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SHORT TELEGRAMS.

A trolley car on the Interurban Line at Dallas, Texas, struck a section crew working near Grand Prairie Monday instantly killing John Crenshaw and injuring three other members of the crew.

The schooner John D. Paige, Captain Foxwell, loaded with salt from New York to Wilmington, N. C., put in at Norfolk harbor Monday in distress, leaking. The Paige will be partially lightered and repaired.

The torpedo boat destroyer Truxton will be delivered by the builders to the Norfolk navy yard on the 14th instant and will soon after be placed into commission. This is one of the swift new destroyers which on her speed trial made a little short of 29 knots.

The navy department through Acting Secretary Darling, has made a ruling that contractors for spirits, armor, supplies, etc., are to be held to strict accountability in the enforcement of penalties for non-performance of work according to contract.

The Norwegian bark Telefon has arrived at Norfolk from Key West in tow of the tug Rescue, of the Merritt Wrecking Company. The vessel some time ago sprung a leak and she shows a considerable list. If any of her cargo is injured that will be determined by a board of surveyors.

Secretary Shaw has given some study to the matter of the proposed Cuban loan of $35,000,000 and has reached the conclusion that the questions involved are not such as come within the jurisdiction of the treasury department. It is likely that the secretary will so inform the secretary of state.

The Colorado and Southern railway company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent. on the first preferred stock. This is an increase of ½ per cent. over the last previous dividend. It was declared out of the surplus earnings for the six months ended June 30th.

In a head end collision at Genoah, W. Va., between two freight trains on the Norfolk and Western railroad, Fireman Fisher was killed, Guy Osborn, engineer, of Bluefield, and John Rice, of Kenova, fireman were probably fatally and John Booth of Centerville and Lewis Litteral, of Wayne seriously injured. Traffic was delayed twelve hours.

SEVERE ELECTRIC STORM

Passes Over Raleigh—The State's Lands—Charter to Fremont High School.

Messenger Bureau.
Raleigh, N. C., August 11.

The bolt of lightning which struck the lofty tower of the textile building at the Agricultural and Mechanical college here Saturday afternoon, has done such damage that about an eighth of the tower will have to be rebuilt. It is the second time this summer this tower has been struck. It is topped by a mass of galvanic iron which weighs 1,500 pounds. Fifty feet below is the metal roof of the building. There are no lightning rods. Of course the lightning gets to the roof and as the bricks are a poor conductor it tears them to pieces. The tower looks exactly as if it had undergone a bombardment. There are holes, nearly circular three and four feet in diameter, entirely through the brick work. Many brick have fallen; others are ready to fall.

Cotton is opening quite freely in this section. The copious rains of the past few days will check this and cause a new growth, which is desired.

There was a severe electric storm here last night. It came from the north. The clouds were very threatening and had they came from the southwest there would have been great fear of a cyclone. The rain fell in torrents. South of here a house, struck by lightning, was soon in flames. The path of the storm was narrow, like that of all this year in the state. There is now plenty of rain in this section. It has hedged old corn and is making young corn grow more beautifully.

A charter was granted today to the Fremont High school.

The corporation commission will hold a general business session Wednesday.

The state board of education today made a sale of 3,000 acres of its swamp lands on Alligator river, in Tyrrell county, to G. W. Raper.

The board has made copies of all deeds of sales and of all options on its swamp lands in the state. These go to the agents of the board, W. B. Rodman, of Washington. No one knows, even approximately, it appears the quantity of this land yet unsold. Of course squatters are on a lot of it; timber thieves have cut the timber on a large area. There is now a systematic effort to get at the area and the status of all these lands.

It is found that some poor whites here who are sick, have rejected the services of regular physicians and are employing "conjurers." Some of the latter are whites and some colored.

TO ENLARGE THE JAIL.

County Commissioners of Wayne Act on Advice of State Board of Charities—A Young Minister—Confederate Veterans.

(Correspondence of The Messenger.)
Goldsboro, August 11.

Acting upon a letter of advice from the State Board of Charities the county commissioners have decided to enlarge the Wayne county jail and make other improvements looking to the comfort of those who have to be confined within its walls. There are only four courts a year in this county and the the jail is entirely too small to accommodate the number who accumulate between the sessions.

Mr. Carter Jenkins, the son of Rev. C. A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church, occupied the pulpit of that church last night in the absence of his father who is taking a vacation in the western part of the state. The young man has just graduated from a theological college in Richmond and at the request of the deacons of the church he preached his first sermon last night and it was a very creditable effort.

