

New Bern Weekly Journal

SPEAR DENIES HOBSON'S CHARGES

ADMIRAL EVANS, COMMANDER OF THE PACIFIC FLEET WILL RETIRE FROM SERVICE WHEN HE REACHES SAN FRANCISCO

DAVYAN SITUATION CRITICAL

Congress Must Respect the Desires of Labor—Powder, Explosives Mills Three—England's Premier Dying—Senator Clay's Bill to Have State Control Manufacture and Sale of Liquor

Washington, D. C., March 17.—In the investigation of graft charges in connection with the sub-marine boats and motor boat purchases, Lawrence Spear, vice-president of the Electric Boat Company appeared before the committee and denied the charges made by Congressman R. P. Hobson, as to the transactions between the two parties.

Washington, D. C., March 17.—May 8th is the date agreed upon that Secretary McCall of the Navy, will review the entire Pacific fleet in the harbor of San Francisco. On that same day Admiral Evans retires, having reached the age when all attaches of the government are required to leave active service. Rear Admiral Ferry will succeed him as commander.

A NOVEL INTRODUCTION

Dr. Howard Company Makes a Special Price

The Dr. Howard Company have entered into an arrangement with Davis Pharmacy, by which a special introductory offer will be made of 25 cents on the 50 cent size of their celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia.

This medicine is a new discovery for the cure of all diseases of the stomach and bowels. It not only gives quick relief, it makes permanent cures.

So remarkably successful has Dr. Howard's specific been in curing constipation, dyspepsia and all forms of liver trouble, that Davis Pharmacy will return the price paid in every case where it does not give relief.

Headaches, coated tongue, dizziness, gas on the stomach, specks before the eyes, constipation and all forms of malaria and liver trouble are soon cured by this scientific medicine.

Davis Pharmacy have been able to secure only a limited supply, so everyone who wishes to be cured of dyspepsia or constipation should call upon them at once or send them 25 cents by mail, and get 50 doses of the best medicine ever made, on the special half price introductory offer, with their personal guarantee to refund the money if the specific does not cure.

King in London

London, March 18.—Cardenio P. King, the financial agent, who three months ago could write his check for \$1,000,000 and today is a hunted fugitive from justice, is in London, while his friends and agents have been circulating reports of trips to New York to raise funds and of confinement in a Scottish sanatorium.

Prize for whose arrest for embezzlement warrants have been issued, quietly gathered up his things, took all the available cash and negotiable papers from his office and sailed for Liverpool on the Cunard liner Etruria February 22nd. He was not entered on the list of passengers and remained in seclusion until the pilot left the boat. Then he appeared and seemed to make no effort to hide his identity.

Did Not Use Nitrate of Silver

Raleigh, N. C., March 17.—It is now stated by students of the Agricultural and Mechanical College that nitrate of silver was not used upon the face of the hound exerts in January, but that vermin was used.

Northern Green Early Bess Seed. Patented. White Spring Seed Co. at Chas. B. Hill's, No. 21 Middle Street, New Bern, N. C.

DARING FEAT OF DEMOCRACY

TRAMP STEAMER CROWN OF CASTLE RAMS HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINER, KRON PRINZ WILHELM

LABOR CONVENTION IN SESSION

Treaties Being Made to Isolate Japan

Town of Graham, Minnesota Is Wiped Out by Fire—Grover Cleveland 71 Years Old—Russian Generals Have Duel Quiet in Hayti—Fleet Will Remain in Philippines Six Weeks.

Washington, D. C., March 18.—There is talk among the Southern members of Congress of introducing a prohibitory plank in the Democratic National Convention which meets at Denver. It is said that Bryan will agree to such a measure.

New York, March 18.—The English tramp steamer Crown of Castle ran into the stern of the Hamburg-American liner, Kron Prinz Wilhelm, near the Hoboken shore and nearly sank the boat. There were no lives lost.

Washington, D. C., March 18.—Over 300 delegates to the annual meeting of the Federation of Labor have gathered here, and a three day session begins tomorrow. Some very important questions will be discussed, chief of which will be whether a national labor ticket shall be put in the campaign.

London, March 18.—Nearly all papers contain the news that a treaty is being formulated which will effect the political isolation of Japan if adopted. The plan originated in Russia.

St. Paul, Minn., March 18.—Telegraphic communication from Graham, a small town in the western part of the State, says that the town has been practically wiped out of existence by fire. The fire originated in a store and the flames made such progress that the insufficient fire protection could not cope with it. There were 100 stores, 4 churches and 50 dwellings destroyed.

