

FROM THE OLD WORLD

Where There Are Wars and Rumors of Wars.

BLANCO RETURNS TO HAVANA

As Much a Defeated General as Was General Martinez Campos In 1895

The Far Eastern Question Still An Enigma With the Public of England, and Nothing Short of a Declaration From Lord Salisbury Anent the Attitude Toward China, Etc., Will Satisfy Them—Approaching Trial of Zola on Tomorrow Creating Much Excitement in Paris and All Of La Belle France—Other Important Foreign News.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Havana (via Key West, Fla.), Feb. 5. General Blanco will probably arrive tonight or tomorrow from his fruitless trip to the eastern part of the island.

Although it is not believed the Spaniards will dare make hostile demonstrations against him, it is certain they do not welcome nor receive him with respectful attention.

Whether he brings back the \$300,000 loan to buy Garcia, Rabi and Colon is not yet known; but it is certain that he has not succeeded in selling them, and that he returns to Havana as much a defeated general as Martinez Campos after the battle of Causse, December, 1895.

The press (which, until a few days ago, was attempting to sustain the Spanish cause by hinting at numerous financial and speedy pacification), is now holding a credulous Spaniards to the belief that there exists great dissensions among the most prominent members of the Junta in New York, and that therefore the latter will soon succumb for want of support to the abroad.

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DOWN ON YOUNG "MARSH" MOTT.

The Rep. Chairman of the Eighth Says He Will Get Nothing, Not Even a Renomination for His Present Office.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post. Winston, N. C., Feb. 7. Chairman Call, of the Republican Congressional Committee of this district, has just returned from the National Capital, and in an interview with The Morning Post's correspondent today stated, among other things, that "Marsh" Mott would get no favors from the present Federal administration; that he is not in good standing with the party any longer—except, possibly, the small Russell element of it—and that he would not even receive another nomination for the position he now holds, that of Solicitor of the Superior Court for this judicial district.

Chairman Call, who, individually is against the younger Mott for anything, it is understood, further stated that the Republican nomination for the office now held by Mott would be given to Mr. John T. Benbow, a young Republican lawyer who has recently located at Winston.

PINGREE'S FIGHT ON RAILROADS.

The Potato Cultivator Wins the First Round in Court.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Detroit, Mich., Feb. 5.—Governor Pingree won the first round in his fight to secure 2-cent railroad fares in Michigan today.

Judge Donovan gave his decision in mandamus proceedings, brought by the Governor against the Michigan Central Railroad Company to compel the company to comply with the State law.

The Legislature of 1891 passed a law compelling railroads earning more than \$3,700 a mile annually to issue mileage books, good for all members of a family, to be valid for two years, the rate to be 2 cents, with repayment of unused mileage at the expiration of that time.

Governor Pingree demanded one of these books, it was refused, and immediately he brought suit.

Judge Donovan, in his decision, holds that the company must come under the general law and obey the act of 1891, which means the compulsory sale of tickets on its lines at 2 cents per mile.

"The holdings of the company," says the decision, "are so vast that eventually the company will control the State railway system, or that function must remain in the State. In my view, the road is the servant and the State is the master."

QUEEN VICTORIA'S SPEECH TODAY

Will Contain No Reference to Far Eastern Controversy.

It is Not Sensational or Very Interesting Even—A Tame Reference to Armament Appropriations Which, She Says, Must be Larger Than Usual Because of Activity of Other Governments.

By Cable to The Morning Post. London, Feb. 7.—Your correspondent has obtained a copy of the Queen's speech, which will be read at the opening of Parliament tomorrow.

It is entirely unsensational and comparatively uninteresting, and chiefly noteworthy from the fact that it does not contain the slightest allusion to the position of England in the far East controversy, which obviously implies that a settlement has not been reached.

"The speech discusses the depression of the West Indian sugar raising market, the Sudan, Indian, campaign plague, etc."

The estimates, she says, have been framed with the utmost regard to economy, but in view of the enormous arrangements maintained by other nations, the duty of providing for the defense of the British Empire involves unusual expenditures.

The speech enumerated various measures to be introduced in Parliament, the first being a "system of local government for Ireland, substantially similar to that established in Britain."

COMING TO RALEIGH

Is Mr. Fillott Danforth Chairman New York Democratic State Committee.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. New York, Feb. 5.—Elmott Danforth, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, will start tomorrow for a trip through the South.

