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ALGER INVESTIGATES.

Finds Much Incompetence in Management at Montauk.

TROOPS SLEPT ON GROUND

Although There Were Thousands of Cots and Bedticks in the Storehouse. Many Troops Have Pneumonia Because They Had to Lay on the Wet Ground. The Incompetents Responsible Such for Terrible Negligence Ought to Be Promptly "Fired Out" and Also Severely Punished.

Montauk Point, August 25.—Secretary Alger passed his first night in camp in a private car. He was up bright and early this morning continuing his investigation of the rumors of incompetent management.

The quartermaster's department is already showing the effect of his visit.

While at the camp of the second Massachusetts regiment Alger found many soldiers sleeping on the ground, many having no blankets. He expressed surprise at such a condition existing when there are several thousand cots and bedticks in the store house, and it was not long before wagon trains from the depot began a wholesale distribution of these much needed articles, with tons of straw for extra warmth as well.

As many of the new patients at the hospital owe their illness to the fact that after the last storm had subsided they had to lie down on the wet ground to sleep, the hospital situation now is much more serious, owing to the prevalence of pneumonia.

Many new tents and a hospital are being erected hurriedly.

SCHLEY FULLY RECOVERED.

The Real Hero Given Rousing Receptions at Stations on His Way to New York.

Norwalk, Aug. 25.—Rear Admiral Schley has fully recovered from his recent illness. He rested well last night. This morning he boarded the train for New York, and will report immediately on board the flagship.

Admiral Schley contemplates going at once to Washington but may delay his departure until tomorrow.

At stations all along the route to New York he was given rousing receptions.

SUICIDED IN PARIS.

A German Charged With Killing His Wife for a Large Amount of Insurance.

Paris, Aug. 25.—Ernest Joseph Pessel, a German, who had been trying to collect a claim of £10,000 (\$50,000) insurance on his late wife, an English woman, from the Urbane Insurance company which resisted payment on the ground that he had thrown her off a cliff, near Florence, committed suicide last evening at the Duran restaurant.

Pessel was under a heavy bail, the authorities having ordered the exhumation of the body of his wife.

DISGUST IN MADRID

At the Hasty Surrender of Santiago Since Hearing Stories of Adequate Defenses.

Madrid, Aug. 25.—Newspapers and the public generally are deeply disgusted at the hasty surrender of Santiago since hearing stories with regard to the adequate defensive conditions prevailing there as told by the returned troops.

Six more deaths have occurred since the troops landed.

Invited to the Peace Jubilee.

Omaha, Aug. 25.—The board of directors of the trans-Mississippi exposition has passed a set of resolutions formally inviting the attendance of the president and his cabinet and other dignitaries at the peace jubilee. An invitation has also been sent to the Prince of Wales.

THEIR EYES WERE OPENED.

A Revelation to White Republicans and Populists From Up Country Who Didn't Believe Negroes Held Office in Wilmington.

Wilmington Messenger

In the campaigns to overthrow Democratic rule and honest government in North Carolina under "Fusion," the Republican-Populist speakers have derided the idea of negro rule, negro domination, etc., and deluded the people in to the belief that it was a Democratic cry of "wolf," and was made to frighten them into standing by the party. Who is it that has not heard Republicans and Populists declare that they were as much opposed to negro rule as anybody else and ridicule as absurd the possibility of such a thing. They impressed their followers, the rank and file, with the idea that the Democrats were talking nonsense.

After the "Fusion" legislature a few years ago adjourned out of respect to the memory of Fred Douglas, the negro, how many times have we heard Populists say that it did no such thing. The members of that general assembly knew that it did, but the rank and file today won't believe it. The leaders are afraid to tell the people the truth and grossly deceive them. Why, here is Cy Thompson, who had the effrontery in a speech at Clinton last week, to tell the people that the Raleigh News and Observer's statement that the negro Jim Young was a member of the board of directors of the deaf and dumb asylum was a lie. He is reported as taking up a copy of The News and Observer containing a cartoon showing Jim Young's authority to inspect the asylum, and exclaimed in substance: "See how these Democrats lie. Jim Young is not even a director of the asylum." He did not tell his audience, however, that popular indignation at Young's appointment and the refusal of parents to send their children to the institution while Young remained on the board, had led to his resignation. He did not say, mind you, that Young had not been a director but declared that he is not a director. Of course not, after he had resigned. This is the way such demagogues pull the wool over the eyes of the people.

