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## HORRIBLE HURRICANE.

Appalling Loss of Life and Heavy Loss of Property.

## CITY OF KINGSTON DESTROYED

Winds, Rains, Tidal Waves and Landslides Totally Devastated Islands of Windward Group. 300 Killed and 20,000 Made Homeless at Kingston.

London, Sept. 15.—Advices this morning show that the first report regarding the destruction of life and property by the hurricane which swept the Barbadoes, St. Vincent, St. Lucia and other islands of the Windward group were not exaggerated.

Indeed, appalling as the details are, they fall to represent an adequate idea of the terrible havoc wrought by the storm.

The estimated loss of life is believed to be far short of the actual number killed, while the number rendered homeless is greater than first stated.

The aggregate damage to property cannot be estimated even approximately, as the winds, rainfall, tidal waves and landslides completely devastated the country.

It is believed that the dead at Kingston, the capital of the island, which was totally destroyed, number 800, and the homeless 20,000.

The British man-of-war Alert went to sea to escape the storm. There was heavy loss of shipping.

Guadaloupe suffered heavily.

### ACTIVITY OF VESUVIUS.

#### Violent Outburst Nearly Reaches Barracks. Part of Railroad Destroyed.

Naples, Sept. 15.—A violent outburst has taken place in the activity of Vesuvius volcano, and has now nearly reached the barracks of the Carabineers and has destroyed part of the Fincular railroad.

#### Insurgents Evacuate Suburbs of Manila.

Manila, Sept. 14.—The insurgents evacuated the suburbs today, with colors flying and shouting "Viva Americans, viva Philippines libre."

A better feeling exists between the insurgents and Americans. Their leaving was at the request of the American authorities.

#### Gen. Miles is Sick.

Washington, Sept. 15.—Gen. Miles has finally succumbed to the effects of his experiences in Cuba and Porto Rico. Today he is sick in bed and is unable to do further work. He has been desperately trying to ward off the disease. No apprehension is felt for his life.

#### Existence of Strained Relations Denied.

Havana, Sept. 15.—Rumors to the effect that strained relations exist between the Spanish and United States members of the Cuban commission are absolutely unfounded. There have been several little incidents, but no real hitch.

#### More Talk of Japan-China Alliance.

Pekin, Sept. 15.—Marquis Ito, the Japanese statesman who has arrived for the purpose of arranging an offensive and defensive alliance, was received by the notables specially ordered for that purpose by the emperor.

#### Last Day at Camp Black.

Camp Black, Sept. 15.—This is the last day of Camp Black as a military post, for the three battalions now here are under orders to leave this afternoon. Two go to armories in New York and one to Rochester.

#### Senator Kyle Recovering.

Cleveland, Sept. 15.—Senator Kyle continues to improve, and there is every chance for his recovery from the stroke of apoplexy.

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## "OLD NORTH STATE" NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The sword and personal effects of Lieut. Shipp, who was killed at Santiago, have been sent to his wife at Lincoln.

Mr. Ernest W. Cobb, of Mt. Olive, who enlisted at Fortress Monroe, died at Montauk Point of typhoid fever. He served and suffered at Santiago.

Capt. Clark, who commanded the Oregon in the naval engagement with Cervera's fleet, is in Asheville for his health. He arrived there last week with his family.

Sam Leeper, 22 years old, who was temporarily in charge of an elevator in the Dehumor block in Asheville, was caught between the rising elevator and the doorway Saturday morning and crushed to death.

Judge Robert P. Dick, LL. D., of the U. S. district court, died at Greensboro Monday night, aged 75 years. He served on the N. C. supreme court from 1868 to 1872, when he was appointed U. S. district judge by President Grant, which position he resigned last spring because of poor health. A good man has gone.

Fire at Reidsville Tuesday before day destroyed a lot of wooden buildings. A body charred beyond identification, supposed to be a negro woman, was found in the ruins. The origin of the fire is considered incendiary, and foul play is suspected. A crowd of drunken negro excursionists from Winston was in town till late that night, and it is thought this woman was one of the number, who was murdered and the building fired to conceal the crime.

