

For North Carolina: Fair, falling temperature.

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## Too Much Booming Warries Fairbanks

Big Fight on For the Hillsboro Post Office—Negroes Call on the President—Army Officers to Inspect Militia

**By THOMAS J. PENCE**  
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## POINTS TO PARKER

Teller Regards Him as the Logical Candidate

Chicago, Ill., March 25.—Senator Teller and Mrs. Teller arrived in Chicago last night on their way to their home in Colorado. "I am just as disgusted with my Republican friends as ever," said the senator. "I guess we will have them up a stump in the next presidential race, however, for they will at least have to discuss some of their pet measures, which will hurt them mightily. They certainly will have to discuss the tariff."

## NOTHING NEW IN BURDICK INQUEST

Buffalo, March 25.—District Attorney Coatsworth said today that he expected to wind up the inquest into the Burdick murder by noon tomorrow. The hearing will be resumed tomorrow morning. "Have you discovered any new evidence?" he was asked. "We have brought out at this inquest everything that we have," replied Mr. Coatsworth. "The public knows now as much about the case as the authorities do. Nothing of importance has developed that we did not know before the inquest began."

## INLAND WATERWAY

Efforts to Arouse Interest in the Subject

Baltimore, March 25.—Mr. Clarence H. Forrest, secretary of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, will leave tomorrow for Charleston, S. C., to begin an important mission in connection with the proposed inland waterway covering the route from Baltimore to Florida. At Charleston Mr. Forrest will meet Congressman John H. Small of North Carolina, who is fathering the legislation covering the project, and Mr. W. H. Lumsden, secretary of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. The three will hold a conference with business men in Charleston, and this will be followed by similar meetings in Georgetown, S. C., Savannah and Brunswick, Ga., and Jacksonville and Fernandina, Fla. A trip may also be made to Augusta, Ga.

The purpose of this commission is to arouse interest in the proposed waterway and to accumulate data as to its commercial advantages. It is proposed to connect various existing waterways and supply an inland water route through to Florida with access to every port. From a military standpoint the project is looked upon with great favor by the national authorities, and it is believed that with such a route it would be possible to relieve from the interior any port on the south Atlantic that might be blockaded by a hostile fleet. Torpedo boats and destroyers could use such a waterway.

## FLOOD IN PETERSBURG

Water in the Streets and Factories Forced to Shut Down

Petersburg, Va., March 25.—The Apomattox river rose several feet last night and today it is higher than it has been since the memorable freshet of June 1889. The entire freight yard of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company is under water and all of the river street is inundated and the first floors of the stores and residences in the street are flooded. This street and the lower part of Second street can only be traversed in boats and vehicles on the water in them is three feet deep. The water in the foundry and machine shops of the Petersburg Iron Company, which is near the river, is over two feet in depth. The works had to shut down today, throwing out of work 125 employees temporarily. On account of the high water the Mattoaca cotton mills were forced to shut down today, which throws out of employment 200 operatives. The first floors of all the buildings on the wharves are flooded, as are also the cellars of several wholesale firms in old street, in which they have muck

of their stock stored. Last night about 100,000 feet of lumber, valued at \$10,000, stacked on the wharves awaiting shipment to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, was washed away by the high water. The Old Dominion steamship wharves, which arrived at City Point this morning from New York on her trip to Richmond, could not go up James river on account of the high water and her passengers and freight were sent to Richmond by rail via Petersburg.

## Oak Ridge Defeats Horner

Oak Ridge, N. C., March 25.—Special. Oak Ridge Institute defeats Horner. The professional team, got together by Davy Crockett of Roanoke, and sent out by Horner military school, met disastrous defeat here today by the Oak Ridge Institute team by the decisive score of 14 to 2. The features of the game were the heavy hitting of the home team, and Warren and Cook's pitching. The score: R. H. E. Oak Ridge . . . . . 14 17 3 Horner . . . . . 2 3 5 Batteries: Warren, Cook and Markham; Thomas and James. Struck out: By Warren 1, by Cook 5; by Thomas 3; Two base hits: Taylor, Benbow, Ross, Dawson. Three base hits: Stafford, Cook, Benbow, Umpire: Tom Lyon.