The Confederate veterans of Thos. Ruffin Camp will hold their annual reunion for Wayne county at Pine Forest in Fork township next Thursday. All friends of veterans are invited to come and bring well filled baskets. The officers of the camp for the ensuing year will be elected.

Colonel T. H. Bain, inspector general, left today for Waynesville to begin the inspection of the First regiment.

Mrs. Jno. [illegible]rden, of this city, was informed by telegraph yesterday of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Dr. T. J. Boykin, in Baltimore.

Mr. J. W. Winslow has returned from Randolph county, where he went to attend the funeral of his father, 82 years old.

Revolutionists Have Cut Cable.

Washington, August 11.—Minister Bowen today cabled the state department that the revolutionists have cut the cable at Barcelonga. Minister Bowen says the cable was cut immediately after the receipt of a message stating that the revolutionists were entering the city.

It Needs a Tonic.

There are times when your liver needs a tonic. DeWitt's Little Early Risers expel all poison from the system and tonic the liver. W. Scott, 531 Highland ave., Milton, Pa., says: "I carried DeWitt's Little Early Risers for several years and would not be without them." R. R. Bellamy.

STRIKE REGION

MEN ARE FORAGING IN THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

FARMERS ASK PROTECTION

The Life of One Farmer Has Been Threatened—The Strikers Help Themselves and Will Not Leave When Told To—If General Gobin Decides Not to Have the Troops Stop the Depredations, the Farmers Will Call on the Sheriff—Hungry Women and Children Are Fed Daily by the Soldiers in Camp.

Shenandoah, Pa., August 11.—Complaint was made to brigade headquarters today that strikers are foraging in the rich argricultural district of the Catawissa valley which spreads its broad and fertile length along the other side of the mountains north of this city. The life of one farmer has been threatened because he attempted to protect his property and the raids have reached serious proportions that the farmers are preparing to take concerted action to stop further depredations. The complaints reached headquarters this afternoon and it is not unlikely that cavalry will be sent into the district tomorrow for the purpose of stopping the raids. If the cavalry is sent there it is probable that a platoon of the troopers will be left in the valley to patrol the farms day and night. The farmers are drawing up a petition asking for protection which will be sent to the sheriff in case General Corbin decides not to send the troops in the valley.

Lucien Munbeck a farmer reported that for some time past raids have been made on his place by parties of men. Early this morning he caught a man tearing out whole stalks of corn. He ordered the man off the place and as he was leaving he fired two shots at the farmer. The latter was armed but did not shoot. A widow who owns a farm reported that several men came on her premises and started to dig potatoes. She ordered them off the patch, but they paid no attention to her and did not leave until they had taken all they needed.

The soldiers in camp are daily feeding several hundred women and children. They come there saying they are hungry and as there is more than enough food in the camp to supply the wants of the men the officers permit the soldiers to give something to the needy applicants. The number that came last week was small, but it is growing every day. Some of the women and all of the children come to the camp in their bare feet. Many of them bring baskets to carry the food home. It is a common sight to see some of the women and children take scraps from the leavings of the soldiers. The official of the mine workers unions deny that there is any actual want. They maintain that the local unions are well able at this time to take charge of all cases of distress.

THE CHICAGO MURDER.

Bartholin Was Mad With His Mother Just Before She Disappeared. And He Was the Last One Seen With Miss Mitchell.

Chicago, August 11.—An important development in the Bartholin-Mitchell murder mystery was made today when it was discovered that Bartholin had been surprised July 30th, while standing at the cellar grave of his murdered mother, by a real estate agent.

Peter Van Vlissingen, who holds a mortgage on Mrs. Bartholin's home and who sent his agent to the Calumet property to appraise it on the afternoon of July 30th furnished the police with the information about Bartholin working on the grave of his mother.

The agent called and rang the front door bell repeatedly. No one answered and he went to the rear of the house and looked through a basement window. There he saw a man standing in one corner looking at the floor, apparently absorbed in thought.

Suddenly the man in the basement looked up and saw the agent peering in. A moment later Bartholin came to the rear door and asked the agent what he wanted. The latter replied that he wanted to see Mrs. Bartholin.

Bartholin told the agent his mother was in Milwaukee and would not return for several days. Shortly after this conversation he was seen to leave the house and the same evening he called at Minnie Mitchell's home. The couple left together and the girl did not return.