### NO MORE TO BE MUSTERED OUT.

#### The Government's Final and Emphatic Declaration on the Question.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Tremendous pressure is still being brought to bear on the war department to have more troops mustered out of the service. Efforts in this direction, however, are of no avail. It was announced today with emphasis, that there will be no more troops mustered out. The situation does not admit of any further reduction in the army, and efforts are being made to put those volunteers who are retained in the service as near as possible to the footing of the regulars in the matter of drill and discipline. A little over 96,000 have already been mustered out, and it is announced positively that there will be no more mustered out, no matter what influence is brought to bear.

#### Negro Preachers Putting on War Paint.

Wilmington Messenger.  
The Methodist negro preachers of the Wilmington district conference are neither peace-makers, nor wise men. Their very warm and pugnacious indorsement of the Daily Rattlesnake, paper that maligned the white woman of North Carolina and the south, shows their belligerent proclivities and their willingness to bring on a fight in this part of the State if it be necessary to do so to uphold the said Rattlesnake. Listen to these fellows who do not know the first principle in the religion they profess:

"We assure you that you have our approval and endorsement and pledge ourselves to ever stand by you to the hazing of ourselves. We think you a grand man, we think your paper is the paper that every negro should support as long as she stands forth in the protection of our ladies of our race."

That reads like an inspiration of old Satan himself. This conference of negroes is indeed warlike and meddlesome, and they issue a pronouncement not in behalf of decency and truth and law and order, but seek evidently to widen the growing antagonism between the two races, and to even precipitate a bloody conflict. They are public disturbers and are a great injury to their deluded and ignorant followers. Preachers of peace talking about "hazarding their lives" to protect a lying, slanderous fellow in his wild, infernal slander of the white women of all southland. If there shall most fortunately be no war between whites and negroes it will not be because of these negro preachers' influence. They ought to be ashamed of their want of sense and propriety. They are no better than the foul slanderer they indorse.

If the white ministers in this section were to lend themselves to the purpose of lawlessness and slanderers and liars, and in convention assembled were to pass irritating, foolish, devilish resolutions the purpose and intent of which was to intensify public passion, and arouse their race to war, they would be repudiated and denounced by every white man of decency and sense. It is disgusting and disgraceful for men calling themselves ministers of Christ to be trying to blow into a dreadful flame a spark of anger and indignation.

## FIRE AT WHITE HOUSE.

The Whole Business Portion of That Place Burned.

## A HANGING AT BRACEBRIDGE.

William James Hammond Pays the Death Penalty for Murdering His Wife To Secure \$1,200 Insurance. Troops Returning From Porto Rico.

Toledo, O., Sept. 15.—A special from White House, Ohio, states that the whole business portion of that place was destroyed by fire this morning.

### A Hanging at Bracebridge.

Bracebridge, Ont., Sept. 15.—William James Hammond was hanged here this morning for the murder of his wife. He murdered her to secure \$1,200 insurance on her life.

### Troops Returning From Porto Rico.

New York, Sept. 15.—The transport Concha, with Gen. Wilson and his staff of the sixth corps of Gen. Miles' army, arrived today from Porto Rico. It sailed September 8th. The troops aboard include a detachment of company C engineers, an unattached battery of artillery, battery A of the twenty-seventh Indiana volunteer artillery and battery B of the Pennsylvania volunteer artillery.

### Senator Gray to Washington.

Philadelphia, Sept. 15.—Senator Gray, a member of the commission, went to Washington this afternoon. He has been attending court here.

### Roosevelt to Entertain.

Camp Wikoff, Sept. 15.—Col. Roosevelt left today for his home at Oyster Bay, where he will entertain company and his officers.

### Shafter Commands at Montauk.

New York, Sept. 15.—Gen. Shafter started for Montauk Point today to take command.

### GENERAL GOMEZ RESIGNS.

As a Protest Against American Military Domination in Cuba.