He will visit Richmond, Raleigh, Savannah and Atlanta before he returns to New York.

He said today that he was going away simply for rest and recreation.

A RIGHTLY JEALOUS HUSBAND.

Fatally Shoots His Wife and Her Paramour at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Parkersburg, W. Va., Feb. 5.—George D. Tucker, a well-to-do resident of Crescent, Fayette county, left his wife in anger yesterday, saying that he had gone forever.

He returned unexpectedly and found his wife and William McAllister, over whom they had quarreled, together. The husband put two bullets through McAllister's heart.

EXCITING TRIAL OF ZOLA

Which Begun Yesterday at the French Capital.

THE PARISIAN PRESS EMBITTERED

Against the Prisoner, and This Cable Despatch States That His Trial Will Be a Farce, and That He Will Not be Allowed to Prove His Innocence of Charges of Writing Letters Censuring Government.

By Cable to The Morning Post. Paris, Feb. 7.—[Copyrighted.]—The trial of M. Zola is to be a farce and travesty upon justice, which the Government, with the approval, apparently, of the majority of the French people.

The first day's proceedings today brought out the fact that an official witness, whose testimony was necessary as proof of Zola's grave charges, was forbidden to testify, by the decree of the Ministerial Council.

Other essential witnesses (who are unable to take refuge behind this outrageous decision) have resorted to the palpable subterfuge of pretended illness, to avoid the necessity of telling the truth or perhaps perjuring themselves.

The latter device was so puerile that proceedings were suspended so that the official physician could have an opportunity to defend himself, by proving "invalids" and report to his condition.

The court will decide tomorrow whether it will compel their attendance.

Today's session of the court, however, sufficed to make it perfectly clear that Zola will have no genuine opportunity to defend himself, by proving the truth of his allegations.

It is equally clear that the French Government, in its dire dilemma, will never dare to treat him with severity, if he should be condemned, as he probably will be.

Every effort is now being made to minimize the importance of the case and stifle the trial.

Already there are signs of popular reaction, which is inevitable sooner or later, and which will speedily arrive if this rash champion of the common principles and justice is sent to a felon's cell.

The real, though secret, desire of the French authorities is undoubtedly to get rid of the case by inflicting a substantial fine.

It is really pitiable to contemplate the embarrassment into which the Mellé Cabinet would be thrown if Zola should refuse to pay and elect to go to jail.

The most aggravating feature of today's proceedings is the manner of the Paris press in treating the case, in their reports spread before the public tonight.

These comprise, on the whole, a most outrageous prostitution of the profession of journalism which the present day has witnessed.

They abound in a distortion of facts, the suppression of truth, and appeals to public passion and prejudice to an extent almost beyond belief.

This thing, in itself, constitutes one of the most alarming symptoms of this atrocious and finally these liberty-loving Parisians to the number of a thousand or more, when the defendant, rather pale, but dignified and calm, walked out at the close of the session, crowded threateningly around him, and raised a storm of hisses and snarling shouts of "Spit on him! Spit on him!"

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

Senator Lodge Will Read Washington's Farewell Address to the Senate on 22d.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Washington, Feb. 7.—The Senate today discussed a memorial from the late Admiral Worden relative to relief for men who served in the original Merrimac in the fight with the "Merrimac."

The memorial and proposition to pension Mrs. Worden went over.

The bill appropriating \$40,000 for the revenue cutter on the Yukon was passed.

It was agreed that February 22d Senator Lodge shall read Washington's Farewell Address to the Senate.

Considerable debate resulted from the introduction of the new Hawaiian annexation resolution by Senator Morgan, as an amendment to White's joint resolution, declaring for the independence of Hawaii and regarding as an unfriendly act to this Government any interference in Hawaiian affairs by any foreign nation.

Both White's resolution and Morgan's amendment thereto were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Senate then went into executive session on the Hawaiian treaty, Senator Teller speaking in favor of the same.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The House today passed a bill appropriating \$455,540 for the support of the West Point Military Academy, the appropriation being \$18,750 less than the estimates.

A FATAL FIRE IN A JAIL.

Three Prisoners Are Dead and Another Will Not Survive His Injuries.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Victor, Col., Feb. 5.—Three men are dead and another will die as the result of the fire which burned the Victor jail to the ground at 6 o'clock this morning.

