FLYING SQUADRON.

The officers and men of the flying squadron now in Hampton Roads, according to current reports expect to be at sea within the next few days. No definite orders have been received, but after the conference of the officers aboard the flagship Brooklyn this afternoon, the first since the organization of the squadron, and later rumors of the massacre of four Americans in Porto Rico, the impression that the fleet would sail for that port tomorrow became prevalent. Many of the mothers, wives and sweethearts of the officers of the flying squadron are now here to bid them good-bye, says the Washing-

ton Post. Commodore Schley says that he knows nothing of the substitution of the New York for the Texas as a member of his squadron. The recent improvement to the latter's twelve-inch gun turrets, enabling them to be fired twice as fast as previously, makes her a far more valuable ship.

The ram Katahdin has not, and pro bably will not, be attached to the squadron, owing to her low rate of speed, which would retard the progress of the fleet.

It is thought probable that the first move will to invest Porto Rico, and there engage the two Spanish cruisers sent from Havana. At least, this is the impresion of the officers.

BALL GAMES.

Second Teams of A. and M. College and Wake Forest Played Today.

This being Easter Monday and a holiday at the A. and M. College, the sec ond baseball nine of this institution went out to Wake Forest College to cross bats with the second nine of that College. The second A. and M. team is composed of Eaves or Myers p., Bryson c., Graves 1 b., Capt. Wood 2b. Kennedy s. s., Vaughn 3 b., Parker l. f. Morrison c. f., Bonitz r. f., and Harris substitute. Tucker is manager.

The first team of the A. and M. College went to Greensboro this morning where they will play against Guilford today. The A. and M. nine consists of Gibbs c., Tucker p., Shore 1 b., Sloan 2 b., Moore s. s., Capt. Asbury 3 b. Buffaloe I. f., Casterly c. f., Morton r. f. and Squires manager.

The State University team will contest honors on the dimond with Johns Hopkins and Winston today and tomorrow they will play against the University of Pennsylvania nine also at Winston.

BAILEY'S OPINION.

Representative Bailey, the leader of the minoroty, said in the Washington Post concerning the armistice: "The Cuban people would not agree to an armistice even if Spain should propose one in good faith. Because the season is now approaching when Spanish soldlers are compelled by conditions of weather and climate to remain in fortifled towns and cities-and the insurgents will have a decided advantage over them in any engagement that may take place during the rainy season. The proposition for an armistice, as reported in today's papers is utterly absurd. inasmuch as it is proposed upon the condition that the United States with draw its fleet. My judgment is that w have temporized with this question long enough and that we ought to adopt a decisive course without any further delay. If the United States should consent to an armistice, we would simply postpone a settlement of the question and perhaps increase its perplexities."

A SAD BEREAVEMENT.

Mr. E. A. Whitehead, a Student at the State University Died Last Night.

This morning Mr. W. T. Whitehead and Dr. Frank Whitehead passed through the city carrying the mortal remains of Edwin Arlington Whitehead to their home in Scotland Neck.

Mr. Edwin Whitehead was the son of Mr. W. T. Whitehead and the broth er of Dr. Frank Whitehead. This estimable young man was amember of the Sophomore class at the State University where he was taking a course His father and brother were with him when he died last night. This is a distressing loss and the sympathy of the people of the State goes out to the bereaved family.

MR. FRANK WARD RESIGNS. Some Changes in the North Carolina

Car Company Will Soon be Made. Mr. Frank Ward, treasurer of the North Carolina Car Company, has resigned his position. He is still found at his desk and the public did not know of his resignation until it leaked out today.

Mr. Ward was called up over the telephone today and asked if he would confirm the report that he had re-

He replied "Yes, it is true. My res ignation was handed in January 20th last and went into effect April 1st."

He had been continuing his work since, however, and when asked as to his plans for the future he made no statement. In reply to the question who his successor would be he said that some changes would be made in the company before long.

Mr. Ward has long held this position with the car company and is regarded

as a fine business man. NO ORDERS YET.

The general government has made no movement towards a call of the North Carolina military into service so far as known. In Georgia it seems quite definite instructions have been received. It was intimated by one officer here that perhaps only the National Guard of the wealthy and powerful States would be first called out, such as New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, etc., where there are perfect regimental formations, and magnificent equipment, with full ranks and com-plete facilities if we have war.

