

State Library

THE DAILY FREE PRESS.

PUBLISHED EVERY EVENING EXCEPT SUNDAY.

Vol. I—No. 101.

KINSTON, N. C., THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 28, 1898.

Price Two Cents.

SENT TO ROUND THEM UP

Consul Wildman Informs Dewey Of The Whereabouts Of

A LOT OF SPANISH GUNBOATS.

Dewey Has Sent the Raleigh and Concord To Round Them Up. Spanish Commit Several Outrages on British Residents.

Hong Kong, July 29.—Consul Wildman has transmitted information to Admiral Dewey that three Spanish gunboats are in hiding at San Miguel, Luzon islands; four gunboats at Port Royalist, Palawar island, and also four steamers, laden with tobacco, at Cagayan, Luzon island.

Dewey has dispatched the Raleigh and Concord to round them up.

The Spanish at Batan have committed several outrages on British residents, several of them being imprisoned.

FIGHTING IN PORTO RICO.

Miles Losing No Time, but Began Advancing on Day of Landing. It is Believed He is Getting Ready to Attack Ponce.

Washington, July 28.—Sharp fighting has already taken place in Porto Rico.

Gen. Miles is losing no time in pushing forward the army of invasion. Two days ago he advanced nearly to Yonco, on the road to Ponce. The advance guard had to fight its way against the Spanish, and as the country between Guanica and Yonco is very rough it is not likely the Americans had an easy time.

The war department this morning is waiting anxiously for news from Miles. It expects something definite soon. So far all that can be learned has come from Madrid, but the correctness is not doubted so far as the statement that the fighting has begun is concerned.

According to a Madrid special the Americans began advancing on the very day of landing. Spanish concentrated their force of 700 men and opposed them. The engagement apparently began toward the evening, the fighting continuing through the night. It is now believed that Gen. Miles is approaching the city of Ponce itself, and is getting the army in position for an attack.

BLAME FOR LABURGOGNE DISASTER

Fixed on the French Captain. Captain of the Cromartyshire Fully Exonerated.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 28.—The decision of the court of inquiry into the Burgogne disaster fixes the blame on the French liner steamship. The captain of the Cromartyshire is fully exonerated from all blame. The French liner was found to be out of her course, an error of the French captain.

The court recommended new courses for Atlantic liners.

DETAILED TO DYNAMITE DUTY.

The Company at Fortres Monroe Making Good Progress Practicing With Dynamite Guns.

Ft. Monroe, Va., July 28.—Company F, fourth Ohio infantry, has been detailed by Colt to special duty, to serve as a dynamite battery.

Five dynamite batteries have arrived. The company is making good progress in the manual.

Evangelio Meetings.

Morehead City Pilot.
Rev. A. B. Crumpler, the well-known sanctification evangelist, is holding a series of meetings in the western part of the city, and crowds flock to hear him every morning, afternoon and night. He has the co-operation of the pastor of the Northern Methodist church and many others who have heretofore professed to have received "the second blessing" and to have been sanctified.

Mr. Crumpler was for a number of years a member of the N. C. Conference of the M. E. Church, South, but was forced to a severance of his relationship by his persistent advocacy of the peculiar doctrine which he now preaches.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The Republican commissioners of New Hanover county have given in to the legal Democratic board.

Two monster 12-inch cannons have been taken to Wilmington to be mounted at Fort Caswell. They are 42 feet long and weigh nearly 120,000 pounds each.

Winston Journal: It will be interesting to our readers to know that the inventor of the now famous flash light signalling lives in Guilford county. His name is John B. Smith and he now lives at Rose-dale Farm, near Guilford College. Mr. Smith is a native of Caswell county, and entered the Confederate army at the age of 17 years.

Statesville Landmark: Some of the cotton men are of the opinion that the price of cotton will advance considerably later on and are disposed to advise farmers to hold their cotton. They say if the new crop is rushed on the market as soon as it opens not near so much will be realized for it, in their opinion, as will be if it is held a few months.

Raleigh Cor. Messenger: John R. Smith will never make any report as superintendent of the penitentiary. But if he knew what sort of charges are being freely made in regard to his management of the penitentiary he would certainly make a report. In fact he cannot afford not to make it, no matter how bad the showing is, and it is sure to be very bad.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

Atlantic Coast Line Fast Train Wrecked. No Lives Lost or Persons Dangerously Wounded.

Charleston, S. C., July 26.—The fast mail train from Charleston to Columbia on the Atlantic Coast Line was wrecked shortly before 11 o'clock this morning, four miles from this city. The train was running about sixty miles an hour. When coming around a curve on a very high embankment fifty yards from the bridge over Hampton's pond, the engine jumped the track. The whole train went down the embankment turning over on its side. The engine landed in the edge of the pond. Engineer Willis Johnson stuck to his post and crawled out from under the engine in a cloud of escaping steam. He was dreadfully scalded, but will recover. About fifteen passengers were more or less injured, but none seriously, cuts and bruises being the worst. The escape of the people aboard was miraculous. A baby was tossed about in the first-class coach, but escaped uninjured.

