

WILL TAKE A WEEK.

Referee Zollicoffer's Report in Paper Mill Case

NOW BEFORE THE COURT

Nearly All the Lawyers Except to the Decision of the Referee and the Supreme Court Will Finally Hear the Matter.

The civil term of the Wake county Superior court will not end this week. Judge Timberlake expected to get through but he struck a snag this morning when the report of Mr. Zollicoffer, who was referee in the multiple suits and judgments against the Raleigh Paper Company, Mr. Zollicoffer held his court here for a month last fall taking evidence. Two stenographers were employed in the court. Mr. Zollicoffer's report is 200 pages closely typed written. Nearly every lawyer in Raleigh is employed by some of the many claimants and all of them except Judge Whitaker, attorney for W. W. Vass, have excepted to some portion of the report. Judge Timberlake had to continue every thing on the calendar until the next term for the lawyers will consume this week and probably all of next week in arguing for their several clients.

The report of the referee in the case of C. H. Belvin vs. Raleigh Paper Company was announced to the court. Exceptions were filed. Judge Timberlake ruled that they were not entitled to a jury trial.

Judge Whitaker, attorney for W. W. Vass, made the first speech. In his introduction he thus stated the case: "The company owning the paper mills gave C. H. Belvin, cashier of the Raleigh National Bank, two mortgages on the property."

The company afterwards leased the property to J. N. Holding. Holding finding the machinery insufficient, it was agreed between him and the company and "the referee says with the knowledge and consent of Belvin" that he might make any improvements he chose and whatever he did should belong to him and at the expiration of the lease the company could purchase the improvements. Afterwards the president of the company and Holding met and agreed that the value of the improvements was \$20,000. Holding then sold to the company for \$20,000 and gave a lien to Vass as trustee on the property paying Holding with notes secured on the property.

The claimants are those who held the mortgage, notes, that furnished machinery, did work on the property, &c. The question is one of priority of claim. Besides the Raleigh lawyers Judge Winbourn and Judge Connor are here in the case. Argument will continue indefinitely.

The other cases heard this morning were Nathan Holleman vs. Hunter, Judgment. Milton Clark vs. News and Observer, given 30 days to file answer. Cane vs. R. & A. Railroad, continued to next term.

PARLOR SHOE STORE.

The Parlor Shoe Store, of which Mr. Wm. T. Harding is proprietor and Mr. Fred Walters manager, is one of the newest and most attractive stores in the city. Only ladies' and children's shoes are kept but the management is seeking to make their stock complete. The store is beautifully fitted up, comfortable chairs, convenient tables for writing, pictures on the wall and a music box at work all the time.

Miss Louise Richardson has accepted a position in this store and her popularity will add to the success of the establishment.

THE DIRECTORS.

The Newbern meeting of yesterday says: "The adjourned meeting of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad directors from February 22nd was held in the president's office last night. Dr. Person was elected chairman."

"In the absence of all instructions from headquarters at Raleigh, the directors did nothing in the way of electing directors to fill vacancies or another president."

"Superintendent S. L. Dill presented his reports and accounts of the road, which were read and approved."

"Some other regular routine business was transacted, and the meeting adjourned sine die, which means subject to the call of Governor Russell."

NO STRIKES HERE.

Yesterday the Labor Commissioner received an inquiry from the Massachusetts Legislature as to hours of labor, labor laws, strikes, etc., in North Carolina. He has replied that only 7 per cent. of the cotton mill operatives in North Carolina express a desire for any laws regulating hours of labor. He said, to your correspondent to-day: "I am flooding New England with the following circular, which will go to every mill. The fact is the mills there are bound to come South." Here is the circular:

"A fine chance for cotton mill investment in North Carolina!" "No strikes, no laws regulating the hours of labor and the age of employment, cheap labor and the home of the cotton plant."

"Northern capital cannot find a better investment than cotton manufacturing in North Carolina, with her fine water power and grand climate."

"This department will be pleased to give any information desired in regard to sites, power, etc."