At the inquest over the body of Mrs. Bartholin neighbors readily identified the corpse as that of Mrs. Bartolin. The burial today of Minnie Mitchell by her family removed all doubt in the public mind that the body found in the field at 74th and State streets last week was that of the young woman who was last seen with Bartholin. Complete hearing over Mrs. Bartholin's body was postponed by the coroner until August 21st in the hope that additional clews to the murders may be obtained.

Today it developed that young Bartholin had quarreled with his mother just before she disappeared over the question of bringing his prospective wife to live at his mother's home.

Late developments today indicated that Bartholin may have made a careful survey of the field where Minnie Mitchell's body and clothing were found. William Waldrop told the police that on Wednesday, July 30th he met William Bartholin at 74th and State streets within a few feet of the spot where the dead body of the young man's fiancee was found.

Waldrop talked with Bartholin whom he knew personally. The last he saw of Bartholin was when the young man boarded a northbound street car. It is supposed the murder of Minnie Mitchell took place the same night. Bartholin's presence at the place where the body was found give color to the story that the murder was planned in cold blood.

Dr. Wilson Safe at Bocas del Toro.

Washington, August 11.—The state department today received a cablegram from Consul Gottschalk, at Bluefields saying that Dr. Russell Wilson is safe at Bocas del Toro and also that his mother will leave for the United States very soon. The state department has never received any information from Nicaragua that Dr. Wilson had been under arrest there. The despatch of Consul General Gottschald is interpreted as confirmatory of that of Dr. Wilson's brother in an Ohio dispatch printed this morning to the effect that his brother has not been under arrest.

Corea Arrives at San Francisco.

San Francisco, August 11.—The Pacific Mail steamer Korea, the largest steamer ever built in America arrived here today 53½ days from Newport News. The Korea was given an enthusiastic welcome, all of the steam vessels in the harbors saluting her as she proceeded to anchorage.

The best physic—Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Easy to take. Pleasant in effect. For sale by R. R. Bellamy's Drug store.

WILL LAND FORCES.

If Necessary to Protect Our Interests at Porto Cabello—Germany Will Also Land a Naval Force.

Washington, August 11.—Minister Bowen at Caracas today advised the state department that the Germans intend to land forces at Porto Cabello to protect German interests there which are threatened by the uprising now in progress. The minister advised that we follow suit. After a conference between the officials of the state and navy departments instructions were cabled to commander Nichols of the Topeka to proceed from Laguiara to Porto Cabello and to land a naval force in case of attack. The Topeka has already left for Porto Cabello.

The following instructions were cabled to the Topeka:

"Be ready to land force in case of attack of port for protection of American interests and for protection of foreign property also if requested. Prevent bombardment without due notice.

(Signed.) "DARLIN,
"Acting Secretary."

The Topeka will probably reach Porto Cabello, which is only a short sail from LaGumira, some time today.

There appears to be no question as to the right of the German naval forces to land for the protection of German interests. It in no way involves the Monroe doctrine. Germany has been keeping close watch on Venezuela for some months, and at one time contemplated taking a Venezuelan port in order to compel the payment of certain German claims. It was in that connection that the German ambassador at Washington, Dr. von Holleben made inquiry of President Roosevelt and the state department as to whether such a move by Germany for the sole purpose of collecting a claim and not for the purpose of territorial expansion, would meet with any disfavor by the American government. The response of the United States left Germany free to act, as the assurance that no territorial extension was intended removed the case from the operation of the Monroe doctrine. The present landing of a German force has no connection with Germany or the former move against Venezuela although the assurance heretofore given by Germany serves in the present case to show that there is no ulterior purpose behind the protection of German interests at Porto Cabello.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.

Forty-Eighth Convention Now in Session at Cincinnatti.

Cincinnati, August 11.—The 48th annual convention of the International Typographical Union began its session of four days here today with all the 365 delegates present. Among those in attendance were many women here for the first convention of the ladies auxiliary.

Most of the time was devoted to the reading of the report on law and President Lynch's supplemental address on this report. Consideration was postponed until tomorrow. The annual reports of the officers were then made, after which the convention adjourned until tomorrow.

THE CRAVEN LYNCHING.

Grand Jury Receives Vigorous Charge from Judge Tebbs.