DOINGS AT BINGHAM

V. M. C. A. Meeting—Delightful Social—Old Teachers Will Return—New Tennis Court

Bingham School, Mebane, N. C., Mar. 17.—Mr. Seymour W. Whiting, a leading merchant and prominent Christian layman, of Raleigh, will deliver the address before the Young Men's Christian Association, Sunday night, May 10th, during the commencement exercises. He will speak on the "Second Coming of Christ."

The reception given at the last meeting by the Kalliotheistic Literary Society, in honor of some of the young ladies, was a great success. An interesting feature of the evening was a "mock trial," after which refreshments were served.

Practically all of the old teachers will return to Bingham for the season of 1908-09. Rev. E. A. Roads, B. S. Prof. O. W. Boland, B. Accts., Prof. O. L. Baily, and Prof. Walter S. Crawford, A. E., have already been engaged. Col Roads this year has been a popular and successful commandant of camps. Prof. Boland has given the greatest satisfaction as teacher of mathematics. His poetry, also, has been attracting much attention and discussion in the daily press. Prof. Crawford is a well known educator in Carolina, having been intimately identified with the work of the State and school for a number of years. Mr. Baily is able in fine penmanship, book-keeping and shorthand.

A site has been selected for the location of a new tennis court, which when completed, will doubtless add to the already great popularity of the game at Bingham.

Promise a Great Welcome

Sidney, N. S. W., March 17.—While Prime Minister Deakin was addressing a mass meeting yesterday, he received a cable dispatch announcing America's acceptance of the invitation for the battleship fleet to visit Australia. He read the message to the meeting and then called for three cheers for the United States.

The enthusiastic audience rose and responded with deafening hurrahs. Mr. Deakin said he was sure the fleet would receive a welcome as never was experienced outside the United States.

New Cabinet in Sweden

Special to Journal.

Christiana, Sweden, March 19.—King Hasson has formed a new cabinet today of members of the Country party.

NEW BERN GETS INTO THE LEAGUE

Rocky Mount Backs Out—Giving New Bern a Chance to Get in After Being Shut Out

We may well say Hooray! New Bern has acquired entrance into the Eastern Carolina League and we may be assured of a place. The meeting was called to order at 4 o'clock by the president, T. M. Washington, of Wilson and a communication was read from the Rocky Mount club, withdrawing from the league. New Bern was thereupon elected a member in the place of Rocky Mount and the six club league was completed. The following now composes the organization: Raleigh, Wilson, Goldsboro, Wilmington, Kinston and New Bern.

The league is a member of the National Protective Base Ball Association, a feature which was the cause of Rocky Mount's withdrawal. The season will commence June 6th.

The next important consideration to be met is the raising of money. The rest of the clubs have raised a sufficient amount to cover all expenses and they are on a good financial footing. New Bern should not be behind in this respect, but now that we are in, we should feel that we must have a better team than the others and to have that will take money. Go into the game to win and let everybody show their pleasure by contributing handsomely to the enterprise.

Wants Jail for Druggist

Washington, D. C., March 18.—President Roosevelt this morning sent for Daniel W. Baker, United States attorney for the District of Columbia, and directed him to press for a jail sentence for Robert N. Harper, a Washington druggist, who was recently convicted of violation of the food and drug law.

Mr. Harper is president of the Washington Chamber of Commerce and the American National Bank, one of the leading financial institutions of Washington. Mr. Harper is engaged also in a drug business and was tried on a charge of having sold or caused to be sold certain headache powders which contained deleterious substances and was not properly labeled in conformity with the food and drug act, enacted in 1906.

The trial was in the police court, before Judge Kimball, and although a notable defense was made, Mr. Harper was found guilty. The penalty is a fine of \$500 or imprisonment for six months, or both. Sentence has not been passed.

The President told District Attorney Baker this morning that since Harper is a wealthy man it is plainly the duty of the judge to impose a jail sentence, for he believes that an example should be made of a man who, while occupying a high position in the community, violates the law. Mr. Baker said he would do his best to send Harper to jail.

Mexican Robbers in Jail

El Paso, Texas, March 18.—A telegram from Chihuahua today says the robbers who stole \$295,000 two weeks ago from the Banco Mjerno have been discovered and are all in jail. The telegram adds that the money has not yet been recovered, but it has been located.

"The telegram is from Juan A. Creel, manager of the robbed bank to the branch in this city.

