

THREE SQUADRONS

Entire Atlantic Coast Will be Protected

SPAIN BUYS THE VARESE

President McKinley Will Recognize the Independence of Cuba as Soon as Naval Board Reports—Significance of Proctor's Speech

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. Washington, March 18.—Warlike changes have been made in the plan of campaign of the navy department. Three squadrons instead of one will be organized on the Atlantic Coast to furnish protection from Maine to Florida. One squadron will remain at Key West, another at Hampton Roads and a third made up of monitors will be stationed at Port Royal, South Carolina.

FREE CUBA.

President McKinley Will Recognize Cuban Independence Shortly. By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. Washington, March 18.—It is now sure that President McKinley will recognize Cuban independence whatever the verdict of the Maine court of inquiry may be.

MUST ACT IMMEDIATELY.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. Washington, March 18.—Senator Mason says that unless the President takes action this week he will call up his resolution for intervention in Cuba.

VARESE FOR SPAIN.

Italy Will Sell This Splendid Vessel to the Spaniards. By Cable to the Press-Visitor. Rome, March 18.—It is officially announced that Admiral Brin, Minister of Marine in Italy, consented to the sale of the armored cruiser Varese to Spain.

ANXIOUSLY AWAITED.

Senator Proctor Spoke for the Administration. By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. Washington, March 18.—Everybody is awaiting with great anxiety for the Maine report. Senator Proctor's speech was taken as an administration description of the affairs in Cuba and also removes any doubt as to whether the explosion was from the outside.

AMAZONAS OVERT.

She Was Formally Placed Under Stars and Stripes Today. By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. Gravesend, March 18.—The cruiser Amazonas built by the Armstrongs for Brazil and purchased by the United States was formally transferred from the Brazilian flag to the stars and stripes shortly before eleven this morning.

CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLIES.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. Chicago, March 18.—Preparation has been begun for the provision war ships of the United States for any emergency. Chicago packers started to New York today and closes the contracts for canned meats.

THE FLOTILLA.

Madrid, March 18.—The impartial today says that instructions have been sent to the torpedo flotilla to remain at Canary Islands. This is due to the government's desire that the squadron should be escorted to Cuba by the cruiser and for no other reason.

MONTGOMERY ARRIVES.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. Key West, March 18.—The cruiser Montgomery arrived this morning from Havana. The Detroit sailed for Tortugas with provisions and ammunition for the fleet. The Morgan liner Arkansas has arrived with Senator Myers and Congressman Cummings and Smith.

IMPORTANT DEMANDS.

France Want China to Make Some Wholesale Concessions. By Cable to the Press-Visitor. St. Petersburg, March 18.—France has made important demands upon China giving eight days to answer. France demands that China shall not alienate any territory south of Yangtze Kiang valley, being a check to England's needed extension to Kow Loon and Yunnan, a railway concession for prolongation of the extensive mining rights at Lung Chan Yunnan, a coalfield station near Hainan that the direction of the Imperial postal service be transferred from Sir Robert Hart, director of Imperial Maritime Customs, to the French. Thus far China has not assented.

A STRIKE.

The Manufacture of Big Guns May be Retarded. By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. Troy, N. Y., March 18.—A serious strike is imminent at Watervliet, the largest ordnance factory in the United States. The men are greatly dissatisfied. The strike will greatly retard the production of big guns. The men object to too rigid discipline and Col. Mordecai's summary manner. A number of employes have been dismissed.

CAN SHE STAND ALONE?

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. St. Petersburg, March 18.—A note published here today says that Russia has instructed its representative in Corea that she will withdraw the financial adviser if Corea says that she can get along without help.

HORRIBLE CRIME.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. Little Rock, Ark., March 18.—A negro boy accused of stealing twenty dollars from a cash drawer at Batesville has been lynched.

CHLOROFORMED AND ROBBED.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor. Hazelton, Penn., March 18.—Father Aust, chairman of the miners prosecuting committee, was chloroformed and robbed of a large amount at his home last night. There is no clue as yet to the robbers.

