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WASHINGTON LETTER.

PRESIDENT GOES TO PHILADELPHIA TO DELIVER AN ADDRESS.

The Officers Appointed to Investigate the Maine Disaster Will Do Their Duty, Says Senator Wolcott.

(Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21st, 1898.—Prudence, patience and patriotism have characterized every act of President McKinley and every member of the Cabinet since the awful news was received of the blowing up and sinking of the battleship Maine, in Havana harbor, and the death of 250 of its crew. In the midst of the excitement consequent upon the sensational rumors of Spanish treachery, they have not for a minute lost their heads. A Naval Court of Inquiry was at once appointed to ascertain whether the loss of the Maine was caused by accident or by design, and by the time this is read it will be at work. Until it succeeds in getting at the truth, the administration joins with brave Captain Sigsbee, of the Maine, in asking for a suspension of public judgment. Not a scrap of news concerning the catastrophe received by the administration, or an order issued by it has been concealed, and nothing will be concealed. That the President is fully alive to our every interest is shown by his promptly refusing the request of the Spanish authorities at Havana to participate in the investigation, and that he is calmly performing his usual duties was shown by his departure for Philadelphia, to deliver an address before the faculty and students of the University of Pennsylvania, on the 22nd inst., in accordance with an engagement made months ago. His example should be followed by good citizens everywhere.

Senator Wolcott, of Col., has more than once shown himself to possess the faculty of calm judgment in times of public excitement, and to be a real, not a bunce-bomb patriot, but never more strikingly than in the short speech he made against the misguided attempt to publish to the world a distrust of our Navy Department, by providing for a Congressional investigation of the wreck of the Maine. Mr. Wolcott said: "I desire to resent as utterly unfounded the suggestion that there is a patriotic citizen in the broad confines of this land who has not the fullest and most splendid and glorious confidence in every department of this government, and in the department of the Navy in particular, and it has been true in every administration since the time of Washington. The people of the U. S. have never yet been called upon to distrust one of the coordinate branches of this government, and they never will while the flag floats. The officers appointed to investigate this tragic disaster will do their duty. I do not underrate the importance of the legislative branch of the government; I believe in its dignity and in its wisdom, and in the openness of its discussion of public questions; but what we need now, in my opinion, is a decent and dignified silence in the face of the appalling calamity which has fallen upon our people. There are times for speaking and there are times for silence, and at this time, when we face the awful event that has overtaken us, we should restrain any expression of opinion or expression of our belief as to the causes of this terrible disaster until in a proper, regular, and formal way, an investigation may be had by the Navy department, which we know will be conducted with the utmost uprightness and the utmost integrity." Senator Lodge of Mass., said on the same subject: "Does any one suppose that the Captain of that ship, who, wounded and stunned by the explosion remained the last on the sinking vessel, and who, in the midst of that awful excitement, sent a dispatch showing a coolness which is an honor to the American name, is going to lie about his ship? The Secretary of the Navy is a man of distinguished ability, of honor and patriotism. If anyone imagines that Secretary Long will not tell the truth and insist upon the whole of it, he little knows the character of the man. I think those who know Theodore Roosevelt would be slow to believe he would seek to conceal the truth in regard to this disaster. We want to know the truth.

If it was an accident which destroyed the Maine, then let us provide, so far as human foresight can against a recurrence. If it was treachery, then the righteous wrath of the American people will take a signal vengeance for the treachery which sent that ship to the bottom. And let no one think to stay it." Congress showed its good sense by confining its action on this subject to making an appropriation of \$200,000 to be used in trying to save as much of the costly equipments of the Maine as possible.

The House, by a vote of 159 to 124, passed the Bankruptcy Bill which was reported from the Committee as a substitute for the Nelson bill, which was passed by the Senate at the extra session.

The Southern cotton mill owners have been protesting against the proposed constitutional amendment giving Congress authority to regulate the hours of labor in all the states. A resolution providing therefor is now being considered by the House Judiciary Committee.

"As if a brick were lying in my stomach" is the description by a dyspeptic of his feeling after eating.

This is one of the commonest symptoms of indigestion. If you have it, take Shaker Digestive Cordial.

Not only this symptom, but all the symptoms of indigestion are cured by Shaker Digestive Cordial.

So many medicines to cure this one disorder. Only one that can be called successful, because only one that acts in a simple, natural, and yet scientific way. Shaker Digestive Cordial.

Purely vegetable, and containing no dangerous ingredients, Shaker Digestive Cordial tones up, strengthens, and restores to health all the digestive organs.

Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 a bottle.

Col. Tom Anderson, Poet.

Col. Thomas Johnathan Anderson, of the Seaboard Air Line's poet and Adonis, has just issued a book of poems laudatory of the Seaboard's lines and towns. It is in the shape of an alphabet and is entitled "Study and Learn." Its redundant title gives no idea of the lofty sentiment and beautiful diction of the contents. For instance, in the course of his canto, the poet's Pegasus canters thusly:

"L is for Littleton and Lincolnton, N. Or These towns are pretty as pretty can be. Their mineral waters are known to be good For chronic dyspepsia and diseases of blood.