## Prospect Improving

Greensboro, N. C., March 25.—Special.—One of the managers of the good roads campaign stated today that the prospects for the success of the \$300,000 bond issue were growing considerably brighter. The proposition is becoming better understood by the country voters, many of whom have all along been against any bonded indebtedness. For years it has been the boast of citizens that there was not a dollar of bonded indebtedness against Guilford county, and naturally, there are those who are opposed to changing the order of things in this particular.

## Double Portion Discovered

Greensboro, N. C., March 25.—Special.—It is possible that a good deal more money may be expended in improving and enlarging the Greensboro public building than has been anticipated. The amount originally appropriated by Congress was something over \$60,000, but it has just been discovered that \$11,000 more may be available. In looking over the sundry civil bill, as passed near the close of the last session of Congress, it is seen that the latter sum was appropriated to aid in enlarging the Greensboro public building. A hundred thousand dollars would by no means be too much to spend on the government building in this city, but it is more than had been hoped for.

## Will Accept Amendments

Havana, March 25.—A mixed committee of the economic corporations, consisting of the Planters' Society, Society, the Cigar Manufacturers, Friends of the Country and the Merchants' Union, decided last night to accept the amendments to the reciprocity treaty. The committee recommended that if the treaty is not approved by the American Congress at a special session the time for its ratification be extended to January 31, 1904.

## The Cup Defender

Bristol, R. I., March 25.—If the present plans are carried out the new America's cup yacht will be launched at about 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon of April 11th, and the yacht will be the first to have a "daylight" launching since 1895. The work of riveting and plating proceeds rapidly and the burnishers have nearly finished polishing the first course of plates on the underbody.

## Fighting in Santo Domingo

Santo Domingo, March 25.—The inhabitants of this city were again thrown into a state of alarm this afternoon by the fact that further fighting is taking place at San Carlos near here. A commission has left Santo Domingo for Azua and Barahona on the war ship Independencia in order to bring about the surrender of those places. The war ship Celon has left for San Pedro de Macoris, in order to compel that town to surrender.

## ALL ON ONE SIDE

## Pennsylvanians Beaten by the Trinity Boys

Durham, N. C., March 25.—Special.—Trinity defeated Lafayette here this afternoon in a game that would have been very pretty but for the errors. From the very beginning until the end of the game Trinity was in the lead. The visitors had but one opportunity to win out, and that was in the ninth inning. With three men on bases and no one out, two of the visitors came home, leaving two men on bases and no more runs were allowed. The score: R. H. E. Lafayette . . . 0 10 0 0 0 0 2 3 5 2 Trinity . . . . 2 0 0 0 4 0 0 0 6 7 6 Batteries: Case and Irwin; Bradsher and Chadwick. Earned runs: Trinity 3. Two base hits—Lafayette 1. Trinity 2. Bases on balls: Lafayette 3. Hit by pitched ball: Case 3. Struck out by Bradsher: 8; by Case, 4. Time of game: 1:35. Umpire: Mr. Card.

## CASTRO HOLDS ON AFTER ALL

Congress Implores Him to Reconsider and He Consents

Caracas, March 24.—After reading his special message to Congress today General Castro withdrew his resignation of the presidency of Venezuela. President Castro's special message was delivered to Congress this afternoon. He says: "When I abdicated it was not from any small minded or interested calculation, still less was it the result of any sorry or ridiculous farce, which has no place in a heart warmed by the heat of great ideals." He then says that he believes his abdication was a duty imposed upon him in the interest of the peace of the republic. "With my separation today," he says, "no body could lose and all would gain, since this would imply that my efforts and my sacrifices were always and under all circumstances at the service of the republic at its first call."

After passing in review the other difficulties in the way of the government he says he saw how his intentions were misrepresented, and he was disheartened and at that moment he resigned. "Notwithstanding these reasons, which were weighty to my mind," he continues, "Congress does not accept my resignation and insists that I continue, that I should not persist therein, but considers me still useful in the government. I bow before its desire and resign myself to the new obligations imposed by my country, but only until the work of pacifying the nation shall be complete and order re-established in the public administration. Remember it well, senators and deputies, I believe my separation necessary; you think otherwise. I hope the future will prove you right. I accept an expression of my supreme thanks for the generous demonstration of which you have made me the object."

When it was known Castro had not resigned a popular demonstration took place.

