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25 CENTS A MONTH

## ESTERHAZY DEFENDED

### Capt. Lerond Makes Insinuations Against Picquart

### GONSE PROVED EVASIVE

#### Labori's Sharp Questions Were Too Much for the General—Fruitless Testimony of M. de Bregt

Rennes, Aug. 23.—Labori, Dreyfus' counsel, looked much stronger this morning at the trial. M. de Bregt testified that he met Dreyfus at a dinner party in the house of M. Bodson in Paris in 1886. Bodson then told him that he knew enough about Dreyfus to get him kicked out of the army.

Labori completely pulverized this witness by showing that he knew nothing that he could substantiate by evidence.

Captain Lerond defended Esterhazy saying that it was for him to know about the hydraulic brake mentioned in the bordereau. He then related how Col. Picquart assigned him to watch Esterhazy and the witness made insinuations against Picquart which that officer repudiated and disputed several times.

Esterhazy's evidence given to the court of cassation was read. Letters of Esterhazy were read stating that he understood General Faure's intervention following the receipt of these letters which led to Picquart's being sent to Tunis.

Gen. Gonse denied the statements in Esterhazy's letters reflecting on the general staff.

Labori asked Gonse what his eyes could excuse in the villainous acts taken to apprise Esterhazy of his danger from Col. Picquart's investigations.

Gonse refused to admit that improper means were taken. When he was asked if he would accept the responsibility of the acts of De Clam, Gonse answered evasively.

### END OF THE WORLD

#### Such a Report Causes a Panic in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—Reports from Southern Russia say that a current rumor of the approaching end of the world is causing a panic among the uneducated classes. The workmen are leaving Kharkov in large numbers, wishing to spend what they consider their last days in their village homes. The factory owners have asked the police to stop this emigration in order to prevent the ruin of business.

### HANGING TOMORROW.

#### Julius Alexander Will Be Hanged at Charlotte.

Julius Alexander, the negro convicted of an assault upon Mrs. Mullis, a white woman of Charlotte, will be hanged in the county jail there tomorrow. It does not appear that any effort for a pardon, commutation or reprieve has been made in his behalf. The scaffold upon which Mecklenburg county criminals are executed is a very simple affair—a beam, a rope and a trap—and can be put in readiness for use in half an hour, so the sheriff has but little to do in the way of preparation. Alexander realizes the gravity of his situation and abandoning hope, is preparing himself for the end. Several colored preachers visit him daily.

### PROGRESS OF THE POSTAL.

The Postal Telegraph Company has wired the towns of Greensboro, Salisbury, Concord and Charlotte—that is—it has erected the poles and strung its wires from the depot up town in each of these places. The coming of the Postal has been retarded by a succession of difficulties, all of which it has been steadily overcoming and it hopes to reach Charlotte by October 1. The Postal will open business here in temporary quarters, but it is understood that its permanent home will be in the handsome five-story building to be erected by Mrs. L. W. Sanders, between the Central and Buford Hotels.—Charlotte Observer.

### DIED ON A MULE.

Mr. William Casey, of Trap Hill, died suddenly last Sunday morning. He arose in usual health, ate breakfast, dressed for church, got on his mule and started alone. When about half a mile from the church some parties met him and noticed his head drooping, and on going to him found that he was dead.

### CHANGE THE DATE.

New York, Aug. 23.—The Dewey reception committee this morning adopted a resolution asking Admiral Dewey to arrive here September 28th instead of 29th.

### EUROPEAN RIOTS.

Amsterdam, Aug. 23.—The disturbances at Hilversum continued last night a mob stoned the troops which were occupying the town and valiantly charged the rioters with drawn swords. Finally the infantry fired upon the mob, killing one and wounding two. Quiet was restored at midnight.

### SPECIAL SERVICES.

A protracted meeting begins in Central M. E. church this evening at 8 o'clock. Christian workers and the public are very kindly invited. These meetings will continue from night to night for several days and it is earnestly hoped that they will prove a great blessing to the entire city. To this end it is hoped all will work.

### SIGN OF TROUBLE.

London, Aug. 23.—The banks here are receiving large deposits of money and stocks and valubles on French account. The banks in Brussels are being similarly loaded with French deposits.

### BURGLAR KILLED.

Englewood, N. J., Aug. 23.—Caretaker Peterson in Creighton and Farrar's boarding school, shot dead a burglar after a hard fight. When they discovered the burglar he dropped every thing and attacked Peterson with a pair of skates.

### THIEVES SHOT.

Urban, O., Aug. 23.—The corner held an inquest over the bodies of two negro thieves, shot by a policeman ten miles south of the city. They still harbor from Mayor Johnson. The police chased them ten miles. The thieves fired upon the police, but the latter fired with better aim.

### OPENING OF THE SEASON.

Al G. Fields Greater Minstrels Will Be the Attraction—Larger, Better, Grand-er Than Ever.

The coming theatrical season will be one of unusual interest. Many large and meritorious attractions are announced. Most people go to the theatre to laugh. Sweet singing and popular instrumental music are also magnets which have great drawing powers for the multitude.