The Ex-Judge Gives His Reason For

ervewed by a Charlotte Observer correspondent. He advocates fuson wth the Populsts as th only mthod of carrying th State for white men's government. He says that he holds with Bryan rather than with the State Democratic Executive Committee. Admitting Populist inconsistency, he says that if we do not accept their proffer of fusion in North Carolina the State will be lost to Bryan and bi-metttalism; that the Populists want to be consistent now, and if we lo not fuse with them the Republicans have absorbed many of them. Thus, he cause of silver will be injured by no fusion of thesilver forces, and he believes Bryan's success in 1900 depends upon the action of the party now, because he cannot be elected without cooperation of the silver forces. Judge eals in the Democratic party as Butler and yet he would not leave it on that account. Judge Avery says that there are newspapers in North Carolina masquerading as in favor of silver, when at heart they are not. By such agendes he thinks prejudice against Populists has been fomented in order t injure the silver cause. Judge Avery says that the plain country people ar in favor of an arrangement with the Populists, and that they think it foolish to throw away six Democratic judges, who might be elected by fusion, and allow the election of Republicans. He says that if the Democratic State Convention, May 26th, represents the the sentiments of the plain people, it will accept the Populists' offer. He says that many of these people will be estranged from the Democratic party, if fusion is not effected. Speaking of the gold Democrats who would refuse to support such fusion, he cays that if they leave us on that account in 1898 we may know that they would do so in 1900, when, if silver is to triumph, there must be fusion. Judge Avery says that those who are opposed to fusion are blinded by their prejudices to the good of the party. He believes that without fusion in State and nation there is no hope for the Democratic party and its cardinal doctrines in which the Populists also believe. Judge Avery has not

Jones' letter advocating fusion, but expects to do so. NATIONAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE A Military Organization to be Organ

yet answered Chairman James K.

Ized Throughout the Country. An organization which may result in the formation of the largest army of volunteers the world has known was begun in New York city the other night at a meeting of distinguished veterans and others as the guests of olonel W. D'H. Washington at the Waldorf-Astoria, The National Volunicer Reserve is the title decided up-This new arm of the nation will be of a distinct character from the

militin of the several states and does not seek to conflict with it. The officers of the organization were dected as follows: Lieutenant Genlongstreet, C. S. A., vice commander General O. O. Howard, chairman of the military committee, with vice chairmen as follows: Major General Odelbert Ames, Lieutenant General Joseph Wheeler and Major General Grenville M. Dedge; Colonel W. D'H. Washingon, president of theo rganization, and General A. McD. McCook, secretary.

The plan of the organization is to get together a reserve body of men to take up arms at a moment's notice without conscription or draft, to be maintained in connection with the present forces, duty, without entailing upon the government or state the expense of maintaining such a large body of troops, and without drawing from their pursuits the young men of then ation.

The Governors of many States were consulted. Among the number was Governor Daniel L. Russell. He sent the following response.

Your plan for Volunteer Reserve force received. Two hundred and forty thousand men in North Carolina subject to military duty, and at call to defend state or nation nearly every ablebadied man would promptly vol-

TRIAL OF GIL WARD.

Gilbert Ward, the white man who has been confined in jail here for several months, will be carried to Golds boro this afternoon to stand trial for the murder of a white woman committed there several years ago. Ward was captured in Texas and brought back to North Carolina. He is nearly 60 years old, but has stood his confinement well. Sheriff Jones says that he has been one of the best prisoners he has had in the jail.

LEE ON HIS WAY.

A rumor spead today throughout the city that the special train, which left Tampa, Florida, last evening bearing Consul General Lee, would passthrough Raleigh over the Seaboard Air Line The rumor caused quite a breeze but it proved to be entirely unreliable. It is said in railroad circles that this train will ge through the State over the Atlantic Coast line sometime this afternoon. Gen. Lee left Tampa about 6 p. m. yesterday and expects to be in Washington tonight. The train is making the fastest time possible, its speed reaching as high as 75 miles an hour where the road permits. Of course, the train has the right of way over all the tracks. Gen. Lee will be accorded all

Miss Rebecca Williams on North Harrington street had a bad stroke of paralysis and her condition is now crit-

possible honors when he reaches the

AVERY FOR FUSION

Desiring Fusion With the Pops. Ex-Judge A. C. Avery has been in-The President's Message Received and Referred