Make Their Patrons Pay the Tax.

Statesville Landmark.
Notwithstanding the ruling of the commissioner of internal revenue that express and railway companies are liable for the war revenue tax, the express company continues to collect it off its patrons—that is, except in one instance: Mr. L. C. Caldwell, chairman of the railroad commission, has refused to pay the tax and has sent shipments by express both from Raleigh and Statesville, the company paying the tax in each instance. But other citizens are compelled to pay it or their shipments are refused. This is not only a violation of law by the express company but it adds to the aggravation by a notorious exhibition of partiality—paying the tax for one citizen and refusing to pay it for another.

It is just such exhibitions as this that makes the public damn corporations, and fair-minded men, who desire to see them treated properly, lose sympathy for them when they manifest such a disposition to gouge the public.

Courtesy to a Fallen Enemy.

Philadelphia Bulletin.
Complaint is made that poor old Cervera is receiving too good treatment at Annapolis. Tut! tut! The old man fought like a good sailor, and has behaved since like a gentleman. Who is it that would begrudge him the civility and the decent comfort which we can afford to offer a fallen enemy who has suffered the adversity that has overtaken him? And yet there seems to be some dissatisfied persons who are inclined to think that the Spanish admiral ought to be chained in a dungeon and fed on bread and water! Fortunately for the good name of the country, there are not many of them. Indeed, our decency in dealing with all the Spanish prisoners has been a surprise to Madrid, and is not without its good effects. A dispatch from the Spanish capital this morning reports that "the courtesy the Americans show the Spanish prisoners has made a profound impression in Spain and is materially assisting the prospects of peace."

Canceling stamps, to cancel revenue stamps on checks, etc., ordered at low prices by THE FREE PRESS.

FORMAL POSSESSION

Of 7,000 Spanish Troops at Guantanamo Taken Yesterday.

START SENDING PRISONERS

To Spain Probably Next Monday. Health Of Our Troops Improving, but Many Funerals Witnessed in the City. Gen. Linares Says Only 4,000 Spaniards Were Defending Santiago When Peace Negotiations for Surrender Opened.

Santiago, July 28.—The United States government formally took possession of the 7,000 troops at Guantanamo yesterday, including Gen. Linares' corps of eastern Cuba.

The Spanish prisoners now here number 12,000, with 2,000 at Holguin.

Gen. Linares says that less than 4,000 Spanish troops were defending Santiago on the day when negotiations for surrender were opened.

The deportation of Spanish troops is expected to begin Monday next.

The health of the men in the camp is improving, but many funerals are witnessed in the city, deaths resulting from starvation and exposure to native fever.

COL. BARBER COMMANDS

Troops on St. Paul to Hawaii, Then Col. Stover to Manila. Five New Cases of Typhoid Fever.

San Francisco, July 28.—Col. Barber has been instructed by Gen. Merriam to assume command of the troops on the St. Paul to Hawaii. After leaving that place Col. Stover commands them to Manila.

There are five new cases of typhoid fever at Camp Merriam.

ABOUT PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

The Spanish Cabinet As Yet Undecided Whether to Send Statesmen to Washington to Advise French Ambassador.

Paris, July 29.—Spanish Ambassador Castillo has advised the Spanish government of the request of the United States to transfer peace negotiations to Paris. The Spanish cabinet as yet is undecided whether to send Castillo or other statesmen to enlighten and advise French Ambassador Campon.

Report of Vixen and Resolute.

Washington, July 28.—The additional report of the Vixen and Resolute on the sea fight at Santiago was made public this morning. It is much the same in text as the others.

THE JUDICIARY EXHAUSTED.

Judge Robinson Takes a Negro In to Get a Cold Drink.

Goldsboro, N. C., July 26.—Apparently not being content with being almost totally ostracised by the white people of this city, Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, to further degrade himself, walked into one of the most prominent drug stores here this morning accompanied by a negro man and ordered for "Sambo" a cold drink.

The clerk courteously told the Republican judge that drinks were not dispensed to negroes at that fountain, whereupon the judge became furiously enraged and left the store in company with the "cullud gemmun," and when at a safe distance began to curse and abuse the proprietors for not serving his dusky friend.

MAY GO TO PORTO RICO.

Lee and His Men to See Service There. Probability of an Early Peace Causes Changes in the Plans at Washington.

Washington, D. C., July 26.—The first North Carolina regiment in the seventh corps (Lee's) is included in the expedition ordered today to prepare to go to Porto Rico.