The dead are: Thomas Quinn and James Connors, railroad graders, of Philadelphia, and an unknown man. The injured man is named Dublin.

The men were screaming for help within a few feet of hundreds of persons, it was utterly impossible for the latter to render them any aid.

Four men had been arrested during the night for disturbing the peace. Connors showed a disposition to resist when taken in, and was locked in a cell. The other men were placed in the bull pen.

There is no jailer at Victor, and prisoners were searched and locked up and the police resumed their beats.

It is presumed that Connors in anger either purposely fired the jail, or that the bedding took fire from the ashes from his pipe, was the cause of the fire. The jail was built of pitch-pine and burned as though soaked with gasoline.

ANOTHER FATAL FIRE.

This Time New York Is the Scene of the Fatalities Herein Recorded.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. New York, Feb. 5.—Two young children of an Italian named Philip Spinelle were burned to death in a tenement fire at 130 East Houston street tonight. The mother, with clothes afire, dropped the babies in her flight, and when the police sought to rescue them the place was a roaring furnace.

Mrs. Spinelle and many other tenants were badly burned. Carl Remoth, a locksmith, rescued many with a clothes-line, which he lowered to the roof of the burning building (from another taller building) to the panic-stricken people huddled there.

One by one they grasped the rope and the locksmith pulled them up to a place of safety.

Had he not been a man of remarkable strength all of those save by him would undoubtedly have perished.

THE RUSSELL FAKE STORY.

Charlotte Observer Prints a correction and Comments Thereon.

The Washington Post and some other Associated Press papers, in yesterday's editions, printed the following "denial" of Governor Russell, concerning the fake story (so characterized and printed in yesterday's Post), anent his alleged declaration of calling out the State troops to uphold his wrongfully appointed new Railroad Commissioners.

It is dated Raleigh, and reads as follows: "Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 4.—Governor Russell has been quoted in the press as saying that he 'will protect Railroad Commissioners Caldwell and Pearson against the rule recently issued by the Supreme Court of the United States to the fullest extent of his resources as Commander-in-chief of the State militia.'"

"He is reported as having advised resistance to the order of the Supreme Court, saying that the object of the removal of the Wilsons as Railroad Commissioners was to precipitate a conflict between the State and Federal Judiciary."

"I will go to jail," he is quoted as saying, "to make the question of Federal usurpation the paramount issue in the next State campaign."

"In an interview given out tonight, Governor Russell says: 'The statement ascribed to me with regard to resistance to the order of the Supreme Court of the United States is unqualifiedly false, and has not even the shadow of foundation, and was concocted by my enemies to injure me, and my appointees.'"

What the Charlotte Observer Says for Itself. Yesterday's Charlotte Observer, which printed the same correction of its story of the preceding day, comments upon it as follows:

"We are glad to see that Governor Russell denies having said, as reported in this paper's Washington correspondence, that he would resist, with force or otherwise, the decree of the United States Supreme Court, attaching his Railroad Commissioners for contempt. We regret that our Washington correspondent was misinformed in the matter. The Observer would not consciously do injustice to Governor Russell, however much it opposes his administration of State affairs. In this connection we call attention to the card of Capt. C. S. L. A. Taylor in this issue, denying that he had tendered the services of his company to the Governor, or that they had been asked for."

Capt. C. S. L. A. Taylor "Didn't Tender His Command."

In today's Charlotte Observer the captain of the only negro military company in the State, and whose company was in Raleigh during the late negro State fair, uses the following denial of the soft impeachment, so far as he and his company are concerned:

"I notice in your issue of today, in reference to a threatened tilt between Governor Russell and the Supreme Court of the United States, it was published that I, as commander of the Charlotte Light Infantry, Company B, C. S. G., have tendered the services of my command, in 'anticipation of the Governor's failure to utilize the State Guard.' This statement, unintentional, no doubt, is calculated to do me injustice, and to place me in a false light. In advance of a demand by the Governor and commander-in-chief of the State military forces for the services of my command, it would have been, to say the least, highly improper for me to even intimate that I would respond or refuse to respond to the order of my superior officer. I may simply state that Governor Russell has made no such demand of me, or even hinted that the services of my command would likely be required.

