERNOR'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

Washington, November 10.—A letter from President Masso, of the Cuban provisional government to President McKinley, became accessible today. It is dated at Santa Cruz del Sur, September 23rd, and deals with the governmental problems which now confront the American and Cuban people in Cuba. President Masso says that with the evacuation of the island by the Spanish will commence the arduous and difficult task of establishing in Cuba a firm and stable government, which shall be the legitimate expression of the free will of its people, and shall constitute a real guarantee of order and peace and liberty which the Cubans so ardently wish for. He says that the logic of events imposed an agreement between the Americans and Cubans as to the ends to be accomplished, and that "the completion of which we have been and are engaged has been but in part realized, and that the government council as the supreme authority of the revolution has inspired all its acts in the firm of sustaining and aiding the policy of the American government." President Masso then reviews the actions of the Cuban revolutionary party and indicates the steps that are to be taken by the Cuban people to bring to fruition the hopes which have inspired them through years of strife for freedom. He adds: "We will stand by those men who have sacrificed everything for the welfare of their country and we are ready to answer for our conduct."

THE MYSTERIOUS STEAMER ON CAT ISLAND SHOALS.

Nassau, N. P., November 10.—The steamer ashore off Cat Island supposed to be the abandoned cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa is now described as being a disarmed warship flying the American flag, showing signs of having been on fire and of having leaked slightly. She is stranded in an exposed position on Thursday night.

BE PREPARED!

The bearing of children is not such a very serious ordeal to the woman who is prepared. If Mother's Friend... that wonderfully soothing and relaxing liniment, be faithfully used during the period of pregnancy, there will be little morning sickness or nervousness, the critical hour will be relieved of much pain, and labor will be brief. Recuperation will be rapid, and all after-dangers will be avoided.



GENERAL MILES' REPORT.

To Secretary Alger on the Spanish War Given to the Press.
Washington, November 10.—The report of Major General Miles, commanding the United States army, was made public today by direction of Secretary Alger. The key note of the report is found in one of the opening sentences where it is said: "The military operations during the year have been extraordinary unusual and expensive," a statement which is fully borne out by the long recital of important events which General Miles shows have made the military history of the year 1898 the most remarkable since the end of the civil war. In point of interest the document divides naturally into four chapters, for while brief allusion is made to such matters as the military expeditions to Alaska, it centers in that portion which treats of the war with Spain. Under this general head, the report deals with the plans of campaign and war preparations; with the Santiago campaign, with General Miles' operations in Porto Rico, and lastly, with the important changes in existing organization which are, in General Miles' opinion necessary to make the army ready to cope with the demands of the country. There is an entire absence of any evidence of direct criticisms, though certain sentences in the report are italicized in an apparent desire to justify, previously expressed views, and where it deals with events the document is largely made up of quotations of official dispatches. Treating of the war, General Miles begins with a statement of the unpardonable to the country, showing how the vast equipment left by the million soldiers of the civil war had been dissipated or had become obsolete until the tentage, transportation and camp equipment incident to the war, was an important military operation. He counts the legislation of congress just prior to the war, looking to the increase of the army and cites his own letter on April 9th that 40,000 men be recruited for the defense of the service; that the regular army be increased and that 10,000 immunes be recruited, making a force of 162,527 men, which with 50,000 native auxiliaries he considered sufficient. Such a force properly equipped, he believed, to be better than a larger force partly equipped. General Miles says in his report that in the beginning of his war problem was purely a naval one and he was completely out of the navy. He says, however, the position of the Spanish army in Cuba would be rendered untenable with a minimum loss of life and treasure to the United States. He says: "There were two most serious obstacles to the prosecution of this war. One was the lack of a sufficient force of regulars to occupy the island of Cuba before our navy controlled the Cuban waters; and the other was putting an army on the island at a time when a large number of the men must be sent to the island to be trained in that country, according to all statistics for the last one hundred years."

THE EDGEFIELD RIT.

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A LESSON FOR THE FUTURE.