DEATH OF T. D. WATSON.

He Died at Two O'clock This Afternoon at His Home.

Mr. Thomas D. Watson, who had a stroke of paralysis while at his desk at the freight office of the Southern Railway at two o'clock yesterday afternoon died at two o'clock this afternoon, exactly twenty four hours after he was paralyzed. It will be remembered that Mr. Watson was only partially paralyzed yesterday, his left side being affected. He seemed to improve after he was carried home and hope was entertained for his recovery. Mr. F. A. Watson went to see him at one o'clock this afternoon and he seemed much better and said that he expected to be at his work again in a few days. In less than an hour, however, he died. The second stroke came at exactly the same hour today that he was stricken yesterday.

Mr. Watson was a consecrated member of the First Baptist church of this city. He was regular in his church attendance and active in Christian work.

Thomas D. Watson was born in Chatham county fifty four years ago. He married Miss Vestal of Chatham. He moved to Raleigh with his family about eighteen years ago. He leaves a wife, formerly Miss Laura Bomer, of Greensboro, and four children by his first wife. The children are two unmarried daughters, who lived with their father, and two sons, Mr. Joseph Watson, of Greensboro, and Aubrey Watson of Winston.

The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon, the hour will be announced in the morning papers.

TRUSTEES MEETING.

The trustees of Guilford College are in session at that place to-day. J. E. Wood Cox and Dr. J. J. Cox, of High Point; A. J. Tomlinson, of Archdale; State Treasurer Worth, of Raleigh; and J. A. Hodkin, Dr. Benbow, and J. S. Cox, of this place, went out to the college from here this morning to attend the meeting.

This session is thought to be one of some importance, as the board will consider a number of improvements and some additional buildings to be added to the college.

Guilford College is forging ahead at a rapid rate, over \$10,000 having been expended there in building during the past year.—Greensboro Record.

A DRUNKARD'S SERMON.

Probably no more eloquent or dramatic sermon on the sin of drunkenness was ever delivered than that to which a small gathering of drinking men listened in a New Orleans bar-room recently. The preacher—a group of well dressed young men with plenty of money—were standing at the bar, when a poor, miserable specimen of a tramp pushed open the swinging doors, and, with bloodshot eyes, looked at them appealingly. They ordered a drink for him, paid for it, and then hospitably demanded that he make a speech. After swallowing the liquor, the tramp gazed at them for an instant and then, with a dignity of obscurity that showed how far he had fallen in the social scale, he began to speak.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I look to night at you and at myself, and it seems to me I look upon the picture of a lost manhood. This bloated face was once a young and handsome as yours. This shuffling figure once walked as proudly as yours, a man in a world of men. I, too, once had home, and friends, and position. I had a wife as beautiful as an artist's dream, and I shared the precious pearl of her honor and respect in a wine cup, and Christ-like, say it dissolve, and quaffed it down in the brimning draught. I had children as sweet and lovely as the flowers of spring, and I saw them fade and die under the blighting curse of a drunkard's father. I had a home where love lit the flambeau and the altar ministered before it, and I put out the holy fire, and darkness and desolation reigned in its stead. I had aspirations and ambitions that soared as high as the morning's star, and I broke and bruised those beautiful wings, and, at last, streptened them, that I might be tortured with their cries no more. To day I am a husband without a wife, a father without a child, a tramp with no home to call my own, a man in whom every good impulse is dead. All, all swayed up in the maelstrom of drink."

The tramp ceased speaking. The glass fell from his nerveless fingers and shattered into a thousand fragments on the floor. The swinging doors pushed open and shot two men, and when the little group about the bar looked up the tramp was gone. He had gone out into the dark December night, to wander no doubt till dawn, but he, outcast though he was, had made an impression. They felt that they had received a lesson which they would remember while they lived, and when they left the bar-room, the words of the poor wanderer still sounded in their ears like a note of warning.—Christian Herald.

DEATH OF MISS THOMPSON.