"That's the stuff! The divine afflatus permeates the whole and lives and breathes in every syllable. Bully for this new luminary in Poesy's sky! Grind out some more, do. Only infrequent thinkers can fail to be warmed by these Byronic ebullitions. Keep it a-billin', Tom.—"Lincoln Journal."

The Dangers of Spring.

Which arise from impurities in the blood and a depleted condition of this vital fluid may be entirely averted by Hood's Sarsaparilla. This great medicine cures all spring humors, boils, eruptions and sores, and by enriching and vitalizing the blood, it overcomes that tired feeling and gives vitality and vigor.

The Press Suggested It.

We understand that preparations are being made to give an exhibition of two locomotives colliding somewhere near Wilmington during the coming summer. The affair is to be modeled after the famous one in Texas some years ago. Excursion trains will be run from all railroad points in the State.

In this connection Col. Thornton tells us that the PRESS was the first newspaper to suggest the idea of a pre-arranged collision as a spectacle which would excite extraordinary interest and give the spectator a unique sensation.

Those who suffer from impaired digestion and weak stomachs, and on account of this have a peculiar dread of chills and fever, will be glad to learn that a cure for chills and fever is now manufactured and universally sold which does not injure the stomach but actually benefits it. It is Ramon's Peppin Chill Tonic. Tasteless and guaranteed. 50c

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THE CAPTURE OF LAMBERT.

HE WAS TAKEN NEAR ARDEN THIS MORNING.

Arrested by a Posse as He Opened a Door—Had Not Been More Than Three Miles From Home Since the Shooting.

The Asheville Citizen of Saturday says: Osborne Lambert, who shot Engineer L. M. Bumgardner on the 26th of November last, from the effects of which wound the engineer died on the 28th, was captured this morning in the vicinity of his home near Arden.

Sheriff Worley and other officers have made efforts to capture Lambert since the shooting, but all without success. Last evening about dark Sheriff Worley, Jesse M. Morgan and Deputy Sheriff Greenwood left the city to renew the search, arriving at Arden about 10:30 where they were joined by J. R. Reagan and M. A. Rickman of Arden.

The searchers at once set about work and arrived this morning about daylight at the home of Lambert's mother, about half a mile from Arden. The searchers surrounded this house and a small house occupied by Mrs. Butler, about half a mile from Mrs. Lambert's. Keeping close watch upon the premises, the searchers about daylight heard a noise in the Butler house as though made by some one arising. A little later Lambert came to the door and opened it as if intending to go into the yard.

As Lambert appeared the party sprang to the door to make the arrest. Lambert put his hand behind him as though to draw a revolver, but the captors were too quick for him and he was quietly subdued.

Soon after the arrest was made the captors started to the city with their prisoner, and when they arrived he was placed in the county jail. This afternoon he was taken to Hendersonville by Messrs. Morgan and Regan to be delivered to Sheriff Williams, of Henderson, in which county the crime was committed.

The capture of Lambert was largely due to Messrs. Morgan and Regan, who have been for some time at work on the case and quietly, but persistently prosecuting the search.

Lambert, who is only about 19 years of age, told his captors that he had not been more than three miles from his home since the shooting.

A reward of \$400, offered by Governor Russell, was outstanding for the capture of Lambert.

About 3 this afternoon Lambert was taken to the passenger depot. A great many people were attracted to the room, principally employees of the road. A strong guard kept watch over the prisoner. Patrolmen Jordan and Jarvis accompanied the party to Biltmore.—Asheville Citizen.

FLATLY RECEIVED HERE:

Project for Fusion of Silver Democrats, Populists and Republicans.

The addresses on behalf of the Democratic, Populist and Silver Republican parties, signed respectfully by Messrs. Jones, Butler and Towne, advising a union of forces on the financial issue, have not been received with much cordiality here.

Few Democrats endorse the project, comparatively few Populists do and there is absolutely no Republicans here who favor the scheme.

A prominent fusionist said last night that the project was impracticable and could not be carried out. Congressional fusion on the lines projected, he said, would be out of the question with the existing conditions in North Carolina.

The need of a good Spring Medicine is almost universal and Hood's Sarsaparilla exactly meets this need. Be sure to get Hood's.

"Catarrh

was my great affliction for a number of years. Doctors did not help me. By a friend's advice I began using your medicines, and was perfectly cured after taking three bottles of

Ayer's Sarsaparilla."

J. MURPHY, 173 Mulberry St., Newark, N.J.

MURDER IN GASTON.

Perry Williams, the Deputy Sheriff Who Raised Such a Dust in Charlotte Murders a Man at Baker's Mill.

Persons coming in from Bessemer City this morning bring the news of the capture of Perry Williams, who Saturday evening murdered Samuel Tate at the Baker cotton mill, two and a half miles from Bessemer and near Crowder's Mountain.

Williams is a reckless fellow and it was a surprise when he was made a deputy sheriff in Gaston. He is the same man who a few Sundays ago, was recklessly firing his pistol around one of the cotton mills in this city, and was chased five miles by the police before he was captured.