"C. S. L. A. TAYLOR, "Com. C. L. L. Co. B., N. C. S. G."

FATAL BOSTON HOLOCAUST

In Which Six Members of the Fire Department Perish

INCLUDING DISTRICT CHIEF EGAN

The Latter Had an Excellent Reputation and Had Saved Many Lives and Much Property in the Capacity of Fireman—How Gamely He Died Compared to Some Others.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Boston, Mass., Feb. 5.—Six members of the Boston fire department, including District Chief Egan, were buried by the falling walls of the burning building on Merrimac street this morning, and burned to death.

Five others seriously and dangerously injured. The property loss is \$80,000.

The fire was in a five-story brick building and is supposed to have started in the rear of the fourth floor, on which six members of Engine Company No. 39, and fully as many of Engine Company No. 7, were working when the collapse suddenly came, and the men fell to the street floor, in a mass of timbers, iron, bedframes, and wool bales. Those who lost their lives are:

JOHN FRANCIS EGAN, District Chief; JAMES H. VICTORY, Captain; GEORGE J. GOTTOLD, Lieutenant; JOHN MULHEARN, Hoseman; PATRICK H. SISKIN, private; W. J. WELCH, private.

As late as 7:30 p. m., the voice of Egan could be heard directing the work of rescuing the party who had to proceed very carefully, as the loose timbers and cotton bales working from their places were falling.

At about 7:35 Egan stopped talking. At 10:15 Chief Egan and Captain Victory were taken out of the ruins. Both were breathing, but they died on the way to the hospital.

Chief Egan and the three with him had little air space about them, and for more than two hours Egan's voice could be heard calling for help and urging his men to renewed efforts. His last words at 7:35 were:

"We are all alive, and if you can only get this stuff off of us, we will be all right."

"One man with Egan was heard to cry aloud and again: "Oh, God! have mercy on my soul!" His cries became fainter and fainter, and after 8 o'clock nothing was heard from the imprisoned men. Chief Egan had a fine record for bravery, having risked his life scores of times in fighting fires, and several times he was badly injured.

EXPENSE ITEMS RY. COMMISSIONERS

Mott Got \$25. for Guard and Watch Duty.

He Who Stood Sentinel in Time of Anticipated Mortal Conflict Given This Pivotal Sum—Some Other Accounts of the Commission.

The expense account of the Railroad Commission, as newly constituted, is a "beauty bright."

Several choice items are recorded among the expenses, for which the State has already made payment. The Post this morning gives those of most interest. The public will not fail to appreciate the bill of the locksmith for services rendered during the dark of a certain memorable night.

The item of expense to which a humorous interest attaches is that of Mr. James Mott, for services to Railroad Commission, holding and guarding office, \$25.

Mr. Mott's duties consisted of drawing breath and salary, in addition to knocking off as many of the 24 hours sleep per day as he saw fit. Mr. Mott's patriotic services were tendered the State at the time Governor Russell expected Otho to take forcible possession of the Commission office.

Here are some of the expense accounts recorded: Extra allowance for clerical work and help for six months \$150 00

John H. Pearson, traveling expenses over Southern Railway (one mileage book), 25 00

James Mott, for services to Railroad Commission, holding and guarding office, 25 00

L. C. Caldwell, traveling expenses from September 23rd to December 23rd inclusive, 40 80

L. C. Caldwell, salary December 24th to 30th, 38 88

John H. Pearson, salary December 24th to 30th, 38 88

J. H. Pearson, traveling expenses paid Southern Railway, Seaboard, Carolina and West-ern, 68 80

A. C. Shrappe, services in office from December 27th to 31st, 15 00

For telegrams, freight, express-charge and lights, 23 94

T. F. Brockwell, for opening, repairing, furnishing and putting in locks, 10 40

J. H. Pearson, for transportation in discharge of duties as Railroad Commissioner, 50 00

L. C. Caldwell, salary from September 24th to December 24th, 500 00

John H. Pearson, salary from September 24th to December 24th, 500 00

"RUFF'S" SLICE 'O PIE.

