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THE HOSPITAL SHIP OLIVETTE SUNK

The Hospital Corps and Crew Narrowly Escape—Cause a Mystery.

CONDITION PORTO RICAN TROOPS SERIOUS

Governor Bob Taylor III—Schley Leaves for Porto Rico—Reverendous at Newport, R. I.—Shafter's Reception

OLIVETTE SUNK.

By Telegraph to the Times-Visitor.
FERNANDINA, August 31.—The hospital ship Olivette which has been lying near the quarantine station was sunk mysteriously at seven o'clock this morning. The hospital corps numbering thirty-five and the crew of forty-five escaped in scanty attire. Roustabouts in the lower hold narrowly escaped. Some think they took refuge on a nearby schooner, others that they reached the quarantine station. The ship was sunk in thirty-five feet of water and her main deck is submerged.

TO SAVE THE OLIVETTE.

By Telegraph to the Times-Visitor.
FERNANDINA, FLA., August 31.—Preparations are being considered for pumping out the Olivette, the hospital ship sunk this morning. She was owned by one of the Plant Lines running between Port Tampa and Key West.

SERIOUS IN PORTO RICO.

By Telegraph to the Times-Visitor.
WASHINGTON, August 31.—The war department is making every possible effort to hasten the withdrawal of troops from Porto Rico on account of the increasing alarming sickness among the military forces on the island. It will be several days however, before adequate transportation can be provided. The department officers no longer have doubts that the sanitary situation in Porto Rico is serious enough to warrant most radical measures for the relief of the troops.

OFF FOR PORTO RICO.

By Telegraph to the Times-Visitor.
NEW YORK, August 31.—Admiral Schley arrived today from West Port. He boarded the transport Seneca which will take him to Porto Rico. He was dressed in citizen's clothes. Besides the members of the peace commission the Seneca carries fifty postoffice employees, five army paymasters and forty-two trained nurses. Major Andrews, recently detailed by the Adjutant General for the department at Santiago, accompanied the expedition.

VISIT POSTPONED.

By Telegraph to the Times-Visitor.
CAMP WICKOFF, August 31.—A dispatch from Adjutant General Corbin this morning states that neither President McKinley nor Secretary of War Alger will visit the camp this week. Preparations had been made for their arrival next Friday.

ANOTHER DIES.

By Telegraph to the Times-Visitor.
NEW YORK, August 31.—Private McKeever of the Seventy-first New York regiment died this morning from typhoid malaria.

ORDERED TO OMAHA.

By Telegraph to the Times-Visitor.
WASHINGTON, August 31.—A company of signal corps have been ordered to the Omaha Exposition despite the protests of Chief Greely.

QUEEN WILHELMINA.

By Cable to the Times-Visitor.
THE HAGUE, August 31.—Queen Wilhelmina has reached her majority and ascended the throne today. She issued a proclamation accepting the government, and announcing that she would follow the line laid down by her parents, and endeavor to elevate the flag and the people.

CAPT. CLARK ON FURLOUGH.

By Telegraph to the Times-Visitor.
BENTON HARBOR, August 31.—Captain Clark of the Oregon has had his furlough extended for three months.

LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON.

Mr. W. H. Bagley Accepts a Position on the Providence Journal.

This afternoon Mr. W. H. Bagley left for Washington city, where he has accepted a responsible position in the Washington Bureau of the Providence Journal of Providence, Rhode Island. The Washington bureau of this journal is managed by Mr. F. S. Howland. While Mr. Bagley relinquishes his position as editor of the Times-Visitor, he still has an interest in the paper and the Raleigh public will enjoy some newsy Washington letters.

Mr. Bagley is congratulated on having tendered him such a responsible position on the leading paper in New England.

RAILROAD COMMISSION.

Standard Cotton Rates Applies to Raleigh and Gaston.

The Railroad Commission held another session this morning. The only business transacted was the granting of a revision of the cotton rate on the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad making the rate the same as is now in force on the North Carolina Railroad. This is the standard rate. The action of the Commission was unanimous.

MAYOR'S COURT.

William Roacher and Chas. Manly were adjudged guilty of an affray by Mayor Russ this morning and were fined \$3.25 each.

Sam Keith and wife were up for disorderly conduct. The woman was discharged and judgement was suspended against Keith.