Leesburg, Va., August 11.—A grand jury met today to investigate the Craven lynching. Judge Tebbs delivered a vigorous charge in which he said not the slightest excuse could be offered for the lynching, which had brought shame and disgrace upon the community. The saddest feature of the affair, said Judge Tebbs was that the mob was composed largely of men of standing and education, from whom the community expected better things, men who were expected to be found upholding the law. These men the judge declares were leaders in heedless violence, in rank lawlessness."

Judge Tebbs in conclusion urged the jury to so perform its duty as to vindicate the majesty of the law.

Statistician's Report.

Washington, August 11.—The monthly report of the statistician of the department of agriculture shows the condition of corn on August first to have been 86.5 as compared with 87.5 on July 1.1902, 54 on August 1, 1901, 87.5 at the corresponding date in 1900 and a ten year average of 84. This substantial improvement in the most important corn states would undoubtedly have resulted in a marked improvement in the average for the entire country but for the fact that fourteen southern states containing 36.8 per cent., of the total corn acreage, show an average decline during July of 10.7 points.

Of the eleven principal sweet potato producing states only two report an improvement in condition during July. The other nine states report declines ranging from 1 to 18 points.

Preliminary returns indicate an increase of 1.1 per cent. in the hay acreage.

During July the changes condition of the tobacco crop were unfavorable in every important tobacco producing state except Pennsylvania in which state an improvement of 4 points was made. Ohio reports a decline of 2 points, North Carolina 3, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri 5 and Tennessee 9.

The condition of rice is below that of August 1, 1901 and also below the mean of the August averages for the past eight years in every important rice producing state except Texas, in which state the condition on August 1, was 13 points higher than at the corresponding date last year and agreed exactly with the mean of the August averages for the past eight years.

Negroes Visit Tuskegee.

Tuskegee, Ala., August 11.—One thousand delegates who have been in attendance during the sesssion of the Negro Young People's Congress at Atlanta, Ga., spent today here visiting Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute as the guests of Principal Booker T. Washington.

In the party were some of the most prominent representatives of the negro race, all of whom expressed themselves as well pleased with the work Professor Washington is accomplishing in his school for negroes.

After inspecting the various departments of the school the visitors repaired to the institute chapel where a number of short addresses were delivered.

Church Struck by Lightning.

Desota, Ga., August 11.—The Baptist church at Leslie, near here was struck by lightning yesterday while services were going on. The building was crowded. Richard Dodson a cousin of Hon. W. A. Dodson, of Atlanta, was instantly killed. Forty other persons were seriously injured though it is not thought any will die. The building was badly torn and set on fire but hard rain prevented its destruction.

Gift to a Hospital.

Knoxville, Tenn., August 11.—Henry K. McHarg, of New York, former president of the Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern railroad has given $25,000 to the new city hospital. Five thousand dollars are to be used for adding to the hospital equipment and the remainder will be held in trust.

FIRE BUG AT WORK

TORCH APPLIED TO FIVE BUILDINGS DURING THE DAY

BUSY FIGHTING FLAMES

The Monetary Loss Was Not So Great, But at One Time a Large Section of the City Was Threatened—The Police Have Arrested a 20 Year Old Young Man Charged With Being the Incendiary—Feeling Against Him is Strong and He is Taken to the County Jail for Safe Keeping.

Peoria, Ill., August 11.—The police and fire department were kept busy today by the operations of an incendiary. The torch was applied to five buildings during the day and though the actual fire loss will not exceed $25,000, with an insurance of about $12,000, the flames at one time threatened to sweep a large section of the city.

The police this afternoon arrested Edward Flanagan 20 years of age, residing here and charged him with being the incendiary. They claim to have direct evidence against him. Shortly after his arrest the mutterings of the crowd made it necessary, as a precautionary measure, to remove the prisoner to the county jail for safe keeping. Since then Flanagan has refused to say a word.

The first fire was started in the store house of the Valblatz Brewing Co. at the foot of Harrison street. It was extinguished before serious damage had been done. Fire was next seen in Dooley Brothers Coal sheds but the damage there was nominal. Shortly after the noon hour fire was discovered in Neumillers livery barn. The flames spread with such rapidity that the nineteen horses occupying the basement floor, and all the vehicles were destroyed. The loss here was $10,000.

