

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 Washington 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 probably 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 be to invest Porto Rico, and there engage the two Spanish cruisers sent from Havana. At least, this is the impression 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 second 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, Bryson, Graves, I. B., Capt. Wood 2b., Kennedy s. r., Vaughn 3b., Parker 1. f., Morrison c. L., 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. r., Capt. Ashbury 3. b., Buffalo l. f., Casterly c. f., Morton r. f., and Squires manager.

The State University team will contest honors on the diamond 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 minority, 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 soldiers are compelled by conditions of weather and climate to remain in fortified 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 withdraw its fleet. My judgment is that we 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 brother of Dr. Frank Whitehead. This estimable young man was a member 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 resigned.

He replied "Yes, it is true. My resignation 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 orders 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 complete facilities if we have war.

AVERY FOR FUSION.

The Ex-Judge Gives His Reason For Desiring Fusion With the Pops.

Ex-Judge A. C. Avery has been interviewed by a Charlotte Observer correspondent. He advocates fusion with the Populists as the only method of carrying the 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-metallism; that the Populists want to be consistent now, and if we do not fuse with them the Republicans have absorbed many of them. Thus, he says, the cause of silver will be injured by no fusion of the silver forces, and he believes Bryan's success in 1896 depends upon the action of the party now, because he cannot be elected without cooperation of the silver forces. Judge Avery says that there are great ras-cals 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 agencies he thinks prejudice against Populists has been fomented in order to injure the silver cause. Judge Avery says that the plain country people are 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 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 says that if they leave us on that account in 1898 we may know that they would do so in 1899, 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 yet answered Chairman James K. Jones' letter advocating fusion, but expects to do so.

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MCKINLEY GIVES CONGRESS THE REINS

The President's Message Received and Referred to the Committee

CONSULAR CORRESPONDENCE MADE PUBLIC NOW

None Except the Conservatives Were Pleased With McKinley's Message—Senator Butler Gives 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.

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OPINION IN WALL STREET.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, April 11.—Noon.—The belief on Wall street is that the President's message will not go to Congress today.

MUST HAVE ARMED INTERVENTION.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Washington, April 11.—A member of the Senate committee on foreign affairs announced this morning that he would introduce and speak on a resolution declaring war, unless the President adheres to his original plan for armed intervention in Cuba.

CONGRESS DETERMINED.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Washington, April 11.—The threats of the European powers to support Spain if the United States persists in going into war is having the effect to arouse Congress to immediate action. The scheme of the powers, as revealed in the message, is 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 ever 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 McKinley sent his message to Congress shortly after noon today. The main points of the message are as follows: In the message the President strongly opposes the recognition of belligerency as expedient at this time and is also opposed to the recognition of the independence of Cuba at this time, but favors granting the authority for such use of the armed forces of the United States as he may deem necessary to put an end to hostilities and secure a stable government in Cuba. It also asks that an appropriation be used for the relief of such people as are still in need.

The message shows that Spain herself first suggested to this government the desirability of an armistice and signified in advance her assent and asked 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 the message. President McKinley argues that the wreck of our battleship in Havana 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 authorize and empower him to take measures to secure a full and final termination of hostilities between the government of Spain and the people of Cuba, and to secure the establishment of a stable government, capable of maintaining order and observing its international obligations, insuring the peace 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 connection with the wrecking of the Maine, 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 is believed, however, that a majority of the committee of the two houses to which the message was referred will support the President's view. The opinion 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 Pres-

OVATIONS TO LEE.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, April 11.—Great ovations were given Gen. Lee at Tampa and the stopping places on the way to Washington.

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 disaster with Consul General Lee began January 12, when Lee cabled: "Moved by Spanish officers attacked today the offices of four newspapers here, which are advocating autonomy. The rioting at this hour, 1 p. m., continues."

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 palace to protect the governor general, death to Blanco. Uncertainty exists whether 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 that end should be prepared to move promptly. Excitement and uncertainty predominate everywhere."

OVER-RIDE MCKINLEY.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Washington, April 11.—The general feeling is that President McKinley is weak and that Congress will override him.

BUTLER'S RESOLUTION.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Washington, April 11.—Before the adjournment of the Senate, Senator Butler gave notice of a resolution declaring the destruction of the Maine an act of war, recognizing Cuba's independence, demanding Spain's withdrawal and authorizing the use of armed forces.

CONGRESS AND THE MESSAGE.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Washington, April 11.—The message was referred in both houses without debate, to the Committees on Foreign Relations.

Senator Butler declared in a speech that the message means that the Cubans shall cease fighting Spain and that it will never be accepted by the American people.