LONGSTREET'S ARDOR RISES.

Atlanta, Ga., March 17.—General Longstreet, the veteran of two wars and United States Railway Commissioner, replying to a letter to Col. D. A. Russell, a former staff officer, declares his willingness to lead his old followers to Cuba or to command them in the defense of the coast. He says: "If the time should ever come when the Government should call for our friends to enlist, you may rely upon it I will go with you and my best with my sword and my sword as at my country's call, and I am as ready to respond as I was as a young lieutenant in 1846. I feel the martial ardor of my youth and the blood flows faster and the pulse beats quicker at the thought of the cannons' roar and the muskets' snapping."

WILL COMMENCE IN PERSON.

Governor Ellerbe, of South Carolina, believes War Inevitable and is Prepared For It.

The Columbia State yesterday morning prints the following: "At last the governor of South Carolina comes out unequivocally, says he believes war is inevitable, announces his intention to order out the State troops the moment they are needed, and declares that he will himself lead the State's soldiers to the front. This is the first time the governor has spoken and it is thought that he has had some advice."

DATE APPROACHES.

John Evans Will be Hanged March 26th, Saturday. As the date for John Evans' execution approaches no change appears in his manner or conduct. He is generally silent, but whenever spoken to he talks freely and has never varied in the slightest from the story he told the day he was arrested.

Just before his last respite, on the eve of the appointed time for his execution, he wrote to his relatives and told them what disposition he desired made of his body and gave a few dollars in his trunk to his grandmother. He also requested that she and his sister come to Rockingham so he could see them one more time in this world and bid them farewell. In this letter, written when he stood almost under the shadow of the scaffold he protested his innocence.

The people of Raleigh, who are familiar with the evidence in the case and at the same time are far enough away not to be influenced by the excitement which the terrible crime created, generally believe that Evans is innocent, many of the best lawyers in the State who have examined the testimony hold the same opinion, the Judge who sentenced him has written the Governor that his guilt was not thoroughly established, the solicitor who assisted in the prosecution will not say that he is satisfied of his guilt and even in Rockingham there is some sentiment in Evans' favor. It remains to be seen what Governor Russell will finally do in this matter which involves the life of one of God's creatures.

SHOWERS TOMORROW.

Weather Continues Unsettled Over Southern and Eastern States. The forecast of the weather bureau for Raleigh and vicinity says: Cloudy weather, with showers, tonight and Saturday.

The weather continues unsettled over the southern and eastern States. The barometer being still high off the Atlantic coast, the inflow of moist air from the ocean continues, with light rains at scattered points. A moderate storm is central over Kansas and Colorado, with cloudy, rainy weather also west of the Mississippi.

FALSE PRETENCE.

Dr. McCullers Accuses Frank Welch of Practicing Deception. Dr. J. L. McCullers today swore out a warrant before Mayor Russ against Frank Welch for obtaining money under false pretence. The hearing was set for four o'clock this afternoon and it has not yet been concluded. Dr. McCullers is represented by Mr. Armistead Jones. Welch is from Roanoke, Virginia. He has been selling horses and mules here. It seems that Dr. McCullers bought two horses from him upon his representation that they were sound in every respect and they were afterwards found to be anything else.

Solicitor H. F. Sewell, of Carr, Lee, and McCullers, is in the city. President Dred Peacock of the Greensboro Female college, is in the city.

NEBRASKA DECISION

This Important Decision Explained in the Record

PRES DEPEW'S VIEWS

It Simply Means That the State Can Fix Rates to a Certain Limit—That Roads Must Have Reasonable Compensation.