Miss Cornelia Ann Thompson, so long and well known in this city, died at the home of her nephew, Wm. J. Newsom, at Rutherford, N. J., early on Tuesday morning after a brief illness. Her body was brought here for burial. The funeral services were held at Christ church this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, Rev. Dr. M. M. Marshall officiating.

Rev. Dr. Daniel, of the Presbyterian church, will on Sunday commence a series of six sermons to the young people. This is done at the request of the Westminister League.

The forest fires have destroyed all prospect of a good huckleberry crop this year.

CONDITIONS APPALLING

5 600 Cubans Starved During February Alone

PROCTOR SAYS THIS

Colonel Parker Says the Spaniards in Havana Do Not Deny That They Blew Up the Maine—Lee in Danger of Being Assassinated

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Key West, March 10.—Senator Proctor, of Vermont, who has been making a study of Cuba with Col. Parker, arrived this morning and was shown to Admiral Seward's room. Proctor was closeted with him several hours. The object of the interview was presumably to deliver to the Admiral some messages from Captain Converse of the Montgomery, who is an old Vermont. Senator Proctor referred all the newspaper correspondents to Col. Parker, who therefore spoke authoritatively on Senator Proctor's visit to Cuba to examine personally into the situation.

Col. Parker said: "Senator Proctor's trip is a personal one. The famine, destitution and suffering of the reconcentrados is almost indescribable. Alcide of Matanzas told me that fifty-five thousand persons died of starvation during the year past and five thousand and six hundred during February. In the hospital at Matanzas there are a hundred Cubans, mostly sleeping on the floor. During the half an hour we were in one ward three died."

General Blanco's order modifying General Weyler's "reconcentration" has not gone into effect, but when it does I do not believe that it will help matters any.

"Around every town in a trocha and the citizen who goes beyond will be shot."

"Cara Barton has done much in distributing supplies. Most of the American consuls are working hard in this direction. One consul, Magar, at Cienfuegos, who keeps Spanish sympathy, says that the reconcentrados are dying from eating too much. He will not be given further supplies."

"When we were entering a hotel two Spanish officers standing at the door said, 'I should like to have an order to kill those people.' Every American in Cuba is watched as if he was a criminal."

"Every one in Havana now knows that the Maine was blown up by the Spaniards, they do not deny it or be very sad on account of it."

"General Lee is a grand man. He is a hero in constant danger of assassination."

"Havana is calm today. The calmness is a suppressed feeling before the storm."

"Are we going to have war? Well, I shall be surprised."

CAUGHT IN NEW JERSEY.

The Asheville Citizen, of yesterday says: John Wellman, colored, who is charged with committing a criminal assault about two years ago upon Fannie Murdison, colored, has been arrested in Newark, N. J., at the instance of George L. Greenlee, of the North State Detective agency, who has been on Wellman's trail for some time. The girl assaulted by Wellman was a student of Livingston college at Salisbury, but was living here at the time. Wellman had been arrested, but made his escape. A bill was found against him at the last term but one of the Circuit court. Retention papers have been prepared, and Detective Greenlee will go to Newark after Wellman.

TO THE STREET COMMITTEE.

Gentlemen: Why is it Wilmington street between Cabarrus and Bayle (within one block of the market house) has not been curbed, paved or macadamized? E. A. A.

FARMERS' MUTUAL MEETING.

The third annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Association for Stokes and Forsyth counties will be held at the court house here Saturday, March 26.

J. S. C. Carpenter, general State agent of the Farmers' Mutual, and Hon. Sid R. Alexander, S. A. Ashe and ex-Chief Justice Shepherd, officers of the Carolina Benevolent Association will address the meeting.—Winston Journal.

Mrs. J. R. Ball, of Raleigh, after spending several days here with her husband, left Saturday for her home. Mr. Ball buys cotton on the Kinston market. Mrs. Ball was highly pleased with Kinston, and may move here if a suitable residence can be found for rent. Mr. J. R. Ball's brother, Mr. J. G. Ball, a wholesale grocer of Raleigh, also returned home Saturday after a short visit to his brother.—Kinston Free Press.