RACE TO COMPLETE SHIPS

Newport News Plant in Contest With The Fore River Works

Boston, Mass., March 18.—North and South are racing against time and each other in the construction of Uncle Sam's two greatest battleships—these are the North Dakota, at the Fore River Works, Quincy, Mass., and the Delaware, at the Newport News Ship Building Company, Newport News, Va. The result will decide the rival claims of two of the greatest ship yards in the world, both having been awarded contracts at the same time, December 16th. Each of the ships is of the same construction, except for engine equipment, the North Dakota having turbines, and the Delaware re-applying engines. The Fore River Company is under bonds also to complete its vessel in thirty-four and one-half months, and the Newport News company in thirty-six months. The North Dakota is already 17.5 per cent completed, and the Delaware only 9.20 per cent.

Bank President Shut

Austin, Tex., March 17.—Dr. J. A. Lovett, a wealthy banker of Liberty, said to be an uncle of Judge R. S. Lovett, of New York, chief counsel for E. H. Harriman, and the Southern Pacific, was probably fatally shot last evening at Sanley by his son-in-law, J. G. Beavers.

Dr. Lovett was president of the bank at Sanley and Beavers has been acting as cashier, but recently had been removed.

After the shooting Beavers was taken to the hospital.

GAIN IN RAILROAD BUSINESS

The Report Made by The Atlantic Coast Line Railway Shows Increase Over The Former Report

Special to Journal.

Raleigh, N. C., March 18.—Atlantic Coast Line Railway reports to Corporation Commission its gross earnings for quarter which ended December 31st, \$1,884,529 against \$1,814,558 for same quarter in 1907.

Operating expenses last quarter—\$1,316,904 against \$1,237,715. Total number passengers carried last quarter 561,863 against 404,913.

Unions to Shield Railroads

Washington, D. C., March 17.—A radical change has taken place in the attitude of labor unions composed of railway employes toward the railway companies. The Pecuniary difficulties to which the companies have found themselves as a result of too much legislation have alarmed the employes, and through heads of their national railway union organizations they will appeal to Congress to leave the railroads alone.

The chiefs of the unions are anxious to prevent anything in the way of legislation that will make it difficult for railroad companies to maintain the present wage scales.

Labor Union President Fined

Mobile, Ala., March 17.—A jury yesterday returned a verdict of guilty against Lawrence Butt, President of the Mobile Typographical Union, charged with intimidation and abusive language, fixing the fine at \$137.50. Butt intimidated Miss L. C. Alebau by threatening her if she continued her practice of teaching girls the keyboard of typesetting machines.

HARLOWE AND NORTH HARLOWE

Special Correspondence.

Hariowe, N. C., March 18.—Mrs. Hannah Bell, departed this life last Thursday the 12th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Long, at the advanced age of 70 years. She was laid to rest in the Harlowe cemetery—Friday the 13th, the Rev. Patrell officiating at the burial.

Miss Bessie Morton, accompanied by her brother, Ashby, went to Havelock Friday, bringing back her friend, Miss Henrietta Dixon, Havelock's popular teacher.

Messrs Jas. R. Bell and Ira C. Long went to Morehead City last Friday—bringing a casket for Mrs. Hannah Bell.

Mr. A. N. Bell made a flying trip to Beaufort last Friday, returning Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. Davis and son, of Beaufort, came up Saturday to visit her mother, Mrs. A. F. Bell and returned home Sunday.

Mr. Squires went to his old home at Aurora last week, and returned Monday, bringing with him his little girl.

Dr. and Mrs. Bilfinger came down from New Bern Sunday, spent a few hours with the family of Mrs. W. B. Davis, and returned in the afternoon.

Messrs John S. Morton and E. D. Bangert spent Monday in New Bern in business and returned on the night train.

Miss Henrietta Dixon, the pleasant visitor of Miss Bessie Morton, returned to her school at Havelock Monday morning.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF CRUISER RALEIGH

Which Were Taken at Hong Kong—Presented to Hall of History And to Commander

Special Correspondence.

Raleigh, N. C., March 18.—The photographs of the cruiser Raleigh, taken at Hong Kong, and which have been given to the State by the Secretary of the Navy and also the photograph of the first-class armored cruiser North Carolina, given by Lt. Victor Blue to Governor Glenn and presented by the latter to the State, have been framed and placed in the Hall of History, as has also a picture, taken in 1869 of the present school for the blind here, which was then the institution for deaf mutes and blind. The building is so changed that no one would now recognize it, another story having been added and the design entirely altered and other buildings having been added. The central part of the old building has been duplicated in the new priests' dormitory at the Catholic Orphanage here, at Nazareth, this picture having been used by the architect in getting the design.

Few Immigrants Arriving

New York, March 17.—That this will be an off year in immigration is practically a certainty as the ratio of the out going to the incoming remains steadily at about three to one. For every 50 immigrants arriving in the United States, 147 of the foreign labor element leave. Immigration statistics show that in years, in which there is a presidential election immigration decreases until after the election, and then begins slowly to increase. The figures for this year show a heavy falling-off in immigration, with a corresponding increase in the number of the foreign labor element leaving.