HORRIBLE DEATH

A Private from Ohio While Delirious Hanged Himself

By Telegraph to the Times-Visitor.
CAMP WICKOFF, Aug. 31.—A private in the camp here named John Wagner, while in the delirium of typhoid fever, arose from his bed while alone, went out on the ground and hanged himself to the ridge pole of a tent in the camp. He was enlisted at Columbus, Ohio.

Other deaths since yesterday are Alexander Heller of the Eighth Ohio; Henry Burdick, of the Tenth Cavalry; Philip Gouch, of the Twenty-fifth Infantry; J. W. Crawford, of the Ninth Cavalry. Twelve hundred and seventy-two patients are now in the general hospital and four hundred and sixteen are in detention.

THE NEW ROAD.

R. P. and C. R. R. Will Connect at Petersburg This Week.

Mr. Charles E. Johnson went to Petersburg yesterday morning to attend a very important meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina Railroad Company, which was held at the Imperial Hotel, in that city, yesterday. There were present De Witt Smith, of New York, President of the company; Gen. J. S. Gogley, of New York, Vice President, and General Manager Charles E. Johnson, of Raleigh, N. C.; J. C. Tripp, of Baltimore, and William R. McKeeney, of Petersburg. There was a general discussion of matters pertaining to the building of the road and ways and means of completing the first twenty miles south from Petersburg in the earliest possible time. It is expected to have the road connected with Petersburg some time this week.

BRIEFS.

Mr. B. C. Glover, formerly of Raleigh, is in the city today.

Miss Sallie Parham, who has been visiting in Youngsville, returned home yesterday.

Miss Withers, of Davidson, is the guest of Mrs. W. A. Withers, on Hillsboro street.

Mr. Frank Ellington has returned from an extended trip north. Of course he reports a capital time.

Miss Pearl Robinson, of Clayton who has many friends in Raleigh, presented a flag at the Democratic rally in Johnston yesterday.

The A. and M. College opens tomorrow and a number of students arrived today. The outlook is good for a large school.

Grand Secretary B. H. Woodell left today for Moore and Montgomery counties on business for the I. O. O. F. He will be absent the rest of the week.

The examination for the scholarship at the Bingham School was held here today. The judges will announce the winner later.

Major Davis was busy again today in the Adjutant General's office getting the accounts which were returned from Washington in proper shape. It will doubtless require several days yet before the work can be completed.

A number of students passed through the city today to Wake Forest College. The fall session opened today and the faculty are expecting a very flattering attendance. Most of the men who went through today were new students.

MORE LIGHT

The Light Committee Interviewed

BAD MANAGEMENT

The Progressiveness of this Administration has Not Been What our People Anticipated It Would Be

Mr. Joe Correll, chairman of the Light Committee, was interviewed tonight and from what he said this is about the state of affairs.

The city has a contract for 70 arc electric lights and 100 gas lights for street lighting purposes, the location of which lights was made by the former administration.

Recently there has been much complaint to the committee in addition to that which has more publicly appeared in the city press. The committee have requested the Electric Company to explain the cause of this bad service, but for two months the committee have been unable to receive any response from the Electric Company, but have been completely ignored by it.

Has your committee reported the miserable bad service, and your futile efforts to correct the same to the Board of Aldermen? asked the reporter.

"We have made no report for two months but there will be a pretty sharp one made on Friday night next," the chairman replied.

Mr. Correll continuing said, the committee has learned that many lights have been burned out and the Electric Company when this occurs will change lights from one point to another, this was recently done by taking the one from the intersection of Swain and Davie streets and using it somewhere else for a week or more, without any authority of the committee.

The Board's only action in the matter of service is that of deducting from the Electric Company's bill for lights a sum equal to the time the lights do not burn. The only means the Board has of ascertaining where and what lights do not burn, is by reports made by the policemen who are on duty at night. These reports are made to the Chief of Police, who reports to the city clerk, and a sum is deducted equal to the time such lights do not burn so the city only pays for what it gets.

There has been no complaint of the gas lights.

Here is food for thought and action. A city with some 10 miles of public thoroughfares the lighting of which is placed in the hands of a committee of the Board of Aldermen, badly lighted for two months past, and the committee unable, the chairman states, to get an explanation. The Board of Aldermen made a contract for a certain price for the lighting of 70 arc electric lights upon the streets of Raleigh, which price is paid out of the people's taxes for a service essential to the comfort, health and life of such people, and necessary for the protection of their property. For two months of the term of this contract that service has been miserable and the Board of Aldermen content themselves with a deduction of a fractional portion of the contract price and accept the miserable service while the committee does actually nothing.