Mrs. Martha Morris, of Raleigh, who has been spending a few weeks in the city with relatives, left yesterday morning, returning home.—Newbern Journal.

The Auditor's report for the last fiscal year will soon be out. Auditor Ayrer states that a new feature of the report this year will be a compilation by counties of railroad assessments throughout the entire State.

MYSTERIOUS TUNNEL ENGLAND

A Raleigh Lady Divulges an Important Secret.

MRS. HUNTER TALKS

She Has a Photograph of the Entrance to the Sub-Marine Mines at Havana Which the Spaniards Denied Existed.

A North Carolina lady, who lives near this city before going to Texas has made an important revelation. The San Antonio, Texas, Express of March 4th says:

Evidence has just been brought to light in this city of the existence in 1841 of a tunnel extending from Morro Castle, in Havana, several miles out under the Havana harbor.

The evidence consists of a photograph of the entrance to the tunnel and the relation of detailed information on the subject by Mrs. Lucy G. Hunter, as it was told to her by her late husband, Dr. George L. Hunter, who himself penetrated the tunnel for several miles, and had the picture of the entrance made.

Mrs. Hunter has lived in this city for several years, and her home is at 220 San Pedro avenue. Dr. Hunter was devoted to scientific pursuits and the acquisition of knowledge, and as he possessed considerable wealth he spent much of his time in travel and study.

In 1854, before his marriage, he went to Cuba and remained in Havana several months. He contracted yellow fever there and his stay was prolonged by his sickness.

While in Havana Dr. Hunter became acquainted with many prominent citizens and army officers and formed a close friendship with several officers connected with Morro Castle. They extended him many courtesies, and finally became so intimate with him as to impart to him the secret of El Morro. They told him of the tunnel beneath the waters of Havana harbor and allowed him to explore it.

Dr. Hunter followed the tunnel for several miles, and found that it branched out into an extensive and intricate series of sub-passages, covering a large area of the bed of the bay. At some points the top of the passage was so close to the bottom of the bay that he could hear the waters booming above him.

The entrance to the tunnel was a large cave extending partly under El Morro and partly out beneath the bay. Dr. Hunter secured a photograph of the entrance which had been taken from inside the tunnel. Statuettes hanging from the top of the cave are shown in the picture. According to a label on the photograph it was made by the firm of Friedrich y co., who were probably the official photographers.

When he married Dr. Hunter told his wife all he had learned of this remarkable submarine passage and when he died he left his photographic proof of its existence in her possession.

It will be remembered that shortly after the battleship Maine was blown up the statement was made that the Spaniards had submarine passages under Havana harbor. The Spanish authorities promptly denied this, and stated that if a tunnel had ever existed beneath the harbor the entrance to it had long since been closed up and all traces of it lost. It was on account of this denial that Mrs. Hunter gave out the important information she possesses on the point.

[Mrs. Hunter is a North Carolinian, having formerly lived near Raleigh.—Observer.]

SHOWERS NOW.

Weather Fair in the East Except Along the Immediate Coast Line. The forecast of the weather bureau for Raleigh and vicinity says: Showers to-night and Friday.

The storm in the west has moved southward to northern Texas, where the barometer is lowest. Cloudy, threatening weather with light rain prevails in the Mississippi valley and westward. The weather is fair in the east, except along the immediate coast line, where it is cloudy, with light rains at scattered stations.

The high pressure is central over New England. It is colder in the west Lake region.

THE CHAS. TRAYLOR CASE.

Col. H. C. Jones, Hon. F. L. Osborne and Mr. Frank Armfield, of Monroe, left for Albemarle this morning to attend Stanley court. All three of the gentlemen represent Chas. Traylor. It will be remembered that Traylor was convicted in Union county some time ago of forgery and fraudulent intent. The case was appealed to the Supreme court which granted a new trial.