He had been shooting around promiscuously Saturday before he went to the Baker mill. There he had a quarrel with Tate over the closing of a door and told him he would fight it out if he (Tate) would come out of the mill. In the tussle Tate got the best of it. As he turned to go back into the mill, Williams drew his pistol and shot him five times. Tate died almost instantly.

Williams was immediately captured and has been placed in jail at Dallas.

Public feeling runs high against him. He is a deputy sheriff.—Charlotte News.

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Penelope News.

So much news from our mother town, Hickory, has been coming to us for the past few days that we had forgotten our own dull little items. We have about decided to accord to Hickory the rights of belligerents.

Our telephone people seem to be slow in getting their poles and wires up. We had hoped to be using the line before this time. They should get a move on themselves.

Last Sunday was such an inclement day that Little, pastor of the Methodist church, met rather a small congregation. He seems to be very acceptable as a preacher to his people. We commend one trait of his ministry—he preaches on time and surmises when he is through. Foolishness does not appear to have any place in his services.

There has been some excitement over the Ephriam Abee estate. It appears that his son Waitzel concluded that after his father's death everything reverted to him, regardless of the widow's existence. The strong arm of the law has been invoked in her behalf and she is now in possession. There has been talk of a lawsuit over some land between this same man Abee and several of his neighbors. We trust that it will be adjusted without more ado concerning it.

Mr. Rockett tells us that he is meeting with very good success with his store which he has been running here for a few months.

February, if it keeps up its record a few more days, will prove to be the severest month of cold weather during the year.

QUIETUS.

Hood's Pills cure nausea, sick headache, biliousness and all liver ills. Price 25 cents

We are glad to chronicle the fact that there is not, and not at all likely to be, a case of small pox in Marion. The nearest cases are in the Charlotte pest house. We do not think the contagion will reach Marion. It is, however, the proper thing to do to avoid it as much as possible by being vaccinated. In that there is security and it ought not to be delayed.—Medowell Democrat.

The contract has been let for the building of a new academy at Boonville, Yadkin county.

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M. A. NEWLAND, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Newton, N. C.

Practices in the State courts and in the U. S. Courts of the Western District of N. C., and before the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C. 11 18 '96 ly.

ANOTHER DEATH AT PEST HOUSE.

Old Man Harvey Perkins Died Yesterday Afternoon.

Harvey Perkins, the old negro man who was found on the road-side about three miles from town some days ago, suffering from a severe type of small-pox, died at the pest house to the south of the city yesterday afternoon shortly before 4 o'clock. News readers will remember that Perkins hailed two young men who were out bicycle riding and told them of his malady. They at once came to town and reported the fact to the board of health. Dr. F. O. Hawley went out and examined Perkins and pronounced the disease small-pox. His diagnosis of the case was subsequently confirmed by Dr. Wertenbaker, the Marine Hospital expert.

As soon as Chief Orr learned of Perkins' death, he had a grave dug in the woods beyond the pest house where the body was buried late yesterday afternoon.

The other cases at the pest house are getting along as well as could be expected and the physicians think that they will all recover.—Charlotte News.

SENATOR HANNA ILL.

An Acute Attack from Which He Had Partially Recovered Last Night.

Senator Mark A. Hanna, of Ohio, became seriously ill yesterday, as a result of derangement which had been growing on him for several weeks. For awhile he suffered intensely, and Dr. W. W. Johnston was in constant attendance. He was much better last night, however, and his physician stated that he would be able to be up to day.

For several days Senator Hanna had been suffering with pains in his back, which, although intense at times, did not compel him to give up his work. Thursday he suffered an acute attack, but refused to permit his friends to summon a physician. Yesterday morning, however, he had a repetition of the attack, and Dr. Johnston was called in. Senator Hanna suffered intensely for awhile, but secured some relief during the day and last night he was much better. His physician states that while he is in no danger, he will probably be confined to the hotel for several days, although he will be able to leave his bed and transact business in his room. Dr. Johnston spent the greater part of last night with his distinguished patient.—Washington Post.

A MOTHER'S GRATITUDE.

How Chronic Catarrh Affects the Little Ones.

Mrs. G. W. Heard, Howth, Tex., in a recent letter to Dr. Hartman, writes: "I send you by to day's mail a photo of my son Carl, who was five years old January 16th, and who was affected with chronic suppuration of the middle ear, of which La-cu-pi-a cured him. I also send a photo of my baby girl, Ruby, who was two years old in January and had some derangement of the bowels. She was a mere skeleton and we did not think she would ever get well. She had been sick three or four months and Per-na has made her sound and well. I gave her less than one bottle. I find the Per-na is splendid for wind colic, which troubled my baby a great deal at night, when she began to improve in strength and appetite. I cannot praise Per-na and La-cu-pi-a too much. You are welcome to use any extracts from my letters if it will help the suffering in any way."



A very instructive book entitled the "Ills of Life," written by D. Hartman, is a complete little book on family medicine. It will be sent free by addressing The Per-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

A special to the Asheville Citizen says there is a reported case of small pox in Clay county, in the extreme western portion of the State. The suspect has been quarantined.