"That immigration is practically at a standpoint is shown by figures carefully compiled for the use of the steam ship companies," said Gustav H. Schwab, of the North German Lloyd. "During the present year only 44,712 immigrants have been landed, while during the same period in 1907 the figures show that 139,052 had landed in the United States.

"During two months and 13 days of this year 131,740 foreigners have left the United States. During the same period in 1907 the number of out going was only 43,542 or 88,098 fewer than have gone this year. The figures between the same periods of this and last year are reversed. The increase in the outward movement is not confined alone to the third class passengers, but includes second class as well."

Kitchin's Possibilities

Raleigh, N. C., March 17.—It is not yet known whether William W. Kitchin will have headquarters here or not, though it was rumored here today that he would. Most persons here said that he would have his headquarters at Greensboro. As a matter of fact Raleigh is the natural center of all these activities. Your correspondent took occasion to remark last week that just as soon as Raleigh fixes up an auditorium and has more hotel room, it will again become "the convention city." Everybody seems to admit this. That is almost everyone, as a few may think the convention ought to rotate and be held at all the principal points in the State.

"UNION" SHOPS FOR CHICAGO

Farm Products Will Be Sold to Shareholders and Rebates Given.

Chicago, March 17.—Several retail stores for the sale of "union" farm products soon will be opened in Chicago. If the plan of the International Equity Exchange, the "Farmers' Union," is carried out. A conference between Secretary Tubbs of the Equity Exchange of St. Louis and John Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, was held today, at which the plan was outlined.

Stock will be sold at \$1.00 a share on which a dividend of 10 per cent will be paid. In addition every customer will receive rebates based on the profits and the amount of the purchase. It is planned to acquire stores already established by offering the proprietors 50 per cent more than the inventory value and retaining the former proprietors as store managers at a salary and commission.

Several stores are in successful operation in St. Louis, and a local branch was opened at 240 West Randolph Street a year ago. A central warehouse will be established in Chicago and the produce will be shipped direct from the farmers who are members of the exchange.

If you have an eye strain, do you know it means a loss of vitality or nerve force, and that other organs of the body suffer because of this loss of nerve force. Scientifically fitted spectacles is the only remedy. J. G. Barker, Graduate of Philadelphia Optical College.

NAVAL MILITIA PRACTICE CRUISE

ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO HAVE NORTH CAROLINA NAVAL BRIGADE HAVE A REAL SEA EXPERIENCE—SHOOTING TEST

ORGANIZATION NECESSARY

The Jug Trade Has Reached a Condition That Almost Assumes a Business by Itself—Nearly Every State Office Has More Than One Candidate—Date Fixed For State Fair—Smallpox at Cliffside.

Special Correspondence.

Raleigh, N. C., March 19.—A letter has been received by the Adjutant General from the Secretary of the Navy in regard to a cruise by the North Carolina Naval Militia during the coming summer. The Secretary invites this force to participate in Naval maneuvers in Chesapeake Bay July 18th to 27th. There are now six divisions, these being at Wilmington, New Bern, Beaufort, Windsor, Plymouth and Elizabeth City, and T. C. Daniels of New Bern is the captain commanding the force. The Secretary of the Navy says it is the plan to have a Naval vessel collect the Naval Militia and take the latter to the rendezvous. Three States on the Atlantic coast, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, now have no naval vessel assigned to their naval militia. The act of Congress makes no provision for transporting this force to the points of rendezvous or for subsisting it while on the cruise; that the State will have to pay for taking the force, say to Wilmington or to Norfolk, from the various points and also for the food while on board the training vessels. The matter has not as yet been taken up officially here, nor will it be until the return of Governor Glenn from the North.

It seems to be very generally admitted now that a special line of organization will be necessary in a great many of the counties to bring the prohibition vote up to a handsome figure. A great many people are doing a lot of talking about 75,000 majority, and that sort of thing, but 30,000 looks to be a conservative figure.

The jug trade here by express is on the increase, it is learned. It was remarked that for a while after the dispensary closed a lot of people had some liquor on hand, but now these have become dry and they are ordering stuff; a lot of this comes to ney-groes, perhaps the majority so coming in, and there are all sorts of strange names, many of which must be fictitious. One very dignified old negro here goes about early in the morning with a bucket on his arms and it is said has this full of flasks which he distributes to his patrons.

It is said that all of the State officers except State Auditor Dixon and State Superintendent Joyner have opponents for their positions.

October 12th to 17th is fixed as the date of the North Carolina State Fair, at Raleigh.