The flames spread to the undertaking establishment owned by C. W. O'Leary, adjoining the livery barn and caused damage amounting to $2,500. Every piece of fire apparatus in the city was called out. While the firemen were fighting the Neumiller fire another alarm came from the flouring mills of Horace Clark & Sons, two blocks away from the Neumiller fire. Part of the department was rushed to the mill but the flames had gained such headway that damage amounting to $8,000 was done before the flames could be checked. While the fire department was fighting the Clark mills an alarm came in from residence of Mrs. Reggy where a damage of about $400 was done.

DEPUTIES AND STRIKERS.

A Lively Battle Occurs at Throop, Pa., Near Scranton.

Scranton, Pa., August 11.—A lively battle occurred tonight between deputies and strikers at Throop an isolated mining village six miles from here. Scores of shots were exchanged but as far as is known no one was hit. The one colliery in the village is operated by the Pancoast coal company, a branch of the Ontario and Western Coal Department.

Last Tuesday the wasnery was started under the protection of armed deputies. Today the four deputies guarding the companies pumping station located on the river bank, were driven to cover by a volley of shots from the opposite shore. They returned the fire and silenced the attack. Tonight when darkness fell the attack on the pump house was renewed. The company anticipated it and had a big force of deputies on hand. For an hour bullets flew thick and fast. The attacking party seemed to concentrate its fire on the pump house for it was fairly riddled with bullets.

The deputies shot into the bushes on the opposite shore only a hundred feet away, making a target of the spot where the flames of the assailants guns were seen. The strikers evidently quit because of their ammunition being exhausted and this put an end to the hostilities.

ELKS AT SALT LAKE CITY.

Special Trains Carry Great Numbers to the Annual Convention.

Salt Lake City, Utah, August 11.—Special trains by the dozens jammed with Elks from every section of the country arrived here today, and tomorrow morning when the first meeting of the annual session of the grand lodge of the Elks is held in the Tabernacle, it is believed that fully 12,000 of that fraternity will be on hand.

There was no set programme for today and the time was taken up by visiting Elks by trips to Saltaar and other resorts, and visits to the big Mormon tabernacle.

Among the arrivals today were special trains from Omaha, Sioux Falls, Kansas City, Baltimore and other points. The business district is one mass of flags and bunting, the national colors and the royal purple of the Elks being intertwined on nearly every business block in town while hundreds of residences are draped. The electric display on Main street and other business portions is very beautiful. The formal opening of the grand lodge of Elks will take place tomorrow morning in the Tabernacle.

THE CONNECTICUT.

First of the Big Ships to be Built in Government Yards.

Washington, August 11.—The navy department today issued the final instruction to the New York Navy Yard for proceeding with the construction of the battleship Connecticut 16,000 tons, which is to be the first big ship built in a government yard. The sum of $175,000 is available for fitting up cranes, etc., and under the instructions issued today the commandant at New York is expected to organize the working force and begin operations without delay. It is expected that the keel of the ship will be laid in about six months.

Propositions to Brotherhoods.

New York, August 11—Messrs. Youngson and Wilson, national representatives of the engineers and firemen's brotherhoods today met Vice President Skitt of the Manhattan Elevated railroad.

Subsequently Mr. Skitt issued a statement saying there were no important differences and that the Manhattan company had made certain counter propositions which the respective brotherhoods would consider.

You Know What You Are Taking

When you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure No pay. 50c

A GIFT TO THE NATION.

Osborne House to be Made Useful and King Edward Presents it to the Nation.

London, August 10.—King Edward has signalized his coronation in a memorable manner by the munificent gift to the nation of Osborne House, one of the favorite residences of the late Queen Victoria. The gift is made in the following message to his people, addressed to Prime Minister Balfour. For reasons apparent in the document itself, His Majesty makes his intention public:

"Buckingham Palace,
"Coronation Day, 1902.

"Under the will of the King's much beloved mother, the Osborne House estate is, as Mr. Balfour is aware, the private estate of the Sovereign. Having to spend a considerable part of the year in the capital of this kingdom and in its neighborhood at Windsor, and having also strong home ties in the county of Norfolk, which have existed now for nearly 40 years, the king feels he wil be unable to make adequate use of Osborne House as a royal residence and he, accordingly, has determined to offer the property in the Isle of Wight as a gift to the nation. As Osborne House is sacred to the memory of the late queen, it is the wish of the king that with the exception of those apartments which were in the personal occupation of Her Majesty, his people shall always have access to the house which must ever be associated with her beloved name. As regards the rest of the building the king hopes it may be devoted to national purposes and be converted into a convalescent home for officers of the navy and army whose health has been impaired in rendering service to their country.