The deepest interest has been manifested recently in this State concerning the famous Nebraska decision, hence the following from the Manufacturers' Record will prove of value. "Railroad officials and investors have expressed their relief at the Supreme Court decision in the Nebraska maximum freight-rate case, and their relief is shared by everybody who appreciates the value of railroads to the State. The decision was an eminently conservative one. It did not rule that that State could not control itself with a quasi-public corporation. On the contrary, it emphasized the principle that the State has power to fix charges of a railroad company for transportation to a certain limit. That limit is the action whereby the carrier cannot earn such compensation as under all the circumstances is just to it and to the public." Mr. Chauncey M. Depew, president of the New York Central Railroad, has expressed in the New York Times a practical view of the situation. He said: "The contention of the men who framed the Nebraska law, and of the people in other Western States who agree with them, has been for years that the legislatures have the right to condense railroad property within the States by fixing rates as low as to leave no return to stock and bond holders. Some of them have gone so far as to say that when people with money build a railway, and after they have enjoyed interest on their investment for a few years, they are sufficiently rewarded, and the State should take the road and condense the capital. "The decision of the Supreme Court is just what every sound lawyer and business man expected it would be. It gives stability to investment, and will help not only railway investments, but all other American business and securities. In other words, it is a declaration from the highest court that property is safe in this country, and that the accumulations of industry are not to be distributed by hostile legislatures. "The legislature has the power to fix rates within lines where the railways can live and get a reasonable return. As to what are reasonable rates, the Supreme Court would decide finally. This is a new country, and railways are necessary to develop it. There are still immense areas yet undeveloped which can never be developed without railway lines. "If that case had been decided in favor of the Nebraska law, not another mile of railroad would have been built in that State. The railways now within the borders would not have maintained their roadbed and equipment, and in five years Nebraska would have been far behind the rest of the country. There would have followed, inevitably, a cut in expenditures, and wages would have gone down 25 per cent. "The matter of reasonableness of charges seems to be left to judicial interpretation, but the decision will undoubtedly have a deterrent effect upon such bodies as the North Carolina railroad commission, now that the highest tribunal has impressed upon them the fact that they are not autocrats."

Persons in the interest of the Southern, in conjunction with others representing the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton road, the latter extending from Chicago to Chicago, and the Cincinnati Southern, but a great big one, was raised in Cincinnati against the proposition, and it was rejected by the people of Cincinnati at a special election held to decide the matter. "Recently, however, the business men of Cincinnati, headed by the Commercial Club of that city, whose membership comprises many of the most prominent and influential citizens of the city, have discussed the advisability of making an offer to the Southern to either lease or buy their road, and the matter will come before the Ohio legislature at an early day. The legislature alone can grant the authority to hold another election to determine the question."

FOURTEEN PASS THROUGH.

This morning at 2:34 p. m. a special train (making its advance section) of the southbound Atlantic special, passed through the city over the Seaboard Air Line with three batteries of artillery destined to southern ports. The train consisted of eleven engines, one Pullman, seventy and three baggage coaches. A number of people were on the Johnston Street depot waiting to see the special, which stopped there to shift engines.

CAROLINA PYTHIAN.

The first issue of the Carolina Pythian, the official organ of the Pythian order in this State, left the Charlotte Observer Printing House yesterday. The paper is convenient in size, neat and attractive in design, and handsome in appearance. The Carolina Pythian makes the following announcement editorially: "Since the February issue of the Tarheel, slight changes have been made in its editor, place of publication, management and title. In the future the paper will be edited and published in Charlotte, N. C., with the name of Carolina Pythian."

WAKE FOREST NOTES.

Senior Speaking Tonight—Baseball Today and Tomorrow. Tonight at Wake Forest College ten members of the senior class will deliver orations in the college chapel. The faculty will select the best speakers from those who deliver orations for the commencement day orators. This afternoon the baseball team from Trinity will cross bats with the Wake Forest nine. This will be the first ball game of the season. Tomorrow the baseball nine of the A. and M. College will contest with the nine at Wake Forest on the grounds of the latter team. A good game is anticipated.

SEASIDE CLUB.

Articles of agreement were filed with the Secretary of State today by a number of Germans in Wilmington for the incorporation of the Hanover Seaside Club. The club house will be located on Carolina Beach. The sole object of the club is pleasure and recreation and the incorporation papers expressly stipulate that there shall be no capital stock. Frank Glenn was fined \$3.25 by Mayor Russ this morning for striking a negro.

