

NAVAL OFFICERS SAW SPOOK SHIPS

Alarm That Delayed Shafter's Sailing to Santiago.

NO LIGHT ON THE MYSTERY

Supposed Spanish War Ships Were Probably American Vessels—Naval Men Say That Shafter Was Not Ready to Sail Anyway.

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LEE IN SAVANNAH.

Major General Lee is expected to arrive in Savannah today to arrange for the movement of the Seventh Corps.

LOUISIANA NOT ALARMED

The Yellow Fever Situation Reported as Being Improved.

Evacuation to Be Expedited.

A dispatch from Manila says that all Spanish troops will be evacuated from Porto Rico next week.

Crete Panic—Trickery.

A dispatch to the Crete, Crete, represents the Sultan as being in a great hurry to get the troops from the island.

ROYALL RESIGNS.

Cannot Agree With the Grand Camp in Regard to Secession Doctrine.

Richmond, Oct. 10.—As a result of the secession debate in the Grand Camp of United Confederate Veterans of Virginia at Culpeper last week, William L. Royall, chairman of the History Committee, has sent in his resignation.

INVESTIGATION PROCEEDS.

Testimony of Witnesses in Regard to Camps Helps the Government.

Washington, Oct. 10.—Three witnesses were examined today by the war investigation commission regarding conditions at Montauk, Chickamauga and Santiago.

TROUBLE AHEAD FOR DR TABOR.

Judge Advocate General Finds That He is Amenable to Military Law.

Washington, Oct. 10.—Secretary of War Alger today received the report of the court of inquiry appointed to investigate the death of private Hugh Parrott at Camp Wikoff.

Girl Brutally Murdered

Shamokin, Pa., Oct. 10.—Miss Daisy Smith, the 16-year-old daughter of Henry Smith, residing near here, was shot this morning, after which her throat was cut.

Europeans Want to Know a Secret.

Washington, Oct. 10.—Ever since the battle of Manila was fought, European governments have made efforts to obtain from the United States the secret of our seamen's wonderful proficiency in gunnery.

Oregon and Iowa Will Sail Tomorrow

Washington, Oct. 10.—The Navy Department was informed officially today from Tompkinsville, Staten Island, where the Oregon and Iowa are lying.

Indians About to Make Terms.

Walker, Minn., Oct. 10.—Another conference was held this afternoon between General Bacon, Indian Inspector Tinker and Indian chiefs, excluding the head of the Pillagers.

BAILEY GOT TIRED AND QUIT

Not Much Fun in Running for Congress.

HE WAS NOT IN IT ANYWAY

Insurgents Speak of Endorsing Brower—Mays Has a Month to Live—Democrat Declines a Populist Nomination—Orators Who Did Not Orate.

Winston, N. C., Oct. 10.—Special—One of the insurgent Republicans received a letter Saturday from ex-Sheriff W. A. Bailey, of Davie county, in which he stated that he had decided not to accept the nomination for Congress.

It is known that Mr. Bailey did not want the Democrats to put a man in the field. Because they nominated a man is no doubt responsible for his declining.

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COTTON CROP AVERAGES.

Condition Below That of September but Above That of Other Years.

Washington, Oct. 10.—The October report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture shows average condition of cotton on October 1st to have been 75.4 as compared with 78.5 on September 1st, a decline of 3.1 points.

Averages of States are as follows: Virginia, 64; North Carolina, 76; South Carolina, 79; Georgia, 75; Florida, 66; Alabama, 76; Mississippi, 72; Louisiana, 73; Texas, 73; Arkansas, 84; Tennessee, 83; Missouri, 93; Oklahoma, 75; Indian Territory, 76.

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FALSIFYING TO HIDE RECORDS

Wake County Worse in Debt Than Ever.

COUNTY TREASURY IS EMPTY

Instead of Paying Old Debt, Present Fusion Gang Borrowed \$4,000 and Haven't Paid It Back—Jo Rogers and Ham Jones Caught—Exposure by Pop County Treasurer.

The fusion candidates have been going over Wake county falsely representing that they had paid off an old indebtedness of \$11,000 and that there is not now an outstanding warrant or voucher against the county.

A more deceptive or false statement has never been sprung upon the people. It is given the lie—not by Democrats, but by Mr. Hayward Knight, the Populist treasurer of Wake county.

Listen to the statement which was made by Sheriff Ham Jones when he spoke at Garner last Monday a week ago:

The county was \$48,000 in debt when the Republicans and Populists took hold. Since we have been in power this debt has been reduced \$11,000. There is not an outstanding warrant or voucher but what can be paid."

Section 752 of The Code reads as follows: "The Board shall cause to be posted on the court house door within five days after each regular December meeting, and for at least four consecutive weeks, the name of every individual whose account has been audited, the amount claimed and the amount allowed; and also at the same time a full statement of county revenues and charges, showing by items the income from every source and the disbursements on every account for the past year, together with the permanent debt of the county, if any, when contracted and the interest paid or remaining unpaid thereon.

This statement of Mr. Rogers showed that the receipts for the said fiscal year were \$42,984.17, and the disbursements were only \$27,834.86, or about \$15,000 to the county.

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to December 1, 1897, amount to \$12,990.72.

"Yours respectfully, HENRY H. KNIGHT, County Treasurer."

The false statement that the expenditures of the county only amounted to \$27,834.86 has been repeated, and the statement is being daily made by J. J. Rogers and the other Republican fusion candidates that the present Board saved \$11,000 to the county and paid the same upon the bonded debt of the county.

"Dear Sir—I have examined the books in my office and find that none of the county debt due and owing at the time the present Board of County Commissioners came into office, on the first Monday in December, 1896, has been paid, except the sum of \$900, which has been paid to the King's Bridge Company for building bridges. The present Board of Commissioners borrowed for the county \$4,000 on the 5th day of July, 1898, from the Commercial and Farmers' Bank and that amount has not been paid back to the bank. The county treasury is out of money now, and I have not paid the jury tickets for the last court, and only a few poor orders to outside poor given at the last meeting of the Board.

"The county is behind two months in paying the expenses of the workhouse and poor house. There are county orders outstanding, amounting to about \$1,200 or \$1,500, unpaid, and the costs of the September term of court has not been paid. None of the county bonds have been paid.

"The county treasury is out of money, warrants are now unpaid to the amount of \$1,200 or \$1,500, two months expenses of the work and poor houses (amounting to \$1,500 or \$1,600) remain unpaid, the jury tickets for last month have not been paid, the outside poor, who rely upon the county for actual subsistence have not received their usual allowance, and therefore must suffer for the necessities of life.

The county has secretly borrowed \$4,000 from the bank, which has been spent, and the court costs for the last court have not been paid, all amounting to between \$5,000 to \$10,000, and yet the Republican fusion candidates pretend that the county is better off than it was December 1, 1896. The statement of Mr. Knight shows that the county is in a bad shape financially, and that the debt is at least \$8,000 to \$10,000 more than it was when the Republicans took hold on December 1, 1896.

Now, what have they done with the money? No new bridges, except two of wooden ones, have been built, at a cost of a few hundred dollars; the roads are in a terrible fix, and nothing has been done to advance the interest of the county. Warrants are being daily presented at the treasurer's office, and the treasurer's reply is, "I have no money to pay them with." What a lamentable state of affairs have been brought upon the county by the Republican fusion officers, and yet they ask the good people of the county to continue them in office.

Baseball Yesterday

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