"If in order to give full legal effect to the king's wishes, it is found that application to parliament be necessary, the king trusts that Mr. Balfour will see that the necessary steps in due course will be taken."

DEATH OF SENATOR McMILLAN.

Passes Away Suddenly at a Summer Resort, of Heart Disease.

Washington, August 10.—Word was received here today of the death, at 4 o'clock this morning, at Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass., of Senator James McMillan, of Michigan.

The cause of detath is given as heart failure following congestion, after an illness of but a few hours. The Senator with his family has been at Manchester since shortly after the adjournment of congress. When he left here the Senator was in good health.

The news came as a great shock to his friends here as when the Senator left Washington shortly after the adjournment of congress he appeared to be in good health.

Senator McMillan was a native of Ontario, having been born in Hamilton, May 12, 1838, but early in life moved to Michigan and for many years has been prominently identified with the business interests and political life of that state, having for a number of terms been chairman of the republican state committee. He had been a member of the United States senate since March 4, 1889. He was chairman of the committee of the District of Columbia in that body and was identified with District affairs and became well known to the citizens of Washington. If the family desires it, a congressional committee from both houses of congress will be appointed to accompany the remains to their last resting place. The designations will be made by Senator Frye, the president pro tem of the senate, who is now in Maine, and by Speaker Henderson, who is also out of the city.

Legislature Will Fill Vacancy.

Saginaw, Mich., August 10.—Governor Bliss was greatly shocked at the death of Senator McMillan, and expressed the regret which he said he knew would be generally shared over the loss sustained by the state and nation. He absolutely declined to be interviewed regarding the matter of a successor to Senator McMillan until after the funeral, but intimated that the vacancy undoubtedly would be left to the state legislature to fill in the regular way when that body convenes in January 1 next, unless some contingency should arise.

A DEFACTO BLOCKADE.

Established by Insurgents at Cape Haytien—Orders to Protect all International Rights to Commander McCrea.

Washington, August 11.—Commander McCrea, of the gunboat Machias today cabled the navy department that a defacto blockade had been established by the insurgents at Cape Haytien. The Machias is at her anchorage. Commander McCrea's dispatch, dated August 10th at Cape Haytien, follows:

Secretary of the Navy:

Your dispatch has been received. Having notified the Haytian Admiral Killick of determination to protect foreign commerce and telegraph cables and to resist bombardment without due notice, he replies accepting terms, with notice to all of foreign consuls that this port is blockaded in accordance with the orders of the cabinet council established at Gonaives, Hayti. Blockade is defacto and prohibits the entrance of merchant vessles. Firmin signs proclamation. Moderate force expected to arrive Tuesday from Gonaives. I ought not to leave my anchorage.

(Signed.) McCREA.

Acting Secretary of Navy Darling sent the following reply to Commander McCrea:

"If the blockade is not effective, Cuban, American and unprotected, innocent neutral vessels should be protected in their international rights. Can send you collier from San Juan if necessary."

NOT FOR EX- CONFEDERATES.

Recent Law Pensions Those Who Joined the Union Army.

Washington, August 11.—The commissioner of pensions today gave out the statement that an erroneous impression seems to exist among many ex-confederate soldiers regarding the interpretation to be put upon the recent act of congress relieving union soldiers of the disability for having previously served in the confederate army.

The idea seems to prevail that under this act the government is authorized to pension ex-confederate soldiers, and the result is that the pension office is being deluged with applications from the formers wearers of the gray. The commissioner explained that the law in question does not contemplate the pensioning of ex-confederate soldiers, but that it was designed solely to remove the disability which so long existed in the case of men who were impressed into the confederate service and later joined the union army.

To My Friends.

I was troubled with my stomach for several months. Upon being advised to use Kodol, I did so, and words cannot tell the good it has done me. Geo. W. Fry, Viola, Iowa. Kodol cures all stomach and bowel troubles, indigestion, dyspepsia. R. R. Bellamy.

SUPREME COURT

JUSTICE GRAY RESIGNS AND HIS SUCCESSOR IS NAMED

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

The Honor Goes to a Distinguished Massachusetts Jurist and Lawyer, a Son of the Great Poet and Essayist—The Resignation of Justice Gray was Due to Ill Health—He Was Appointed by President Arthur and Has Served With Peculiar Ability and Power.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., August 11—President Roosevelt late this afternoon announced that he had appointed Oliver Wendell Holmes chief justice of the supreme court of Massachusetts, to be an associate justice of the United States supreme court, vice-Justice Gray, resigned.