The Wilkes Statesman Who Obligated Auditor Ayer to Be Provided With a Good Federal Office.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post. Wilkesboro, N. C., Feb. 7.—It is learned here today, through information furnished by Sheriff Call, of this county, who has just returned from Washington, that Mr. J. "Ruff" Henderson, of this place, who, at the request of the Republican State Committee, conveniently stepped aside as the Republican candidate for State Auditor (after having been regularly nominated by the State Convention) in order to leave the field open to the Pop. candidate (Mr. Ayer) as the "fusion" or combination

Ren.-Pop. combination candidate, under promise, as he stated at the time, of being given a nice slice of Federal pie, has been rewarded for his obedience by being practically given a position (that of Revenue Commissioner) with a salary of \$2,000 per year.

This is a better salary, to the extent of \$500 per annum, than Auditor Ayer receives, I believe.

A TERRIBLE AFFAIR

In Which a Bartender is Responsible for the Deaths of Five Persons.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 5.—A steamer from Alaska tonight brought the news that on last Monday a bar-tender named Ed. Ray shot and killed Andrew McGrath and Deputy United States Marshal Rowan, at Skaguay. Ray was captured by a vigilance committee, and undoubtedly was hanged on the day the steamer left.

McGrath had been robbed of \$100 by an actress, but Ray took her part, giving McGrath a terrible beating. McGrath swore revenge and started out to borrow a gun. He met Rowan, who was on his way to the store to get medicine for his wife, who had just given birth to a child. He returned with McGrath to the variety theatre, where Ray was.

Ray opened fire as soon as the door opened, killing both. Mrs. McGrath died when she heard of her husband's death, as did also the newly born infant. But for the vigilance committee the enraged citizens would have torn Ray to pieces.

NEWS FROM OLD WARRENTON.

Growth of Its Tobacco Market and Other Newsy Items.

Special Cor. of The Morning Post. Warrenton, N. C., Feb. 5.—Our tobacco market is steadily moving on. Very recently some buyers and sellers have purchased of Dr. Joel G. King, the large sales warehouse they have been doing business in for ten or twelve years, and will hereafter do business under their own roof. Tobacco sales have been light with us for the last ten days owing to the unfavorable weather.

Prof. John Graham, one of the principals of the Warrenton High school, has given the contract for a large addition to his boarding house. Prospects are good for at least fifty boarders at the fall session of the school.

Several cotton factories are soon to be built at Vaughan's, a little station on the S. A. L. railroad, about 12 miles north of here. A large colony of Pennsylvania people have bought land in that section and some of them are ready there at work. Prospects are bright for the Vaughan section.

We recently heard a man say: "This not since the days of Adam had we had a Governor that spent so much money in employing legal talent." And we felt like saying amen to that. Go on in your work in showing up the Russell-Butler combination.

Miss Mary Williams, a student of St. Mary's, came down yesterday to spend some time with relatives and recuperate from the measles.

Miss E. Ballard, daughter of Mr. B. W. Ballard, of Franklin, is spending some time with her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Parker.

Mr. J. H. Milam, after spending several days in the western part of the State, returned home yesterday.

Can you tell us how long the persecution of the Southern Railroad by Russell and his gang is to continue? We people down here are getting impatient to see the end of it. Please let us know when you think they will hold up?

Rev. C. N. Wharton, of this place, will commence a revival meeting in the Presbyterian church at Littleton on the second Sunday, February 13th. He will be assisted by Rev. J. B. Morton, of Tarboro.

Mr. Coleman Rogers, a lumber dealer of Maryland, has been in this county for several days visiting his friend, Mr. W. W. Thimple, a large owner of the county. Mr. Rogers contemplates moving a large lumber plant to this county.

Rev. J. O. Guthrie spent several days in Raleigh this week. Our people have learned to like Mr. Guthrie and his most excellent family already.

The coldest spell of the winter has passed away and now we are having beautiful weather again.

Our people like the change in the make-up of The Post very much. It is one of the best papers Raleigh ever had.

SEN. BLACKBURN'S DAUGHTER

Who Recently Shot Herself Expected to Die at Any Time.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Washington, Feb. 5.—The condition of Mrs. Lucille Blackburn Lane, daughter of ex-Senator Blackburn, who was injured by pistol shot three weeks ago, has become very critical.

A further change for the worse occurred last night, and the two physicians attending her express little hope for her recovery.

Her husband, Thomas F. Lane, of Maxim Ordnance Company, her father, ex-Senator Blackburn, and her mother and sister are at her bedside almost constantly.