Brigadier-General Pennington, commander of the department of the gulf, at Atlanta, was directed by Secretary Alger today to order the second North Carolina regiment to such a point as he may designate. The regiment will remain scattered for the present.

FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.

Resolutions Condemning Southern Railway. Association Meets Next Year at Greensboro. Atlantic Won Hand Reel Race and Broke all Association Records. The Contests Today. Goldsboro Beats World's Record in Horse Hose Wagon Race.

Tuesday night the convention adopted resolutions thanking the Coast Line and Seaboard roads for free transportation for firemen's apparatus, and condemning the Southern railway for refusing to give free transportation for apparatus.

Greensboro was selected as the place to hold the convention and tournament in 1899.

The FREE PRESS was in error yesterday as to time of steaming of Eclipse engine of Goldsboro. Our wire report gave it as 8:13, but this was such a long time we thought an error was made over wire and changed to 3:13.

There were three prizes for this contest \$40 going to the Newbern, of Newbern, \$20 to the Atlantic, of Newbern, and \$15 to the Eclipse, of Goldsboro.

Wednesday afternoon the hand reel races—150 yards—were run, the scores by seconds being as follows: Atlantic, of Newbern, 30; Greensboro 31; Durham 32; Newbern 32 3-5; Electric, of Goldsboro, 33; Salem 33 2-5; Fayetteville 34 2-5. The Atlantics broke all association records. The Atlantics won \$60 first money in this contest.

A spirited reel race of 75 yards was run between the Juniors, of Goldsboro, and the Juniors, of Fayetteville. Fayetteville made it in 21, Goldsboro in 24 seconds.

Today's Contests.

Goldsboro, July 28.—The championship reel team contest was run at 8 a. m. today, time as follows: Salem 54; Newbern No. 1 54 3-5; Atlantic, under protest, 59. Greensboro and Goldsboro were ruled out.

The grab reel race at 9 a. m. resulted: Greensboro 21; Salem 22; Atlantic 21 4-5; Newbern 25; Durham 22; Goldsboro 25.

The horse hose wagon race at 11 a. m. resulted: Durham 44 2-5; Eclipse, of Goldsboro, 38 3-5; Newbern 43; Atlantic 44. Goldsboro beat the world's record.

Are the Peace Prospects Good?

Charlotte Observer.
Spain sues for peace. That is the big news that comes in this morning dispatches. There can hardly be any doubt that Spain is trying to head off Miles by a peace proposal and save Porto Rico out of the general wreck. On the other hand the United States have been devoting every energy during the last month toward getting a foothold or a hand hold on the island before Spain could squeal and ask to be let up on. Now Spain has yelled "Enough" just as we are about to get in a lick on a very vital spot on Spanish anatomy and what are we going to do about it? With arm upraised, with fist doubled up, will Uncle Sam hit or not? We rather guess he will let that fist come down. Miles is at Ponce, the door of Southern Porto Rico, having effected a landing on Porto Rican soil. Miles' mouth is watering for glory; the United States is covetous of plump Porto Rico—it has already been officially given out that we mean to take and keep it—and Uncle Sam is going to have it at all hazards. We very much doubt that peace is close at hand.

If you are going to get married, don't forget THE FREE PRESS can furnish your wedding cards in the very latest style, and on the shortest possible notice. Strict secrecy guaranteed.

ONE TRANSPORT LOST.

The Mobile Became Lost From the Others.

FOUND BY THE CINCINNATI

Accidentally and Within Gunshot of San Juan and Led to the Remainder of the Fleet. 35 Cases of Typhoid Aboard. Understood That Rendezvous Will Be Off Farjardo Instead of Guanica.

Off Cape Juan, July 28.—One transport of the Porto Rican expedition became lost from the others. It was the Mobile, which sailed from Charleston with 1,200 troops—sixteenth Pennsylvania and sixth Illinois, of whom thirty-five were sick with typhoid.

Last night the cruiser Cincinnati accidentally found her within gunshot of San Juan and led her seaward this morning to the remainder of the fleet.

It is understood that the rendezvous will be off Farjardo instead of Guanica.

Points to Consider.

There's only one kind of printing we don't do. That's the poor kind. That's the kind you don't want. But when you do want something that is neat, clean, right-up-to-date, printed on good paper, with fine ink, from type that is new and of latest face, set in an artistic and intelligent manner—in short, when you want a strictly first-class job, . . .

Just send your orders to THE KINSTON FREE PRESS.

Our Prices Are Low. We Satisfy Our Customers.

A New Shipment of

350

Trunks, Dress Suit Cases, Valises,

Bags and Telescopes,

unpacked today. Come and see. You may need one today or tomorrow.

OETTINGER BROS.