## COLOR LINE DRAWN

New Orleans Women Object to Negro Delegates

New Orleans, March 25.—The New Orleans Council of Women will not officially entertain the National Council of Women at the convention which meets tomorrow, on account of the race question. The national council accepted an invitation to meet in New Orleans on the invitation of the local council. There are several negro women as delegates, but a sort of promise was obtained from them that they would not attend the New Orleans convention. Mrs. May Wright Sewall, the president, announced today that if any negro delegates presented themselves they would have to be given seats in the convention and participate in all entertainments. The New Orleans council drew out and announced that it would take no part in the movement. The national council then determined to give a reception of its own tomorrow night which is open to all, white or colored.

## FLEET REVIEW

Admiral Dewey Will Officiate the Last of April

Washington, March 25.—Admiral Dewey is to review and inspect the North Atlantic fleet off the Virginia capes on its return north from southern waters. Orders have been issued by the navy department to Rear Admiral Higginson, who is in command, to proceed to the drill grounds twenty miles east of Cape Henry, to arrive there not later than the morning of April 27, and there await the admiral of the fleet either with the Mayflower or the Dolphin. He will remain with it about ten days. During that time he will thoroughly inspect the ships and witness their work at target practice and general drill. Immediately after this review the fleet will proceed to New York where most of the ships will go into dry dock preparatory for the summer cruise. This summer cruise by the fleet may be extended to the Azores, Cape Verde or some foreign port, but its destination has not yet been determined.

## A GAY TIME

Miss Roosevelt Enjoying Life in Porto Rico

San Juan, P. R., March 25.—There was a grand reception at the theater here last evening under the auspices of the citizens' committee in honor of Miss Alice Roosevelt. Following this was an elaborate display of fireworks on the plaza, which lasted until 10 o'clock and was witnessed by Miss Roosevelt, who also received a tremendous ovation from the people gathered on the plaza and on the balconies and roofs of the houses. One of the set pieces, representing President Roosevelt, was twenty-five feet high,

The interior of the theater was decorated profusely and displayed the word "Welcome" formed of electric lights. Miss Roosevelt spent two hours shaking hands with the invited guests. She will leave San Juan for the interior today, accompanied by Governor Hunt, Mrs. Hunt, Miss Elizabeth Hunt, Thomas Hunt, the governor's brother, and Mrs. Thomas Hunt, Miss Beatrice Buck, the governor's ward, and secretary Bliss. The party will be away four days and will visit Cayce, Ponce, Mayaguez and the intermediate towns, as well as the principal sugar estates. The inhabitants of Ponce have planned a big reception for Miss Roosevelt.

## ENCOUNTERED ICEBERGS

The Cleveland Boom Not Popular With Miners

Tamaqua, Pa., March 25.—The Cleveland boom, which was launched in the coal regions this week, is running into icebergs on all sides. Today one of the loudest Cleveland supporters admitted that the boom here had burst. A strange thing in connection with the political bearing of the miners is that they will not endorse Roosevelt or Cleveland, but that they wake up and take notice when the name of Senator M. A. Hanna is mentioned. In some way Hanna has captured their good will. His efforts in their behalf as a member of the civic federation and his apparent loyalty to their cause during the strike have contributed toward making him very popular among this class of workers.

## MATTER OF MILLIONS

New Stock Issue of the Pennsylvania Railroad

Philadelphia, March 25.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania railroad this afternoon the privilege was given to stockholders to subscribe at \$50 per share, between June 15 and June 27, inclusive, for 33-1-3 per cent of their respective holdings as they stand registered in the books of the company at noon, May 9th. Payments are to be made in three installments—\$30 at the time of making the subscription, second installment of \$15 between October 15 and October 26, and third installment of \$5 a share between June 15 and June 25, 1904. This is expected to bring in round numbers to the company \$98,000,000. The board also authorized the continuance of all improvements embodied in the annual report, which will mean an expenditure of about seventy million dollars. These improvements will be made principally at New York, Pittsburg, Philadelphia and Washington. The board re-elected President A. J. Cassatt and all of the old officers.

## CIVIL SERVICE

The Rules Are to Be Extended to Thousands of Places

Washington, March 25.—The blanket of the civil service is to be thrown over thousands of new places April 15, by order of President Roosevelt. On that date the "revision of the civil service rules," which has been under consideration since last August, will go into effect. The effect of the revision is to bring under the civil service a large number of positions that have heretofore been designated as "excepted places" and to reduce the number of emergency and temporary positions in the gift of the heads of executive departments.