The resignation of Justice Gray was due to ill health. Several months ago he suffered a stroke of apoplexy, which some time later was followed by another. He has not appeared on the bench since he was stricken the first time. His advanced age—74 years—told against his recovery with serious force. Realizing that he probably never would be able again to assume the place which he so long filled with distinguished ability and honor, he decided a short time ago to tender his resignation to the president. With the exception of Justice Harlan he served on the bench of the United States supreme court longer than any of his present colleagues. He was appointed an associate justice by President Arthur on December 1881, his service extending therefore, through a period of nearly twenty-one years.

Judge Holmes, whom the president has selected as Mr. Justice Gray's successor is one of the most distinguished lawyers and jurists of Massachusetts. His career on the bench, as chief justice of the Massachusetts supreme court has attracted wide attention. Like Justice Gray he is a native of Massachusetts. He is a son and namesake of the late Dr. Holmes, the poet and essayist.

THE UNAUTHORIZED SCHOOLS.

Prefect Calls Meeting to Explain to the Inhabitants.

Brest, August 11.—The prefect today called a meeting of the inhabitants of the towns of Saint Meen, Lefolgoet and Ploudaniel, who have been resisting the closing of unauthorized congregationist schools by the authorities in order to explain the situation to them and induce them to renounce their desperate resistance. The prefect said the agitation was casting discredit upon the country and that his hearers could not imagine that these communes would be allowed to oppose the law. The prefects speech was constantly interrupted with cries of "we will resist to the death," "there will be blookshed," we will allow ourselves to be massacred before we abandon the sisters."

Abbe Gayraud, republican catholic member of the chamber of deputies from Finistoo replied to the prefect and said the agitation, far from discrediting the country, was uplifting it n the eyes of the world. The only way to restore peace, said the abbe, was not to disturb the sisters.

The meeting broke up with shouts of "long live the sisters and liberty!"

A SUIT FOR $100,000.

Brought Against New York Street Car Company by C. G. Latta, of Raleigh—Capt. Batchelor Dies at Manila.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., August 11.—Charles G. Latta, one of Raleigh's leading business men, who was struck by the street car in New York, causing concussion of brain sues the street car company for $100,000 damages. Two prominent men witnesses swear that the accident was entirely due to motorman's negligence.

News is reveived by Hon. Joseph B. Batchelor, Raleigh's oldest lawyer, that his son, Captain Joseph B. Batchelor, Jr., United States army, retired, died at Manila, of cholera. He was on his way home. He recently retired for disability, due to arduous service in the Philippines. His age was 42 years. He was the author of at least two Literary text books. He leaves a wife and three children, who are at New York.

A Necessary Precaution.

Don't neglect a cold. By using One Minute Cough Cure you can cure it at once. Allays inflammation, clears the head, soothes and strengthens the mucous membrane. Cures coughs, croup, throat and lung troubles. R. R. Bella-

SPECIAL NOTICES

LOST—ON SEACOAST 7:30 TRAIN AUGUST 11th, Jewel Box, containing Pearl Brooch. Identification furnished and suitable reward given for its return. Address A. B. C., Messenger Office.

FOR SALE OR RENT—WISHING TO RETIRE from business on account of ill-health, I will sell or rent store and dwelling S. E. corner Fourth and Walnut streets. Well established business and good location. Apply to J. F. Rulfs. 8-34tsu&tu

WANTED—PURCHASER FOR COMPLETE photography outfit, or manager to take charge of same. Address "Photographer," Wilmington, N. C. Furnished rooms for rent. 8-5 1w*

PROFESSIONAL PALMIST—MADAM LELA Elrado, 109 Dock street, Wilmington, N. C., 2nd floor. Hours: 7 to 10 mornings, 8 to 10 evenings. At the Beach on excursion days. Durham Headquarters. 8-6 1w*

FOR RENT—FROM OCTOBER 1, THREE-story building, No. 108 Market street, at present occupied by Mr. L. L. Greenewald, the well-known "shoe man." Also store No. 114 Market street, at present occupied by Messrs. B. F. Penny & Co., clothiers and gent's furnishers. Both stores are situated on the south side of Market street, near the southeast corner of Market and Front. One of the best business locations in the city, suitable for any kind of business. Plate glass fronts. Terms reasonable. Apply to B. H. J. Ahrens. aug-tf

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