The case was removed to Stanley county and will be heard tomorrow. Besides the above three able lawyers, Hon. Lee S. Overman will represent the defense.—Charlotte News.

SUPREME COURT.

Fifth district. Cable vs. Railroad, argued by C. M. Stehman, R. R. King and D. Schenck by brief for plaintiff; F. H. Busbee for defendant.

Morehead Banking Co. vs. Morehead and Duke and others; argued by Graham and Green; Manning and Foushee and Boone and Bryan and for appellants; Winston and Fuller; Burwell, Walker and Cranler contra.

ENGLAND INTERESTED

The English Minister Confers With McKinley

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cuban Independence Will be Recognized in a Few Days—England Will Follow Our Example—Spain Buys Five Cruisers.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

London, March 10.—A movement is on foot in the House of Commons for the Conservatives and the Liberals alike to urge England to acknowledge the independence of Cuba immediately after the United States does. Ronald Munroe Ferguson a Liberal representative will question the government whether communications have been exchanged between Pauncefote and McKinley regarding Cuba.

PAUNCEFOTE AND MCKINLEY.

Queen Victoria Approves of McKinley's Course and Expresses Sympathy for Cuba.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Washington, March 10.—It is known that Pauncefote's call on President McKinley was to express the gratification of Queen Victoria at the wisdom and conservatism displayed in handling the Spanish-Cuban matter and her thorough sympathy with the efforts of this country to relieve the distress of the unfortunate Cubans. England's attitude in the event of war was not touched.

MAY HELP US.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

London, March 10.—The government is said to be considering the advisability of placing English cruisers at the service of the United States in event of war with Spain.

RECOGNIZE CUBA.

McKinley's Message Complete and the Cabinet Approve It.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

New York, March 10.—The Evening Journal's special from Washington says the recognition of Cuba is certain in a few days. The President's message to Congress recommending recognition has been completed and approved by cabinet members. Other matters which have been discussed regarding intervention are set aside.

THIS IS WARLIKE.

A Naval Officer on Board All Auxiliary Vessels Leaving New York.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Washington, March 10.—Secret orders have been issued which caused great excitement at the Navy Department. President Groves, of the American Legion has been in consultation with the President, Senator Hanna and Secretary Long. It is stated that every vessel auxiliary to the navy leaving New York has a naval officer aboard, ostensibly as a passenger, but really to take command in case of war.

WAR MATERIAL FREE.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Washington, March 10.—Senator Chandler introduced a bill today resuming duties on war material.

SPAIN BUYS FIVE SHIPS.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

Boylan, March 10.—Spain has made a conditional purchase of five vessels, others are being inspected.

CONSERVATIVES TO PART-DATE.

Although Rejecting Autonomy They Take Part in the Election.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Havana, March 10.—The Central committee of the conservative party, after a debate lasting until three o'clock, agreed to take part in the forthcoming election. The attitude of the conservatives does not mean they have accepted the autonomous form of government or that they contribute to its establishment. Conservatives only accept positions to which they may be elected, to watch the proceedings of autonomists, and defend their interests. It will enable them to protest in parliament against the new regime, and against calamities circulated in the Madrid press, and against their arbitrary exclusion from popular representation in the city councils and the provincial assemblies. The Conservatives claim to represent eighty per cent of the wealth of the island, and assert they are paying seventy per cent of the taxes.

VICTORIA LEAVES.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

Windsor, March 10.—Queen Victoria started for south France this afternoon.

CURSON SPEAKS.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

RUSSIA APPROPRIATES MONEY.

American, British and Russian Naval Appropriations for Past Week Are \$24,000,000.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

St. Petersburg, March 10.—An Imperial Ukase has been issued, ordering the disbursement of ninety millions of roubles in an extraordinary expenditure for the construction of warships. A new loan to be raised will be provided for. The funds of American, British and Russian defense appropriations this week aggregate two hundred and forty millions for naval armament. This is unprecedented in history.

AMMUNITION GOING.

Cannons and Powder are Being Shipped South.