The fact of the business is that there are Populists and Republicans who will not believe or affect not to believe that the editorial copied from the negro daily, the Wilmington Record, insulting white women of the south, was genuine. A Democratic campaign speaker in the central part of the State had to send here yesterday to get a copy of the Record so he could show it to the people in black and white.

A few days ago several Populists and Republicans were in Wilmington on an excursion. They did not believe that negroes held office in Wilmington, and had denounced the statement that it was Democratic lies. A good Democrat in Randolph assured them that it was so and they told him that if they were convinced of it they would vote the Democratic ticket in the forthcoming election. They came down here on the excursion however, and saw for themselves. The Democrat took them to the court house and showed them a negro register of deeds with two negro assistants, they were shown four negro deputy sheriffs out of five deputies, they were shown negro policemen, and they said they were satisfied. They were then prepared to believe that the coroner, a member of the general assembly, six school committeemen, the only constable in Wilmington township, fourteen policemen and subs, three aldermen, four health officers, the collector of customs and a dozen assistants, forty magistrates, etc., are negroes.

A gentleman who yesterday prepared a list of negro officeholders that he could remember, without taking the postoffice and other positions into consideration, showed that ninety negroes are now holding city and county offices.

Out On Bail.

M. C. Pilot.

The distinguished representative of the Republican party, George Henry Johnson, a negro soldier, who was arrested in Burgaw for forgery, was bound over to the next term of the criminal court in a bond of \$100.—Henry L. Stevens, the hitherto Democrat who recently flipped over into the Populist party, becoming one of his sureties. "He that humbly himself shall be exalted." Henry will get a big office after a while. It is a day for those who sacrifice principles for spoils!

May Dock at Hong Kong.

Washington, D. C., August 23.—Ambassador Hay is a cablegram to the state department received this afternoon says that the British government has directed the governor of Hong Kong to accept Admiral Dewey's application for permission to dock and clean his ships at Hong Kong.

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PEACE COMMISSIONERS

Davis and Frye Consult With The President.

ORDERED FROM PORTO RICO.

Orders Sent Miles to Send Home All The Troops Not Actually Needed. More Troops Leave Chickamauga. Preparations to Muster Out Troops.

Washington, August 25.—Senators Davis and Frye, who have been selected for the peace commission, arrived at the white house at ten this morning, and immediately began a conference with the president over the coming labors of the commission at Paris.

Washington, August 25.—Orders have been sent to Gen. Miles directing him to send home all troops not actually needed in Porto Rico. No point has yet been designated for their disembarkation in the United States, but a number of sites are under discussion.

Chickamauga, August 25.—The first Illinois cavalry left for Fort Sheridan today.

One hundred and fifty of the eighth Indiana, the first West Virginia and the sixth Ohio will leave this evening for Knoxville, where they will await further orders.

Preparations are being made to muster out the second Nebraska, also the light cavalry and artillery batteries now here.

Deaths From Poisoned Ice Cream.

Middletown, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Ice cream prepared with lemon extract, purchased from a traveling salesman a few days ago, has caused the death of three persons, and a score of others to be sick. More fatalities are expected. Those affected are residents of Greenfield. It is believed that fifty six others will die.

Striking Miners Return to Work.

Hazleton, August 25.—Seven hundred coal miners and laborers employed by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Co., who went out on a strike yesterday, returned to work this morning. All is quiet and no further trouble is expected.

Not Much of a Relief.