MET AT GREENSBORO.

President Spencer, Colonel Andrews and Captain Day There Yesterday. All negotiations for a lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad to the Southern are supposed to have been brought to an abrupt end by the action of the Railroad Commission yesterday.

However, the Greensboro Record of yesterday afternoon prints the following: "Some important movements have been going on in Greensboro to-day. "On the early train from Raleigh Col. Andrews, of the Southern, came up in his private car. "On the train from Richmond came President Spencer in his private car. "With Col. Andrews was Capt. W. H. Day, formerly known as from Raleigh. Probably this new phase of residence is given him because of the fact that he is Governor Russell's attorney in the prosecution of which business, his presence at the State Capital is almost constantly required. "Of course the presence of these gentlemen here altogether gave rise to all manner of reports. What could they be doing, etc? were the questions asked. Not a railway official knew what was going on—had no idea, likely they told the truth. "These gentlemen met here by appointment, there is no doubt about this. The work in hand was the consideration of Russell. In Greensboro they, the A. and N. C. R. R. to the Southern. This is why Bill Day is here. In Raleigh nothing could be done and the meeting here today was at the suggestion of Russell. In Greensboro they have been unimpeded all day and at 2 o'clock all hands were partaking of a hearty dinner, or to be more fashionable, a very lunch. "It is a case of the lion and lamb lying down together. Fancy Bill Day and Col. Andrews clummy, will you? There is not only business, but method in the meeting. "It is understood that the Southern says the figure Russell wants for the lease is too low—undoubtedly, but to one or two other than the railway would have been a good deal of news ago."

HEARING TOMORROW

Senator Fritchard Notifies Candidates to Come to Washington—Says He Has Recommended No One—A Hot Fight on Bailey. The fight for the Raleigh postmaster-ship grows hot. A short time since it was supposed that Tom Bailey, of North Carolina, had a "sneak" on the place but many interesting developments are now taking place. Tom Bailey, United States Commissioner John Nichols and Col. A. W. Shaffer will all be in Washington city tomorrow and Senator Fritchard will then grant them a hearing to the matter.

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It is already rumored that charges have been drawn up and will be preferred against Bailey which will be laid before the President. His confirmation may be fought in the Senate.

ROMANTIC MARRIAGE.

The Advertiser for a Husband and Got One in New York. If any one thinks Hoovertown is not up-to-date, that it is devoid of the sensational, that we are not capable of storming the tide of fashion as it ebbs and flows, why you should reconsider, and remember us as a progressive and aggressive matrimonial inclined people.

Some four months ago, Mrs. Lucy Fields, widow-by-law, nee Miss Lucy Johnson, tired of loneliness and having abiding faith in the power of advertising, advertised in the Eastern Correspondent her desire to open correspondence with some gentleman with a view to matrimony. Mr. Theodore Parker, widower, aged 45, an inventor and farmer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., answered the notice, and the correspondence which followed ripened into mutual admiration, and an agreement to meet each other in the city of Norfolk to arrange the preliminaries last Friday.

As the hour for departure arrived it seems the gay young widow's heart failed her, and Saturday morning the wires announced to the bride-to-be that Mr. Parker was in Norfolk, and asking if he should come to Hoovertown. Receiving a favorable reply, and believing that the disappointment in love was the hollow cover which true love ever glides smoothly, and nothing daunted because thereof, on Sunday morning at 8 a. m. Mr. Parker was in Hoovertown for the first time to see his lady, who was on the course of the day, after meeting, marriage being agreed upon to become his wife.