How does the deducting Board arrive at the particular amount to hold out? Says the chairman of the committee, the police report where the lights do not burn. Great Scot. We are to suppose then that when a policeman finds a light not burning he seats himself down to watch that lump of darkness and will watch in one hand and a match in the other await the tedious hours roll by till the light burns again, note the time of darkness, report to the Chief of Police, who then reports to the Clerk of the Board, he then submits a report to the chairman of the Finance Committee and that committee make mathematical calculations and arrive at a given sum to suggest to the deducting board—the Board of Aldermen—and the city treasury is saved the take-out. But where, oh where is the light? The light which the citizens need and want. The light which the Board contracted for and which should be made to comply with every covenant of the contract or no money should be paid by the Board at all.

The spirit of forgetfulness of all the rights of the public and the habit on the part of Board of Aldermen to contract for specific things and take what they can get is becoming too common about the country. There should be a strict compliance with every item of a contract made by the servants of the people wherein the public money raised by taxation is to be expended in payment thereof.

There are some things that the Times-Visitor knows which it seems the Light Committee are as much in the dark about as they are about some other things, and that is that the Electric Company is putting in new powerful engines to run their plant, and, of course, this makes it unable to supply as good service as their contract calls

for or as they will be able to furnish when the new engine is in. But with this there should have been an understanding with the Board of Aldermen by the Electric Company that a certain time would be allowed for these improvements and a supplemental contract executed for that period. Then the public should have been made acquainted with such an arrangement.

The Times-Visitor believes the Electric Company are greatly improving their plant and will soon be able to give a much better car and light service than before, but this work should be pushed as speedily to completion as possible. The people of Raleigh are a charitable forbearing one and while they expected great things from the progressive administration now in power, they are sadly disappointed in the light matter and the street work. True, the Street Committee, or its chairman, has printed volumes of reports and the Light Committee and its chairman has not num on reports. Still the city is miles of bad streets, grassy sidewalks and for two months past a glow of darkness to a great extent enveloped the progressiveness.

DEATH OF OSBORNE HUNTER, SR.

The above well known colored citizen of Raleigh, died at his home 208 West Cabarrus street this morning at 9:30. Uncle Osborne, as he was familiarly known, was one of the oldest of our citizens, being over 75 years of age. He is the father of O. Hunter, Jr., of the Pension office, Washington, D. C., and C. N. Hunter, Principal of the Garfield school this city, and grandfather to Ed. H. Hunter of the Land office, Washington, D. C. These are all well known colored people.

The funeral will probably take place tomorrow afternoon. Notice will be given.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The barometer is highest on the North Carolina coast and is generally high east of the Mississippi, but there seems to be a storm of narrow area on the Georgia coast. Reports from Florida and from Savannah are missing, wires being down. A heavy rain of 1.59 inches occurred at Charleston, where the wind velocity was 34 miles from southeast at 8 a. m. Light showers occurred from North Carolina southwest to Texas. Except a little rain at Bismarck, the weather throughout the remainder of the country is fair and warm. Maximum temperature of 90 to 98 occurred over the central valley and west.

MISS ADELAIDE GRISSON WEDS.

There was a very quiet little home wedding yesterday afternoon in the rooms of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grisson, in the Pittsburg block. Miss Adelaide Grisson, sister of Robert, and Dr. Pemberton F. Rucker, son of Judge Rucker, of Aspen, were married in the presence of the family friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Rucker are now off for Aspen, and from there they will go on an extended camping tour with Judge and Mrs. Rucker. They will make their home in Bassalt, near Aspen, where Dr. Rucker is practicing—Cripple Creek (Col.) Times.

DELIVERING BONDS.

Securities Valued at \$71,864.140 Sent to 154,973 Subscribers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The Treasury Department has sent out, of the bond issue, \$1,864,140 in bonds of small denominations. These have been distributed among 154,973 subscribers, an average of less than \$500 to each subscriber. The work of shipping the bonds has proceeded up slowly to the present time, owing to the fact that all the smaller subscriptions had to be accepted first and the allotments made. This work has been practically completed, and the remaining subscriptions are in sums of from \$500 to \$5,000. Assistant Secretary Vanderlip estimates that all the bonds will have been delivered by September 15.