Four 10 inch rifle cannon passed through Salisbury on flat cars over the Southern yesterday afternoon, going south.—Salisbury Sun.

It is rumored that quantities of ammunition and explosives are also going south to be used in case of war.

It is said that the government requires absolute secrecy of the roads which handle such implements of war and even if they were going a newspaper man could hardly get the facts in the case.

On one of the guns which passed here yesterday evening was written in large letters in chalk the words, "Look out Spain, we'll give you hell."

It is reported that fifteen car loads of powder passed through yesterday afternoon going south.

SAYS EWART WILL BE CONFIRMED.

S. E. Marshall, ex-State Senator from Surry, was in the city this morning on his return from Washington, where he was summoned to testify in the Ewart matter, but was not called. He says the general impression is that Ewart will be confirmed; that it is the belief that Butler is inspired by selfish motives in trying to prevent his confirmation, hoping thereby to get Pritchard to take the judgeship, when it will be plain sailing for Butler and Russell. At the same time the charges are said to be frivolous and not proven.—Greensboro Record.

GREAT EXCITEMENT.

The excitement in Charlotte must necessarily be very great, says the Wilkesboro Chronicle, judging from this item in the Times-Democrat: "LOST—Saturday afternoon, bundle containing man and two boys' suits, clothes, pair shoes and dress."

Although the matter is serious and liable to create excitement, still any "conservative investigating committee" will not consider it mysterious. A man who will deliberately congratulate himself with a bundle as above described cannot expect anything less than getting lost. The poor old man was very indiscreet in selecting his dress. What use could he have for the boy's suits and the dress, unless he had started out purposely to be lost?

TODAY'S MARKETS.

THE MOVEMENT IN NEW YORK AND LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

By private wire to W. A. Fentlerfield & Company.

NEW YORK COTTON.

Table with columns: Months, Open, High, Low, Close. Rows for March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, January.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Mar. 10.—(4 p. m.) The following were the closing quotations of the Liverpool cotton market today:

Table with columns: Month, Price. Rows for March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, January.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKET.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Rows for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, Clear Rib Sides.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange:

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price. Rows for St. Paul, Northwestern, Rock Island, Southern Preferred, Louisville & Nashville, Chesapeake & Ohio, Con Gas, American Tobacco, Missouri Pacific, Manhattan, Western Union, Burlington and Quincy, Jersey Central, U. S. Leather, Sugar.

Mrs. Bishop Lyman and Mrs. Whetmore are in the city stopping with Mrs. Robert Jones on Hillsboro street.

SHORT STATEMENTS

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND IN THE CITY.

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C. J. Hunter has returned to the city. Mr. Elmer Weir left for New York today.

Col. J. W. Hinsdale is back from Charlotte.

W. D. Merritt, of Roxboro, is in town.

A. A. F. Seawell, of Jonesboro, is in the city.

Mr. J. A. Mills has returned from Washington.

South Fayetteville street is now being macadamized.

Mr. George C. Beck left the city yesterday afternoon.

Miss Mammie Waite, of Virginia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Blake.

Miss Clement, of Gormantown, Pa., is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Hawkins.

Mr. James H. Pou left yesterday for Smithfield to attend Johnson County Court.

Mrs. L. McK. Pittinger and Miss Louise Pittinger have gone to Old Point to visit relatives.

The Knights Templar will meet tonight at their armory. The Red Cross degree will be conferred.

The directors of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb here will meet next Monday night.

Miss Fannie McAden, of Charlotte, is visiting Mrs. E. T. McAden, on Blount street.

In the case of Staunton vs. C. P. Spruill, the Superior court gave judgment against the plaintiff and dismissed the case.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the Governor's Mansion.

George Edwards a negro boy was brought here from Swift Creek town-ship today and lodged in jail to await the next court for larceny.

Mr. J. C. Carroll and sister, Miss Jessie Carroll, of Raleigh, spent Sunday with the family of Mr. R. J. Southland at Mt. Olive, says the Goldsboro Argus.

Mrs.