At 5 o'clock p. m., at her residence, by Rev. L. J. Holden, in the presence of a few invited friends, Mrs. Fields became Mrs. Parker, and they immediately left for Kingston, where they took the cars Monday for Brooklyn, N. Y. And now the newspapers will be taxed to their utmost capacity in advertising no doubt, for Kingston Free Press.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

THE MOVEMENT IN NEW YORK AND LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

By private wire to W. A. Porterfield & Company

NEW YORK COTTON. Months, Open High, Low, Clos. March 5 24 5 26 5 22 5 22 1/2 22 1/2 April 5 24 5 26 5 24 5 24 1/2 24 1/2 May 5 26 6 00 5 35 5 29 1/2 29 1/2 June 5 29 5 29 5 28 5 29 1/2 29 1/2 July 6 01 6 02 5 39 5 32 1/2 32 1/2 August 6 06 6 06 6 02 6 02 1/2 02 1/2 September 6 02 6 02 6 02 6 02 1/2 02 1/2 October 6 01 6 01 6 00 6 02 1/2 02 1/2 November 6 01 6 01 6 01 6 02 1/2 02 1/2 December 6 05 6 05 6 05 6 04 1/2 04 1/2 January 6 07 6 07 6 07 6 06 1/2 06 1/2 Tone—steady; sales 56,900.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Mar. 17—4 p. m. Prices unchanged; American middling 3 11-32, sales 8,000, speculation and export 500, receipts 10,000, American 8 1/2, 100, opened quiet.

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CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKET.

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

Wheat—May 1.05 1/2; July 86 1/2; Corn—May 29 1/2; July 29 1/2; Oats—May 25 1/2; July 23 1/2; Pork—May 9.00; July 9.05; Lard—May 5 1/2; July 5.20; Clear Rib Sides—May 5.10; July 5.15.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

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

St. Paul 80 1/2; Northwestern 117 1/2; Rock Island 84 1/2; Southern Preferred 296; Louisville & Nashville 49 1/2; Chesapeake & Ohio 49; Con 68 1/2; American Tobacco 96 1/2; Missouri Pacific 53 1/2; Manhattan 101 1/2; Western Union 85 1/2; Burlington and Quincy 90 1/2; Jersey Central 92 1/2; U. S. Leather 110 1/2; Sugar 11 1/2.

WOMAN'S EXCHANGE.

Trinnswick stew served Saturday with pickle and bread—also fresh doughnuts, fruit cake a month old caramel and nut cakes, fresh.

Superintendent of Public Instruction C. H. Mebane will leave tomorrow morning for Graham where he will attend a teachers' association. Superintendent Mebane says that he expects to be away from Raleigh for the next two months conducting a vigorous educational campaign.

SHORT STATEMENTS

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND IN THE CITY.

Pot-Pourri of the News Pictured on Paper—Points and People Pertinently Picked and Tithily put in Print.

Mrs. N. B. Broughton has returned to the city.

Mr. Swift Galloway left this morning for his home.

Miss Merritt, of Wilmington, is visiting Miss Lena Powell.

Mr. Rollins, editor of the Durham Herald, is in the city.

Rev. Levi Davidson has returned to the city after a brief absence.

Miss Mary White is critically ill at the home of Mrs. Mary Evans, corner of Edenton and McDowell streets.

Miss Loula Briggs went to Wake Forest this morning to spend a few days with Miss Mary Lannan.

Mr. John D. Bellamy, of Wilmington, N. C., is in the city on route to Toronto, Canada—Norfolk Ledger.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the popular firm of Thomas & Campbell. It may be of interest to you.

Miss Harriet Caldwell, of Wallace, who has been visiting Mrs. Carroll at the A. and M. College went home today.

The Lunsden degree Staff L. O. O. F. will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in Seaton Gales Lodge for work in the second degree.

Auditor Ayer is receiving constant inquiries from other States in regard to the system of taxation in this State. He says that this emphasizes the importance of tax reform.

Miss Fan Burwell leaves in the morning for Raleigh. From Raleigh she will go to Durham and from there to Norfolk and Charlottesville. She will be absent for several weeks.—Charlotte News.

Mr. Walter Bishop and Mr. Fred Sutton have formed a copartnership for conducting a first-class furniture repair shop. They will also do other work in woods. The shop will be located corner of North and McDowell streets.

Sheriff J. T. Ellington, of Johnston county, brought three convicts to the State prison today. They all come for one year each. The term of court which has been in session at Smithfield for the trial of criminal and civil cases adjourned yesterday afternoon.