Santiago de Cuba, Sept. 13.—An uncontradicted report was received by General Lawton last night that General Maximo Gomez, the insurgent commander-in-chief, has tendered his resignation of the command of the Cuban army to the Cuban government at Camaguay, and that it has been accepted. Gomez, it appears, has been protesting against the Cuban government yielding the control of the affairs of the island to the Americans and the explanation for resigning was his disapproval of "unpassive submission to conditions tending to the practical discrediting and retirement of the Cuban republic, as such, and the establishing of the absolute dominion of the United States."

The Cubans at Santiago were much excited by the report. It was disbelieved by many who say that General Gomez's resignation, at this time, is utterly improbable. Others, however, say Gomez resents the putting of the Cuban army under the authority of the American generals and claims the Cubans should resist even by force of arms if necessary.

Generals Cobreco, Castillo, Pedro, Perez and other insurgent leaders have turned over their commands to General Lawton.

### Object Lesson of Negro Elevation.

The Wilson News says that while Mr. Larry Moore, Democratic candidate for solicitor, was speaking at Elm City, "a negro mounted the platform and insisted upon having his say, raising quite a disturbance before he was put down. After quiet had been restored, the speaker pointed to him with the remark that 'this is a living example of negro rule.'"

The man who votes against the white man's party votes for just such impudence and riot-breeding conduct.

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### DOVER ITEMS.

September 14, 1898.

Mr. William Evans lost his only horse last night. He died of lung fever, we learn.

The weather here is fine for hay-saving and cotton picking, which is the order of the day now among our farmers.

Mr. Braswell Ferrell, an old and highly respected citizen, died Monday night at his home, about five miles from here.

Miss Maggie Kornegay returned last week from a visit of several weeks at Goldsboro, Mt. Olive and Seven Springs.

Miss Meta Outlaw left today for Woodington. She will preside at the organ during the session of the Universalist conference, which begins there on Friday.

Chickens, eggs, fresh meats and most all things palatable to a dainty appetite are scarce in the market here. We have bread and meat for breakfast, meat and bread for dinner, and for a change at supper we have some ditto.

We understand that the marriage bell will jingle at Ft. Barnwell next Wednesday night, and that one of Dover's sweet belles has been selected to preside at the organ as it peals forth the sweet strains of the wedding march.

Rev. H. O. Judd, of Macon, Ga., came last week and joined his wife on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Duguid, who has been critically ill with typhoid fever; but we are glad to know that she is convalescing.

We are pleased to welcome among Dover's circle of charming young ladies, Miss Catherine Griffin, of Newbern, who came last week to teach school for Mess. Z. T. Brown and Seth West. Though we as yet have only had a casual glance at her, we feel warranted in pronouncing her an accomplished lady and efficient teacher.

We are glad to see the name of that sterling gentleman, Mr. John C. Wooten, placed at the head of the Democratic ticket in our good old mother county, Lenoir. Of her many gallant sons, we believe that none would more certainly lead to victory, and after victory be more generous to foe as well as friend than he. Nothing more commendatory can be said of a man than that he is a genuine gentleman, and such we believe is the unanimous verdict given Mr. Wooten by all who know him.

On last Wednesday night, as the stockholders' train, returning from Morehead, was moving off from here, some boy squirted ammonia, from what we learn is called an ammonia pistol, into the eye of Mr. Geo. M. Street, causing him most intense pain for several days, and seriously—perhaps permanently—injuring his sight. We learn that it has been found out who did it, but we are not informed as to what will be the consequence to him of this seriously mischievous act. It has caused Mr. Street much financial loss, as well as much suffering.

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## MEANNESS TO DREYFUS.

Not Shown the Documents On Which He Was Convicted.

## ZOLA WILL RETURN TO PARIS

In October to Again Take Up the Fight in Behalf of Dreyfus.

Paris, Sept. 15.—The Matin says that the ministers have definite proof that the secret documents which figured in the original Dreyfus trial were not shown to the accused officer or his council. Gen. Mercier, then minister of war, is held responsible for this.

The Echo says Zola will return to Paris in October, when he will issue another manifesto regarding the Dreyfus case.

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