State Auditor Dixon, who had a date to make a school speech at Cliffside, was telegraphed not to come owing to a sudden outbreak of smallpox.

BIG WAR HOARD

Kaiser Keeps \$20,000,000 in Gold Stored in a Tower as Part of Germany's "Preparedness."

Berlin, March 19.—Members of the Appropriation Committee of the Reichstag have urged the Government to consent to the use of the War Hoard of \$20,000,000, which is kept in the Julius Tower at Spandau, for the current necessities of the empire, since the country borrows and pays interest to meet its deficits.

For thirty-seven years the Government has kept this store of gold for instant use in case of sudden necessity to mobilize the forces of the empire. It desired to avoid the necessity of even a day's delay.

Secretary of the Treasury Sydow said the Government would not consent to this war treasure being diverted to general expenses, as it was an essential part of the general preparedness of the empire. Under Secretary Tiele then said that it would be well if this sum was three times as great, as the outbreak of a war might be coincident with a general financial crash.

On these representations the members of the committee who raised this question decided not to press it.

Under Secretary Tiele then announced that the Government would have to borrow \$25,000,000, and he also asked authorization to increase the Imperial Treasury bill from \$47,200,000 to \$72,200,000. The committee agreed to this and then approved the budget budget.

SPECTACULAR CONFLAGRATION

LIGHTNING STRIKES BUILDING OF INFLAMMABLE SUBSTANCE IN REAR OF SCOTT'S STABLES

BUSINESS SECTION THREATENED

Rain Helps a Great Deal in Putting Out Fire—Some Lustrous Situations—Wired and Beautiful Sight—Goods Stored in Building Saved Only by Great Effort—Loss Small.

A heavy thunder storm visited this city last night at about 9:30 o'clock. It came up quite unexpected and people who do not usually go around carrying umbrellas got caught and it is to be presumed that they got a drenching. The lightning was unusually vivid and the thunder quite enough to make the timid person utterly miserable. The storm had not been in progress very long when a flash and report like the crack of doom sounded and before any one could hardly make up their mind they had not been struck, the real result of the stroke developed, which was a fire in the rear of the N. H. Street building. This was the livery stable of E. S. Street, which was completely destroyed, as was the rear portion of the Scott's stable, about 15, were turned out, but tried to re-enter the burning stable. They were finally headed into the street and roamed a bout until the fire was over when they were gathered together. The flames burst forth with angry and threatening aspect, and the location gave those who were living in the vicinity the greatest cause for alarm. As it was in the midst of buildings, rubbish more or less dry, much inflammable material, their worry was not to be wondered at. The five companies had several streams playing on the fire and they were most ably assisted by the rain, the steam engine and the fire crew on the Fishhawk, and they soon had the flames under control. The rain was, perhaps, as big help as any as it fell in sufficient quantities to lessen the danger. The buildings were in the main small sheds; one or two were substantial store houses in there was one tenement house on Church Alley, which was burned. Mr. John B. Ives had a quantity of furniture in one of the buildings, most of which was saved. One horse was killed and other animals were injured. Scott's livery stable was put in great jeopardy by some one hauling a delivery wagon with a blazing canvas top through the carriage house and brought into the street. Luckily nothing caught fire from it. A lot of hens were ruthlessly deprived of their night's rest, but its better to be bothered than roasted alive.

Nothing affording such spectacular beauty has ever been seen here as a wired sight which will not be forgotten for a long time. At the first the flames shot up and lit the whole heavens giving everybody the impression that the fire was greater than it really was. Added to this the vivid lightning and the rain falling on the illumination made an effect often sought by tableau makers. The entire loss will probably be between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

Stevens Modifies Views

Havana, March 18.—John F. Stevens formerly chief engineer of the Panama Canal, discussing the canal today, said there was no reason why it should not be finished by January 1, 1915. If the work were rushed it would be possible to complete it two years earlier. He does not believe the cost will be as tremendous as some people predict. He thinks it will certainly be less than \$200,000,000, and possibly only \$150,000,000, including the original outlay for the concession and the Canal Zone, thus making the actual building cost \$200,000,000.

Referring to his recently published pessimistic statements, Mr. Stevens said that some one evidently had extracted from a pamphlet published by somebody opposing the canal, nothing for his own ends only a part of Mr. Stevens' opinions. Above all he wishes the impression dispelled that he ever made the slightest criticism of the present army engineers in charge of the work.

He thinks highly of Colonel Goodhall and his associates. He added that he had received information from some of his former Panama associates that was highly complimentary to the present regime. He, however, sticks to his statement that the canal will not be a financial success under any conditions.

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