CONSULAR CORRESPONDENCE MADE PUBLIC

to the Committee

None Except the Conservatives Were Pleased With McKinley's Message-Senator Butler G ves Notice of a War Resolution He Will Introduce Tomorrow-Minister Woodford Escorted to the Spanish Frontier-Lee Is On His Way to Washington-He Receives

Ovations Along the Line.

dent's recommendations will receive the

ution of supplies be continued, the

President closes by saying: "The is-

sue is now with Congress. It is a sol-

oun responsibility. I have exhausted

every effort to relieve the intolerable

endition of affairs which is at our

doors. I am prepared to execute every

obligation imposed on me by the con-

stitution and law, I await your ac-

tion of our contemplated action."

MCKINLEY DIDN'T REPLY

AROUSED LITTLE ENTHUSIASM.

Washington, April 11.-The Presi

OVER-RIDE MCKINLEY.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

and that Congress will override him.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

BUTLER'S RESOLUTION.

ler gave notice of a resolution declaring

war, recognizing Cuba's Independence,

demanding Spain's withdrawal and

CONGRESS AND THE MESSAGE.

Cuba.

Washington, April 11.-The message

was referred in both houses without

debate, to the Committees on Foreign

Senator Butler declared in a speech

Senator Butler's resolution was refer-

Senator Stewart took the floor and

After reading the message the Hause

proceeded to consider District of Co-

RESOLUTION TOMORROW

Washington, April 11.-The Commit

ee on Foreign Relations is discussing

the mesage. A resolution declaring for

the withdrawal of Spanish troops from

Cuba and authorizing the President to

States to enforce it will be reported to-

WILL REPORT TOMORROW.

Senate Committee Will Send in a Reso-

lution Then.

Washington, April 11 .- 5 P. M .- The

Senate Committee on Foreign Rela-

tions, to whic the message was refer-

red, began the immediate discussion of

the same. A resolution, declaring for

use the army and navy to enforce it will

ONE STRONG POINT.

Washington April 11.-The strong

SHORT OF COAL.

Halifax, April II.-The San Fran-

cisco and the New Orleans have put

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

ible intervention. Spain's latest propo-

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

be reported tomorrow.

in short of coal.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

red before the Senate adjourned.

American people.

lumbia business.

conquest.

authorizing the use of armed forces.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Kinley didn't reply.

were not impressed

CAPITOL BESIEGED.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Washington, April 11.--From an early your this morning the capitol was being of the message were a few addisieged by large crowds, women being in the majority. The crowds were handled orderly.

The Senate foreign relations comnittee held no regular meeting this norning. Chairman Davis opened the room early and Senators Clark, Morgan, Gray and Turple dropped in and discussed the situation informally.

OPINION IN WALL STREET.

is Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, April 11.—Noon.—The be ief on Wall street is that the Presid at nessage will not go to Congress today MUST HAVE ARMED INTERVEN

TION: ty Telegraph to The Press-Visitor. Washington, April II.—A member o the Senate committee on foreign affairs nnounced this morning that he would introduce and speak on a resolution de claring war, unless the President adieres to his original plan for armed intervention in Cuba.

CONGRESS DETERMINED.

Te Threats of the European Power Has the Opposite from the Desired

By Telegraph to The Press Visitor. Washington, April 11.—The threats of the European powers to support Spain if the United States persists in oing into war is having the effect to arouse Congress to immediate action The scheme of the powers, as revealed is to coerce Spain to grant an armistice and to coerce the United States to accept the same. Congress was for acting before the powers Interfered and that body is more determined than er to act now.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Full Synopsis of What He Says to Congress.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Washington, April 11.-President Mc Kinley sent his message to Congress shortly after noon today. The mair points of the message are as follows:

In the message the President strong ly opposes the recognition of beligerency as expedient at this time and is By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. also opposed to the recognition of the ndependence of Cuba at this time, but favors granting the authority for such ise of the armed forces of the United Relations. States as he may deem necessary to put an end to hostilities and secure a that the message means that the Custable government in Cuba. It also bans shall cease fighting Spain and asks that an appropriation to be used that it will never be accepted by the for the relief of such people as are

The message shows that Spain herself first suggested to this government the desirability of an armistice and said that intervention without recogsignified in advance her assent and nition of the insurgents looked like isked the United States to use its good offices to secure a like assent from the insurgents. This request was denied.