With very few exceptions no allotments for as large a sum as \$5,000 have been made. The number of small subscriptions far exceed the expectations of the department, and it was found when all of them had been examined that the \$200,000,000 limit had been reached before the \$5,000 subscriptions were taken up. The fact that many of the small subscriptions were found to have been sent by banks and others did not represent the investments of individuals, as contemplated by the law, caused a number of them to be rejected and enabled the department to accept a few subscriptions for \$5,000. Otherwise there would have been no allotments for so large a sum.

Governor Russell late yesterday appointed Adjutant David Clark, son of Justice Walter Clark, Captain of Company M. of the Second Regiment, vice Capt. J. W. Coomer resigned. Capt. Clark has many friends in Raleigh who will congratulate him upon his appointment.

Judge Thomas R. Purnell today appointed W. G. Briggs jury commissioner for this district of the Federal Court. This position was held by Judge Purnell until he went on the bench and was again made vacant when Mr. C. T. Hatley was appointed postmaster.

Justice M. B. Barber continues quite ill at his residence, No. 420 South Wilmington street.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Dusty Travelers From Dusty Trains.

SHORT STATEMENTS

Those Who are in the Public Eye—Movement of People Who Have or Have Not Gone to the War—Big News in Little Space.

Mr. J. B. Munson left the city this morning.

Mr. Percy J. Olive, of Apex, is in the city today.

Mr. H. W. Norris, of Apex, is spending today in the city.

Messrs. Cross and Linehan announce their opening for tomorrow.

Capt. John R. Smith spoke to the farmers at Washington, N. C., yesterday.

Mrs. L. M. Waring is reported critically ill at her home, 219 East South street.

Mr. Robert Lumsden left today for an extended trip to various Northern points.

Miss Fannie McPheeters is spending two months in the mountains of Virginia.

Old Ace has accepted a position as dispenser of drinks at the Carrollton bar.

Mr. Harry Heck will leave tomorrow for Greensboro and Asheville on a business trip.

Misses Mary and Ethel Norris has returned from a visit to Lynchburg, Va., and Greensboro.

Miss Annie L. Jones, of Baltimore, who has been visiting on North Blount street, returned to Baltimore this morning.

Mr. A. M. McPheeters was out on the street today after a confinement of several weeks by sickness.

The Superintendents of water works throughout the State will meet in this city September 13 to form a State Association.

Mr. C. A. Separk with the Seaboard Air Line wears a beaming countenance on account of the arrival of a fine boy at six this a. m.

Misses Willie and Nannie Allen, accompanied by their brother, J. Wayland Allen, of Raleigh are visiting in Rutherfordton, N. C.

Mr. Otto Wilson received a letter from his son in the first regiment at Jacksonville. His son has entirely recovered now and is doing well.

Dr. Center of the Secretary of State's office, has returned from Harnett county where he made a great speech before the Populist county convention.

Readers attention is invited to Messrs. Woolcott's attractive ad in today's issue. These gentlemen advertise great bargains. Read their "ad" carefully and note their prices.

The Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will meet in their Lecture Room Thursday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

Miss A. B. Young of Wake Forest, was adjudged insane by Justices H. H. Roberts and F. M. Purefoy, and placed in the North Carolina Hospital as a patient.

This afternoon the application for bankruptcy filed by Bartholomew of Nash county will be heard before Judge Purnell. Mr. F. S. Spruill, of Franklin county, represents the applicant.

The class of young ladies taught by Mr. Junius Smith in the Baptist Tabernacle will give a lawn party in the rear of the postoffice tomorrow night. The proceeds will go to the Sunday school library.

Mr. J. D. Carroll is displaying his characteristic progressive spirit by putting in a brand new outfit in his saloon on Wilmington street. He always keeps abreast of the times by advertising in the Times-Visitor.

Mr. C. B. Williams has returned from a visit to Boston and New York. He attended the sessions of the American Scientific Society in Boston and went to New York in time to witness the great naval parade. He formed an intimate friendship with Sampson and Schley.

Mr. J. C. Ellington, Jr., who was bookkeeper for W. H. & R. S. Tucker & Co. is now in his same chair with the progressive firm of Messrs. Dobbin & Ferrail. Mr. Ellington possesses good looks, good taste and is universally popular with the ladies. What more can he want?

Mr. J. W. Cherry, of Norfolk, who was invited to deliver an address before the Red Men of Raleigh at the celebration of their anniversary by the Osceola tribe, states that he cannot come before October; hence the celebration has been postponed until that time.