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McKinley will call an extra session of Congress ostensibly to consider the annexation of Cuba and its new constitution. But here is the true reason we clip from a Republican paper. It will be called to pay such corporations as the following for money contributed to Hannas victory. Hanna is behind McKinley and the trusts are with and behind Hanna.

If Congress fails to pass the ship subsidy bill as now seems likely, the steel trust which is forming may undertake the task of restoring our flag on the high seas. This combination, colossal in scope and capitalization, would seem resourceful enough to do alone what this government shrinks from attempting.

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The promoters of this billion dollar enterprise do not want to engage in the building of ships and favor the subsidy proposition. But if Federal aid is not to be extended they may conclude to go on without a congressional grant. The time is ripe for beginning to assert our mastery on the sea as we have demonstrated it in the industrial field and it will be a great pity, nay a great mistake, if we fail to improve the opportunity stretching out before us.

The steel men give as their reason for not taking hold of ship building that they are not organizing with that as one of the things in view. That, part from it, they will have all they can do for years to come which hold out greater reward. But their patriotism may prove superior to their financial earnings and they may conclude to place our flag at the head of the maritime nations of the world.

The same Republican paper we clipped the above editorial from stretches its elastic conscience and partially gives vent to its true thought and knowledge. It would say the same thing about the Philippines and Hanna's subsidy bill if it would give play to the "elasticity of its conscience and let it assume its natural mental status." We express the same hope of our contemporary.

Can it be possible that the army of invasion of China is guilty of the atrocities charged against it by the correspondents who follow in its tracks?

Are the stories of murder, assault, burning and stealing of the members of the invading column upon the wretched people on the line of march from Taku to Peking are the yarns of untruthful writers or an accurate picture of indescribable horrors visited upon innocent people?

The advancing column was made up of uniformed bodies who pretend to represent the manhood of civilized states, the advance guard of enlightenment on an errand of mercy—to succor a beleaguered garrison and the foreigners entrusted to their prosecution. This done a series of outrages is charged against the torch-bearers of civilization, in dealing with the natives which might be expected of cannibals or the thugs of India. It is feared that the reports are more than rumors; that the soldiery of western civilization have given ample ground for the accusations which fill the air and carry dismay to very good man and woman the universe over.

We hope later particulars from this remote field of action will contradict these suppositions. But if they are corroborated the commanders of the various corps cannot act too quickly in making an example of the soldiery responsible for destruction of property, bloodspilling and worse in a way that will strike terror to the hearts of those who might be tempted to intimate this savagery and which will prove to China and

the world that the powers engaged in the work of rescue are not the kind who stand for murder of pillage and assault upon the defenseless.

We clip the following very sensible article from an exchange about pure water. If our people place any value upon their health and lives, they will take some action upon this subject.

If our business men desire the prosperity of the town, success in their business and prosperity for all, they will take action to provide their town with abundance of pure water. Every interest in this town demands it.

We did not know fifty years ago that malaria, the great poisoning agent that inhabits all the swamps and alluvial soils of the South country, gets into the system through the water drunk by the people—in one way or another. It may be so violent as to produce disease by sleeping in exposed places; but water, contaminated by the poison and drunk, is the usual way in which it gets into its work, and no attention was given to obviate its cause. Our people would rather work than think.

It has been probably more than fifty years since artesian wells have been bored for drinking water, but not till the last quarter of this century were driven wells used for the purpose of avoiding malaria, and the germs peculiar to certain forms of fever. The idea is to drive an iron tube down till it strikes solid rock, then it can never become foul or contaminated with surface water. These wells are now used in many places, and some places they are ever flowing. Where these wells are used fevers have disappeared, unless the "seeds" of fever have been brought from a distance.

Two of the best speeches made on the subject of impeaching the Supreme court Judges were delivered by Hon. Locke Craig and Hon. Francis D. Winston.

Bertie County is the birth place of both of these gentlemen. They are near the same age. They were at college together. Mr. Craig's father performed the marriage ceremony when Mr. Winston's father and mother were married. They have always been very sincere friends.

Both were in the last legislature. They roomed together then, they room together now. On great public questions they think alike. Each is an orator, of power. Each is a brilliant thinker. Each is a bold defender of the rights of the people. Each is a credit to the State, and Bertie County people delight to honor them and will rejoice to see them advance to high places in the official life of our State.

The magnificent steam ship City of Rio Janeiro, which was lost in San Francisco Bay with 150 souls, was commanded by a North Carolinian. No braver man ever trod a quarter deck and went down with his ship. After seeing as many of his passengers and crew in safety possible to save he was last seen at his post on the bridge.

The name of Capt. William Ward will be added to the list of North Carolina heroes who found death at the post of duty.

Capt. William Ward had been in the employ of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for many years. He first entered the service as a cadet on the steamship Tokio, and in 1888 was assigned to the command to the Rio de Janeiro. Later he was transferred to the Peru, then to the China, then to the City of Peking. He was then placed in charge of the Rio de Janeiro again, and had been three years and a half on the ship. Captain Ward, was thirty-eight years old and a native of North Carolina. Two sisters and two brothers are residents of Raleigh.

A novel educational bill is before the house. It is to insure four months' public school term annually. It provides that where in any school district there is not sufficient money to keep the schools open four months, the State shall directly make up the deficiency. The constitution requires four months schools, but has never been obeyed. Now the educational qualification in the elective franchise causes a rush for education, so by 1908 every white child can read and write.

Several weeks ago we referred to the fact that our people wished the State prohibit its farms raising peanuts with convict labor in competition to them. We clip the following from the Legislature proceedings:

To-day there was favorably reported in the legislature a bill prohibiting the State from raising on its convict farms, near Weldon, Spanish peanuts. There are the small peanuts used exclusively by candy manufacturers, the crop in the United States is said to be from 800,000 to 900,000 bushels. It is claimed that Halifax County grows 300,000 and the penitentiary farms there 50,000, and that Halifax and adjacent counties, it is claimed, grow three-fourths of all the crop in the United States. The private growers claim that the State crop materially reduces prices and is injurious and improper competition with free labor.

HERE IS THE FISH BILL.

We Told You Was Being Prepared.

It Is To Be Entitled An Act To Regulate the Fishing Of Dutch Or Pod Nets In Chowan River.

Your attention is called to the following bill concerning dutch nets in our county. It is published to give our people an opportunity to consider it. Our Senator, Hon. S. J. Calvert introduced it by request. He and Mr. Winston will be glad to hear from our people on this subject. The bill will be considered February 28th.

The General Assembly of North Carolina Do Enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful to set or fish with a dutch or pod net within one mile of the Northward or Southward of the outside windlass or snatch blocks of any seine fishery in operation on the Chowan River and in Bertie County between that portion of said Chowan River lying between the mouth of Currituck Creek and Salmon Creek.

Section 2. That any dutch or pod nets fished or set within the aforesaid waters of the said river shall be set at right angles to the shore and due

East course and not extend further into said river than seven hundred yards.

Section 3. That all persons who shall set such nets in said river shall pull up and remove the stakes used for the same by the first day of June succeeding the fishing season, and if any person shall set or fish any such dutch or pod nets in violation of this section, or fail to remove said stakes as is hereinbefore provided, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be subject to a penalty of three hundred dollars to be recovered by any person in the Superior Court of Bertie County. And the Sheriff of said County shall, when requested, remove any portion of such nets set or fished in violation of this act at the violators cost.

Section 4. That nothing in this act shall apply to any dutch or pod net fished in the waters of Chowan river and extending into said river from the Chowan County side thereof.

Section 5. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

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