The Maine incident figures quite prominently in message. President McKinley argues that the wreck of our battleship in Hayana harbor shows conclusively that Spain is not able to guarantee to us and to other nations that security to their vessels which they have a right to demand.

The message asks Congress to au thorize and empower him to take measures to secure a full and final termina tion of hostilities between the government of Spain and the people of Cuba, and to secure the establishment of stable government, capable of maintaining order and observing its international obligations, insuring the peac and tranquility and security of its citizens as well as our own, and to use the military and naval forces of the United States as may be necessary for

these purposes. The message shows that Spain, so far as possible, disavowed any connec- the withdrawal of Spanish troops from tion with the wrecking of the Maine, Cuba and authorizing the President to and expressed the deepest regret and sorrow that the appalling disaster should have occurred at a port within

her jurisdiction. The only feature of the message which will encounter serious opposition in Congress is that giving discretionary power to the President to use force. It | point of the President's message is forcis believed, however, that a majority of the committee of the two houses to sition submitted to this government is which the message was referred will referred. support the President's view. The opinon is gaining ground in administration circles that a more conservative sentiment will be developed than seemed possible a week ago. The expectation is that when put to a test the Presi-

OVATIONS TO LEE.

support of a majority in both houses. By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. A member of the Cabinet said that the New York, April II.-Great ovations only changes from the previous draftwere given Gen. Lee at Tampa and the stopping places on the way to Wash After recommending that the distri-

CONSULAR CORRESPONDENCE.

The Long Sought For Document Made Public Now.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Washington, April 11.—The following is an extract of the correspondence with consuls in Cuba sent to Congress today by the President.

The correspondence about the Maine The President acknowledges the redisaster with Consul General Lee be ceipt of information of the proclamagan January 12, when Lee cabled tion of suspension of hostilities on the 'Mobs led by Spanish officers attacked part of Spain, and says "If this meastoday the offices of four newspapers ure attains a successful result then here, which are advocating autonomy our aspirations as a Christian, peace-The rioting at this hour, 1 p. m., conloving people will be realized. If it fails it will be only another justifica-

The following day he wired: "Presence of ships may be necessary later but not now."

He said January 13th: "I am told that troops are massed inside the pal-Washington, April 11.- The Presiace to protect the governor general, death to Blanco. Uncertainty exists dent's message says Spain has offered to arbitrate the Maine issue but Mcwhether Blanco can control the situation. If it is demonstrated that he cannot maintain order, preserve life and keep the peace, or if Americans and their interests are in danger, ships must be sent, and to that end should be dent's message aroused little enthusiprepared to move promptly. Exciteasm. The Representatives generally ment and uncertainty predominate

verywhere. For two days following General Lee

eported that all was quiet. On January 24th Judge Day sent blm Washington April 11.-The general feelthe following: ing is that President McKinley is weak

"It is the purpose of this government to resume friendly naval visits at the will call at the port of Havana in a day or two. Please arrange for a Washington April II.-Before the adfriendly interchange of calls with the ournment of the Senate, Senator Butauthorities."

Promptly on the same day General Lee replied:

the destruction of the Maine an act of "Advise that the visit be postponed six or seven days to give the last excitement more time to disappear. Will see authorities and let you know the result. The governor general is away for two weeks. I should know day and Senators Butler and Stewart Speak for

hour of the visit." BLANCO'S PROCLAMATION.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Washington, April 11,-Gen. Blance has issued a proclamation ordering the immediate cessation of hostilities. He says this action was taken at the Pope's request, with a view of restoring peace. The length of the cessation is not given. The details for executing the decree wil e sent to the army commanders.

BLANCO'S PROCLAMATION.

He Orders a Cessation of Hostilities in the Island of Cuba.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor Washington, April 11.—The State Department received today General Blaneo's proclamation, ordering a cessation of hostilities in Cuba, which is as follows:

"His Majesty's government, yielding to the reiterated wish expressed by His Holiness, the Pope, has been pleased to decree a suspension of hosand facilitating the restoration of peace use the army and navy of the United on hte island, in virtue whereof I believe it convenient to order:

"Article I. From the day following the receipt in each locality of the present proclamation hostilities are ordered to be suspended in all the territory of the island of Cuba.