The places taken from the excepted list include a large number of private secretaries, clerks, clerical assistants, shipping commissioners, various superintendents, engineers, examiners and miscellaneous positions which experience has shown can be better filled by promotion or transfer within the classified service. In the new department of commerce the only exceptions are two private secretaries, which are allowed to all heads of executive departments.

When the civil service law first went into effect, in 1883, 14,000 positions were brought within its scope. At present 112,500 places in the government service are subject to the law, and the revision, to go into effect April 15, will bring in many thousands more. The new limits of the classified service will embrace all positions which, on the one hand, are not mere laborers or workmen, and, on the other hand, are subject to confirmation by the Senate. The only large groups of positions which will not hereafter be subject to the competitive system of examinations are the diplomatic and consular service, the government of the District of Columbia, employees of post offices not having free delivery, and fourth class postmasters.

## Mortgage Declared Invalid

Greensboro, N. C., March 25.—Special. Judge Boyd has signed a decree confirming the report of the referee in the bankruptcy proceedings of J. R. Morefield, a merchant of Winston-Salem. The decree declares invalid a mortgage the bankrupt had made in favor of J. W. Morefield, his father, who had advanced him money.

## Irish Land Bill in the House of Commons

TWO NEW GRAVES

Youth and Age Alike Fall Before the Reaper's Sickle

Wilson, N. C., March 25.—Special.—Death is no respecter of age or condition. The young and the old bow alike to the irrevocable decree and "fall on sleep" when the summons comes. In Maplewood today are two new-dug graves. One holds the remains of a gifted and brilliant young man; the other holds all that is mortal of a very old woman, who was called when her work was all done, when the harvest was gathered, the reaping all over, and the time for precious rest in Heaven had come. And, standing at the grave of Mrs. Albert Farmer and thinking of the long life so beautifully spent, we were reminded of a beautiful sunset scene which marks the closing of a glorious day, when the clouds seem tinted with the rich effluence of celestial splendors; and when we thought of her long life, her many deeds of kindness and loving ministry, we felt that the end was full of peace and that all was well, for she had gone from the snows of Life's December to inhale again the odors of Eternal Spring, where flowers never fade, and winter never comes to sting its killing sleet and snow. And at the grave of Tom Peacock, who was taken in the dawn of young manhood, when the flowers of promise were blooming and the birds of hope were singing, we felt how sad indeed was the dispensation that consigned him to sleep where the myrtles grow and the daisies peep. But such is life.

## A Speaker of Power

Wilson, N. C., March 25.—Special.—Thursday night there will be a big mass meeting of our people in the court house. Among the prominent men who will speak for the cause of the dispensary, Prof. Dred Peacock, a speaker of great force and power and eloquence, will address the meeting. Prof. Peacock is one of the brainiest men and profoundest thinkers and ablest speakers in the state. His talk tomorrow night will be full of soundest sense and ripest wisdom and sage reflections, and we know our people will be highly edified and delighted with one of the foremost men of the state.

## SPRINGS WRECKED

Costly Result of a Dam at Panacea Breaking

Weldon, N. C., March 25.—Special.—The famous Panacea Springs, near Littleton, have been wrecked by the recent rains. The dam above the springs broke and the spring house was washed away. The spring is buried ten or twelve feet under the mud and it is said that it will cost \$1,000 to repair the damage. The rains also carried away Mr. Sam Thorne's mill, near by, and many county bridges have been swept away. Roanoke river reached a stage of 42 feet above low water today. I hear of no special damage by this great stream. It is feared, however, that much of the low land wheat and oats are ruined.

## GEN. MILES REPORTS

Extensive Observations of Our Army and Others

Washington, March 25.—Lieutenant General Miles has filed with Secretary Root a confidential report on his inspection of the military forces in the Philippines and his observations of the armies of Europe. General Miles went to Manila last fall and made a thorough inspection of the troops and the military garrison there. He returned to the United States about a month ago, having passed through China, Russia, Germany and Great Britain. In Russia he had an excellent opportunity to observe the Russian armies and was able to make comparisons of the troops of other countries from his observation of the soldiers forming the legation guards in Pekin. He went from Pekin to St. Petersburg and along the entire route made a close study of the military forces of the czar. His report is not confined to a statement of his inspection of the troops in the Philippines, but includes some valuable information as to what Russia and other countries are doing in the training and equipping of their troops. The war department regards the entire report as strictly confidential, and for this reason will make public no part of the document. It is said that General Miles speaks very plainly in regard to the Russian troops and regards them as a fine body of soldiers. The report also shows that the Russians have greatly improved in marksmanship and are now devoting much attention to the subject.