Senator Butler's resolution was referred before the Senate adjourned.

BLANCO'S PROCLAMATION.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Washington, April 11.—Gen. Blanco 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 will be sent to the army commanders.

RESOLUTION TOMORROW.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Washington, April 11.—The Committee on Foreign Relations is discussing the message. A resolution declaring for the withdrawal of Spanish troops from Cuba and authorizing the President to use the army and navy of the United States to enforce it will be reported tomorrow.

WILL REPORT TOMORROW.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Washington, April 11.—5 P. M.—The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, to which the message was referred, began the immediate discussion of the same. A resolution, declaring for the withdrawal of Spanish troops from Cuba and authorizing the President to use the army and navy to enforce it will be reported tomorrow.

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 Junta's counsel here says that cessation of hostilities is a Spanish trick and the Cubans will not cease fighting if Spain does.

WOODFORD LEAVES.

The Gendarmes Will Escort Him to the Frontier—Demonstrations in Spain. By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Madrid, April 11.—Minister Woodford leaves today. It is reported that the gendarmes will escort him to the frontier.

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 former deputy, has been arrested as a political prisoner on the charge of connections with the Spanish demonstration yesterday. The Romerists, Republicans and Carlists are at the bottom of the manifestation. 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 morning.

CONSUL AT MANILLA LEAVES.

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

NOTHING FROM WOODFORD.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Washington, April 11th.—25 later advices of importance have been received from Minister Woodford today.

SPAIN'S PREPARATIONS.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. Tenerife, Canary Islands, April 11.—The Spanish armed cruisers, Cristobal Colon and Mare Theresa passed South. A battalion of Spanish infantry and two batteries of mounted artillery have arrived.

THE DOLPHIN GOES.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, April 11.—The Dolphin passed out Sandy Hook at noon going outward.

A MILLION INVOLVED.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Birmingham, Ala., April 11.—As a result of the trouble between the English and American stockholders of the Corona 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 11.—Two United States cruisers 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 rain occurred throughout the south and east during the past 24 hours. The weather is cloudy along the entire Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

The central valley is occupied by clear, slightly cooler weather and a high barometer.

In the northwest a new storm is forming, and the temperature has risen to 41 at Bismarck.

MAYOR'S COURT.

Mayor Russ had one of the most comical witnesses on record before him this morning. This star performer was none other than "Elder" Luther Burse. Meekins Lane, another negro, was charged with threatening to strike him with him with a hatchet. Burse described the affair and said "Mr. Beline, de police, tol' me to insult 'boutt over night, an den sit or wit nex' mornin'."

"Did Meekins 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 communicate with him now; we've got the devil to contend with here."

Burse's testimony was interrupted by spontaneous outbursts of laughter, which convulsed the spectators.

Burse's story lacked corroboration and the Mayor deemed Lane's confinement over night as sufficient punishment and dismissed the matter.

YOU CAN GET A SEAT.

Although there will be a very large audience in the Academy of Music tonight to witness the presentation of the Mikado 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 popularity, 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 remember, 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 tuneful and mirth-provoking of all the semie operas.

SHORT STATEMENTS

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND IN THE CITY.

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Mr. C. B. Aycock, of Goldsboro, is in the city.

Mr. A. G. Crampton, of Charlotte, is in the city.

Mr. Cameron McRae left for Weldon this morning on business.

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

Messrs. A. E. Page and Henry Page are in the city today.

Solicitor H. F. Sewell of Moore county, who is a candidate for judicial honors, is a visitor in the city.

The monthly meeting of the Watauga Club has been postponed until Monday night, the 18th.

The many friends of Assistant District 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 Church 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 foundation of the new building at the institution for the blind. Work will now be pushed rapidly.

Dr. Burns, the distinguished preserver of peace in the capitol square, is now making another crusade on the trees in the square and trimming of limbs right and left.

Today was a holiday being Easter Monday. The stock markets were closed. The schools of this city gave holiday. Several picnics left town this morning.

Mr. Joseph Crouch, who now holds a position 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 yesterday.

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 HERE.

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 yesterday over the Seaboard Air Line.

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 of 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 curiosity 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. Craigbill, chief of the corps of engineers, Fort Caswell, N. C. The contract for transporting the disappearing carriage and one ten-inch 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 95,000 pounds. The successful bidders to the work get 45 cents a hundred, with 2500 additional for transporting the gun and carriage from the Wilmington depot to Fort Caswell.

The delivery of the big gun for Fort Caswell will cost the Government \$275,000 for transportation alone.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

Both Forward Drivers on a Shifting Engine Came Off.

An unusual 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 could be repaired.