"The details for the execution of the above article will be the object of special instructions that will be communicated to the several commanders in chief of the army corps for easy and prompt execution according to the situation and the circumstances of the

OPPOSED TO CESSATION

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, April 11.-The Cuban leaders here and in Washington are unanimous in not consenting to a cessation of hostilities in any form whatever.

CUBANS WILL NOT HEED IT.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, April 11.-The Cuban Jun ta's counsel here says that cessation of hostilities is a Spanish trick and the Cubana will not cease fighting if

WOODFORD LEAVES

The Gendarmes Will Escort Him to the Frontier-Demonstrations in Spain.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Madrid, April II.-Minister Woodford leaves today. It is reported that the gendarmes will escort him to the

Ambassadors will meet the Italian Embassy today as a result of news from Washington.

The most intense patriotism is displayed by the theatre audiences. Baron Sangarron, a Carlist leader and forme deputy, has been arrested as a political prisoner on the charge of connec tions with the Spanish demonstration yesterday. The Romeroists, Republicans and Carlists are at the bottom of the manisfestation. A hundred others have been arrested. The police scattered the crowds who attempted to reassemble at midnight. Some persons were injured. The Perfect published a proclamation today urging people to be calmer, and adding that the demonstrations yesterday were instigated by a political party. Quiet prevails this

CONSUL AT MANILLA LEAVES.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. Madrid, April 11.-Advices from Manilla confirm the report that the United States Consul has departed.

NOTHING FROM WOODFORD.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Washington, April 11th .- No later idvices of importance have been re ceived from Minister Woodford today

SPAIN'S PREPARATIONS. By Cable to the Press-Visitor. Teneriffe, Canary Islands, April 11.-The Spjanish armed cruisers, Cristo

ry and two batteries of mounted artif lery have arrived.

bol Colon and Mare Theresa passed

South. A battalion of Spanish Infant

THE DOLPHIN GOES. By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, April 11,-The Dolphin sassed out Sandy Hook at noon going

A MILLION INVOLVED.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Birmingham, Ala., April 11.-As . result of the trouble between the English and American stockholders of the Corena Coal Company the company has gone into the hands of a receiver A million dollars is involved

TWO UNITED STATES CRUISERS

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Halifax, April IL-Two United States ruisers have been sighted off the port They are supposed to be the San Francisco and the New Orleans.

FAIR WEATHER.

The forecast of the weather bureau for Raleigh and vicinity promise fair

tonight and Tuesday. A slight storm is central this morning off the North Carolina coast, and it is still raining at Wilmington, Hatteras and Norfolk. Small amounts of ran occurred throughout the south and ast during the past 24 hours. The weather is cloudy along the entire At-

The central valley is occupied by clear, slightly apoler weather and a

lantic and Gulf coasts.

ligh barometer. In the northwest a new storm is forming, and the temperature has risen o 44 at Bismarck

MAYOR'S COURT.

Mayor Russ had one of the most com cal witnesses on record before him this norning. This star performer was none other than "Elder" Luther Burse. Mookins Lane another negro, was charged with threatening to strike him with him with a hatchet. Burse described the affair and said "Mr. Belvin, de police, tol' me to insult boutit over night, en den git er writ nex' mornin."

"Did Meckins really have a hatchet?" asked Mayor Russ.

"Yes, Captain, de Lord know he did," the Elder replied.

'Yes, I don't doubt that the Lord knows about it," replied the Mayor, but we can't can't communicate with him now; we've got the devil to contend with here."

Burse's testimony was interrupted by spontaneous outbursts or laughter. which convulsed the speciators. Burse's story lacked corroboration

and the Mayor deemed Lane's confine ment over night as sufficient punish ment and dismissed the matter

YOU CAN GET A SEAT.

Although there will be a very large ordience in the Academy of Music to night to witness the presentation of the Micardo by local talent, yet, late this afternoon, there were a limited number of seats still untaken. There will be a splendid house but you need not stay away for fear of not being able to obtain a seat.

THE MIKADO TO-NIGHT.

The Performance This Evening Will Make a Great Hit.