Crusty Old Uncle—Well, William, I've decided that you needn't pay back the \$50 you got from me last summer. I'm going to make you a present of it.

Reckless Nephew—Thanks! Crusty Old Uncle—Well, that's not a very enthusiastic way, you have of acknowledging my generosity. I thought you'd be overjoyed at getting this debt off your mind.

Reckless Nephew—Oh, it hasn't been bothering me! I had no intention of paying you anyway.—Cleveland Leader.

His Trade.

The Policeman—What's your trade? The Suspect—An ironworker. "Is that so? I'll see what you know about it. I used to be in the trade myself."

"I—I mean in a laundry."—Indianapolis Journal.

Diamonds are cut in three different forms—the rose, the brilliant and the table, of which the second is the prettiest. It is a double pyramid or cone, of which the top is cut off to form a large plane, and at the bottom, directly opposite to a small plane.

The finest opal of modern times belonged to the Empress Josephine. It was called the "Burning of Troy." Its fate is unknown, as it disappeared when the allies entered Paris.

Drenching Her Cousin.

Helen—He thinks the world of me. And such nice things he says of me! He said last evening that I was a dream.

Harriet—A dream may be beautiful when one is under its influence, but one forgets a dream so quickly when one wakes up, you know.—Boston Transcript.

"OLD NORTH STATE" NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Barnes, Stainback & Co., of Henderson, have filed a petition in bankruptcy.

George C. Taylor, of Burgaw, 32 years old, a messenger in the pension office at Washington, D. C., committed suicide Tuesday afternoon by taking laudanum.

The sheriff of Warren county has written Judge Carter, appointed by Gov. Russell in place of Norwood, that he would recognize him to hold the fall term of the superior court.

The Charlotte Observer has started a movement to secure a fund to erect a suitable monument to Lieut. William E. Shipp, who fell at the front in the terrible onslaught upon the enemy near Santiago. The Observer heads the list with one hundred dollars.

The governor will doubtless provoke trouble if he does take the stump for Dockery in the sixth district, as some say he may. A Republican said, "I don't believe it would be safe for him to take the stump in this State. I believe it would provoke riots and possibly result in damage to the audience. The people are in no humor to see Russell now."

Ex-State Senator A. C. Green, of Wake county, says the middle-of-the-road Populists in Wake mean business and will hold a convention September 3d. He is down on fusion with any party and declares he has never voted for a Republican and never will do so. He says the sole hope of the Populist party is in keeping itself intact and free from Republican domination, which is open and shameless. He added: "We are going to clean up the fusionists in Wake. I do not know a Populist in my township who will vote the fusion ticket this year."

State vs. Pettijohn.

M. C. Pilot.

Under four separate warrants, the trial of the Mess. Pettijohn, managers of the Atlantic hotel, for the sale of liquor without license, was commenced Tuesday afternoon before a jury of six men, and at this writing is still in progress. The city and State is represented by Mr. W. W. Clark, of Newbern, and the defendants by Mr. D. L. Ward, of Newbern, and Mr. E. A. Humphrey, of Goldsboro. Mr. J. T. Eaton, J. P., is trial justice.

10 Negroes and 4 White Men.

Jacksonville Times.

The fusion ticket that the Craven county people will be requested to support this fall contains the names of ten negroes and four white men. The only surprising feature in the matter is that so many white men are on the ticket.

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16 SAILORS DROWNED.

In a Collision Off the Grand Banks Near France.

A FRENCH FISHING SCHOONER

Run Down and Sunk By the Steamer Norge. Captain Knudsen Lays the Blame on the Fishing Schooner's Captain.

New York, Aug. 25.—The Thingvalla line steamer Norge arrived this morning and reports having run down and sinking the French fishing schooner LaCoquette, of Bayonne, France, on Saturday last, on the Grand Banks.

The captain and eight of his seamen of the schooner were saved. Sixteen of the crew were drowned.

Captain Knudsen, of the Norge, lays the blame on the captain of the fishing schooner.

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