London, March 25.—The Irish secretary, Mr. Wyndham, announced the land bill in the House of Commons today. It later passed its first formal reading. It proposes a free grant of \$60,000,000 for the purposes of the bill. The bill is to become effective November 1. The keen interest felt in this new legislation, which it is hoped, will promote peace and contentment in Ireland, was evidenced by the crowded House.

Mr. Wyndham announced at the outset that the government thought cash was necessary for the fulfillment of the proposed scheme, but it attached greater importance to the credit operation than to the cash operation. He then unfolded the scheme, which provides for advances of money for the purchase of land by the tenants. The advances will be in the shape of cash and not of stock, but in order to enable the cash to be raised a new stock is to be floated. It will be called "guaranteed 23-4 per cent stocks" and will be redeemable for thirty years. Mr. Wyndham explained that if \$500,000,000 of stock could be safely advanced on Irish land, it will be issued at the rate of \$25,000,000 yearly for the next three years and afterwards possibly in larger sums.

In addition to this the government proposes a free grant of \$60,000,000 to be raised by additions to the stock, the interest and sinking fund of which will be borne by the treasury and the maximum annual charge of which will not exceed \$1,500,000. As an offset to this Mr. Wyndham explained that in a single year the reduction in the cost of the administration of Ireland would amount to \$1,250,000.

The cash loan is expected to meet the difference between the terms sought by the landlords and those offered by the tenants. The landlords are practically demanding a purchase price equivalent in general terms to 27-1-2 years' rental. Though the \$60,000,000 may now be locked upon in the nature of a gift, it will eventually revert to the increased taxable values of the improved properties. The advances to tenants are limited to \$2,500 in the congested districts and \$5,000 elsewhere. The bill also provides that tenants will pay 3-1-4 per cent interest on loans from the government, that untenanted farms and grazing lands will be sold to neighboring tenants, and that three commissioners will supervise the sales.

## REV. L. JOHNSON

Death of a Young Minister of the Methodist Church

Correspondence of The Morning Post. Tarboro, N. C., March 24.—Last night about eleven o'clock Rev. L. Johnson, of Dennis Johnson of this place, passed away after a lingering illness of several months. It has been the writer's privilege to know him only since his return to his father's last fall on account of his illness; but this was long enough to find him to be a man of implicit faith in the Lord. Mr. Johnson entered the ministry of the M. E. Church something more than two years ago and served as pastor in Fayetteville for two years, ending his work there in November, 1902. From there he came to his father's as stated above.

On the 16th of October, 1902, he was happily married to Miss Virginia Windley of Trenton, N. C. And while she came among us a stranger but a few weeks ago, she has made for herself many friends here who mourn with her in the loss of her husband in the early morning of their married life. He also leaves father, mother and a number of brothers and sisters who are sadly bereaved in the loss of their son and brother. In accordance with a request made by the deceased some time before his death, the body was carried for interment to Fayetteville, where Rev. T. A. Smoot is to conduct the burial service.

Mr. Johnson being a Mason, a number of the order assembled at the house this morning to show a last token of loyalty and love, and Rev. Mr. Haltom, pastor of the M. E. Church here, conducted a short service of Bible reading, prayer and song.

## Deficit for March

Washington, March 25.—Owing to heavy payments during the last three weeks there is a treasury deficit for the month of March. The expenditures thus far this month have exceeded the receipts by about two million dollars. It was said at the treasury today that this temporary deficit was to be expected, on account of the large number of recent Congress appropriations which, under the terms of the respective acts were to be made immediately available. There is a surplus for the current fiscal year, thus far, amounting to \$31,000,000.

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 25.—Special.—A union passenger station for Winston-Salem is assured. The Norfolk and Western has agreed to join the Southern. A handsome depot will be erected this spring.