The "Mikado" has perennial popular ity, and its presentation this evening by a number of Raleigh's most capable amateurs will be something quite out of the common. Nothing has been left undone to make the performance attractive-an excellent orchestra, a well selected cast, a strong chorus, and new and particularly pleasing spectacular specialties, such as the fan drill, the nursery songs and dances, and the tramps chorus. The performance will be the brightest thing of all this bright Easter Monday. See if this prediction of the Post isn't true. And then re-member, the performances are in aid of the Rex Hospital, and seats are only 50 and 25 cents, with no extra charge for those reserved. The box sheet is at King's. Go, by all means; see what home talent can do with the most tune-ful and mirth-provoking of all the

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 Pithily put in

Print. Mr. C. B. Aycock, of Geldsboro, is in

he city. Mr. A. G. Crampton, of Charlotte, is

Mr. Cameron McRae left for Weldon

his morning on business. Miss Cora Holt of Graham is visiting Miss Mattye Pace on Blount street.

Messre. A. F. Page and Henry Page re in the city today. Solicitor H. F. Seawell of Moore

ounty, who is a candidate for judicial onors, is a visitor in the city. The monthly meeting of the Watau-

ga Club has been postponed until Monday night, the 18th. The many friends of Assistant Dis-

trict Attorney Spencer Blackburn were glad to see him in the city yesterday. Rev. E. C. Glenn left this morning for Wilmington to assist in a protracted meeting in the Fifth Street Methodist

hurch of that city. The need of a good Spring Medicine is almost universal and Hood's Sarsaparilla exactly meets this need. Be sure to get Hood's.

Laborers have begun to dig for the oundatin of the new building at the institution for the blind. Work will now e pushed rapidly. Dr. Burns, the distinguished preser-

now making another crusade on the trees in the square and trimming of imbs right and left. Today was a holiday being Easter Monday. The stock markets were closed. The schools of this city gave holi-

ver of peace in the capitol square, is

day. Several picnicparties left town this morning. Mr. Joseph Creech, who now holds a esition as store keeper and gauger at

Hamlet, is in the city today. Mr. William B. Snow went to Washington city on a visit for a few days vesterday.

The Asheville Register of last week contains a severe editorial on Mr. A. D. K. Wallace, chief clerk in Secretary of State Thompson's office. In this editorial in Congressman Pearson's paper the statement is made that the Republicans desire no further dealings with Populists of the Butler, Shuford, Stroud and Wallace stripe. Mr. Wallace has written a reply which will be sent to the Register.

BIG GUN TERE The carriage and other equipments of the tremendous disappearing gun, which is to be placed in position at Fort Caswell near Wilmington, arrived in the city vesterday over the Seaboard Air

The outfit, which was loaded on three cars, was switched on a siding at Johnson street depot, and during the day hundreds of people went to the depot to see the terrible and monstrous implement of war.

The gun proper, or ten-inch rifle, is delayed at Henderson, it having been ascertained there that there is a defect in one of the wheels to the car, and it was not deemed safe to bring the gun on to the city. The rifle is loaded on a car specially built for the purpose of handling the enormous rifle. It is extra long. The car may reach here today.

The carriage, the enormous revolving wheel, the elevators for lifting shells and other accessories of the gun. on the cars that arrived here yesterday, were objects of curisity to the Raleigh "uphillers," who had never seen anything of the kind before.

The gun and equipments are from Plainfield, N. J., and are shipped to Capt. W. E. Craighill, chief of the corps of engineers, Fort Caswell, N. C. The contract for transporting the disappearing carriage and one teninch breech-loading rifle from Sandy Hook to Fort Caswell, near Wilmington, N. C., was awarded to the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Seaboard Air Line. The weight of the gun is 32,500 pounds and the weight of the carriage 96,000 pounds. The successful bidders to the work get 45 cents a hundred, with \$300 additional for transporting the gun and carriage from the Wil-

mington depot to Fort Caswell. The delivery of the big gun for Fort Caswell will cost the Government \$878.25 for transportation alone.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

Both Forward Drivers on a Shifting Engine Came Off.

An unsual accident happened to the Southern Railway's shifting engine, forward drivers on the engine came off at the same time. Fortunately the engine was going very slow at the time and when the accident happened engineer Peacock succeeded in bringing it to a halt. The engine will be sent north and overhauled.

A very similar accident happened to the shifter of the Southern here two weeks ago and number 1,109 had just been brought here from Burlington to do the shifting until the other engine