There is one county in western North Carolina that the fusionists carried which would have gone democratic if the democratic nominees had waged the campaign on the line adopted by the state convention. Some of the candidates, in hunting about for negro votes, dodged the great need of white supremacy which gave the party great strength in every part of the state. A private note from a gentleman in that county has this paragraph: "This county ought to have been carried and would have been if our candidates had all made a 'red hot' enthusiastic canvass on the overshadowing issue of white supremacy. I have no doubt that other counties that failed to draw the color line tightly and make white supremacy its main issue suffered."

THE BEST PLASTER.

A piece of flannel tanned with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with a pain in the chest or side, or a lame back, give it a trial. You are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. For sale by R. R. Bellamy.

THE NEGRO OUT OF POLITICS.

Results of the Election Settle This—Republicans Glad to Get Rid of Him—The Populists Return to the Democratic Party.
Messenger Bureau
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The state superintendent of public inspection today completed the summary of some interesting returns from the counties. These are complete. They show that the apportionment for this year for white public schools is \$537,125; negro schools \$224,672. Assessed value of white property \$219,106,232; negro property \$9,476,582. Number of white polls paying tax 178,733; negro polls 71,538. White insolvents 14,718; negro 10,714. Amount actually paid for school taxes by whites \$499,237; by negroes \$90,698. It is very interesting to hear republican and populist leaders here talk about the result of the election. The populists say they knew a month ago that the state was going against them. They all declare they want the negro question settled; want the negro eliminated from politics. One suggests that no negroes be required to pay taxes and then be not allowed to vote. It developed, according to statements, that the populist and republican chairmen early in the campaign, at a conference at Greensboro, agreed that the negro question must be settled. Republicans knew the negro had ruined their party in this state. They say so. So far not a white republican or a populist has been found here who does not rejoice at the expulsion of the negro editor Manly from Wilmington. Some say they would have aided in it and that they wonder at the forbearance of the white people there. A Vance county populist today said he rejoiced at the defeat of the negro register of deeds, Eaton, in his county; that Eaton's insolence passed belief and that he made speeches during the campaign which were as bad or worse than Manly's printed articles. Eaton is the negro who pulled Thomas P. Devereux, a white man, off the platform during the campaign and said he could not speak; that he himself was going to speak. Vance county has eliminated the negro as a holder of county offices, for the first time in many a long year.

OUR WEAK SPOT.

Do you know just where it is? A Weak Spot is no Stronger than the Weak Spot. Neither is any Man or Woman. He has been ruined through one weak spot. It is a great scientific expert who has expressed this opinion in regard to the costly battleship lately completed for the U. S. Navy. When the huge vessel was launched and made ready because its gigantic cannon, it was found that it could not stand the strain of the added weight. The whole ship was in danger of falling to pieces. Having to a weak spot in its construction, the great man-of-war was actually ruined. It was only when the strain came that its weak spot was actually discovered. Strange as it may seem, there are thousands of men and women in exactly the same condition as this great battleship. They have weak spots in their systems which they never suspect. They pay no attention to alarming symptoms of ill-health, and seek no relief. Some day a strain comes and they discover too late that they are in a condition to fight with disease. They catch a sudden cold or chill and suddenly turns into pneumonia. They suffer from peculiar sensations or pains which eventually turn out to be the symptoms of Bright's disease or even the crisis of the liver. What is the weak spot in your system? Are there chances are that you have one? A weak spot needs attention! Physical weakness is at almost every case the "weak spot" can be found in the liver or kidneys. These great organs of the body are the constant watching. Our diet, our diet, our habits of living, and the continual strain, and the get out of order, the whole system suffers.

THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

Great Interest in the Election—Athletic Sports—The Dramatic Club Preparing for a Tour.
(Correspondence of The Messenger.)
Chapel Hill, N. C., November 10.
The election was watched with great interest by the students here, and the result gives much satisfaction to a large number. The returns were taken at the telegraph office and a large crowd was down till a late hour listening to them. Much interest was shown in the New York state election and great disappointment is expressed at Van Wyck's defeat, as he was a student of this university some years ago and is now an alumnus. The foot ball team had its last practice yesterday afternoon before starting on its southern trip. The practice was very sharp and lively and much applause was given, for the very fine playing of the varsity. This afternoon the team starts for Georgia where on Saturday they play the university of Georgia and on Monday in Alabama the Alabama Polytechnic institute. The Georgians are sure of victory and Carolina is just as determined on the victory shall perch on the White and Blue banner. Monday

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