Ministry seems to take a strong lead in the race the coming season. All the standard companies have augmented their forces for the coming season. These popular favorites, the Al G. Fields Greater Minstrels, are announced to open the season at the Academy of Music Wednesday, August 30th. Of course they will have something new and draw their usual big house. For these many years this company has been this city's favorite minstrel company. Indeed, but few theatrical companies draw the houses that our people give Al G. Fields and his popular show. The success attained by this organization proves that it pays to give the public good, clean, wholesome entertainment. Aside from the meritorious performance this company always presents, its cleanliness is one of its chief commendations.

Reserve will be on at Bobbitt-Wynne Drug Store commencing Friday morning, at 9 o'clock. Prices \$1.75c, 50c, and 25c.

### WAR CLOUDS GATHER

#### Preparations for the Struggle in Cape Colony Ready.

London, Aug. 23.—Officers are reaching the War Office from every volunteer regiment in the country expressing willingness to enter the British service in Cape Colony in case of war.

Birmingham, Aug. 23.—A firm here has received an order for fourteen million Mauser cartridges for urgent delivery in South Africa. Secrecy is observed regarding the exact destination, but it is said that the Boers alone use Mauser rifles in that territory.

Capetown, Aug. 23.—Mafeking horse regiment is mobilizing rapidly. Several hundred recruits arrived and were equipped here and joined the Vivians camp. Every train is bringing in fresh recruits and it is reported that three hundred Boers are formed at Langer on the border.

### MAN AND WOMAN MURDERED.

New York, Aug. 23.—The bodies of a man and a woman were found this morning in a vacant lot in Harlem, each with a bullet wound in the heart. They were identified as Josephine Engel and John Landover. He was thirty-five years old and she was fifteen. They lived in the same house. He was married and she was single. They had eloped.

### COTTON BIDS.

New York, Aug. 23.—Cotton bids—August, 82; September, 88; October, 92; November, 95; December, 11; January, 16.

## HAIL WAS LOCAL

### Storm Last Evening—Confined to this Section

### REACHED NORTHWARD

#### Lightning Struck Capt. Hood's Residence—Hail Heavy Near Millbrook—Due to Intended Band Concert.

The storm which visited this city about half past six last evening was largely local. No hail so far as can be learned fell south or east of here. There was no storm at Clayton, Cary or Durham. Hail, however, fell between here and the Millbrook section and more or less damage was done. Corn was blown down and some of the gardens were damaged.

The storm came up quite suddenly and most people were taken unawares. The wisest ones began to predict a storm shortly after 5 o'clock, although all was serene then, because they saw upon the street cars an announcement that the Wright Cornet Band would give a concert in the park. This band has been trying ever since June to serenade the public in the park and every single time the elements have prevented. Yesterday President Andrews asked The Times-Visitor about 3 o'clock to announce the concert "For," said he, "I believe all danger from storm today must be past."

Little damage was done in the city by the storm. Lightning struck the roof of Capt. W. H. Hood's residence and knocked a hole two feet large in the chimney, tumbling bricks down the chimney, and frightening the occupant of the house.

Mr. Thomas Pesend, Lieut. Settle and several others were in the swimming pool at the park and the hail pelted them so that they tried to seek shelter. Other persons in the park at the time ran for the house out there which was built for the city to afford protection at such times, and to their dismay found it was locked. They had to await until the storm was over and come back on the cars in a rather delapidated condition.

Local storms are much more common than usual in North Carolina this summer. Today's Charlotte Observer says:

"Farmers who were in the city yesterday from Paw Creek and Berryhill townships, brought news of a small cyclone that swept over their sections Monday afternoon. At Marion Hoover's house, five large trees were blown down, and on Capt. S. B. Alexander's farm fifteen or twenty peach trees were uprooted. At Chas. Gibson's house, the destruction of timber was very severe. A wagon that was standing under a shed in the barn yard was blown fifty feet away, the tongue plunging up a furrow half a foot deep. The county roads through Paw Creek and Berryhill townships were strewn with trees and fragments of limbs. Following the blow, there was a hailstorm that cut corn to shreds in many fields."

### FAIR TONIGHT AND THURSDAY.

For Raleigh and vicinity: Fair tonight and Thursday.

Local thunderstorm at Boston, Ed. eight, Macon and Port Eads, with the largest amount, 1.38 inches, at Boston. A moderate area of high barometer is central over the Lake region and Ohio valley with slightly cooler, generally fair weather in that vicinity. The pressure continues low on the middle Rocky Mountain slope, with cloudy, threatening weather and rain in the northwest. The highest temperatures recorded yesterday were 100 degrees at Oklahoma 98 degrees at Dodge City, and 96 degrees at Charlotte, Atlanta and other points.

### FOR THE NEEDY.

New York, Aug. 23.—The transport "McClellan" sailed today for San Juan, Porto Rico and Santiago, with sixteen hundred tons of provisions and clothing for the destitute, also with a detachment of recruits from Southern garri-sons, the soldiers returning from furloughs.

### "LET US PRAY FOR MORE WIDOWS."

An amusing incident comes as an echo from one of the District Conferences held recently by Presiding Elder Carraway. It was announced that nearly all the tent-holders at the coming camp-meeting at Muir's chapel are widows. "Brethren," said Brother Carraway, as he rose to his feet, "let us pray for more widows."

### COUNCIL HELD.

Berlin, Aug. 23.—A council of the Prussian diet was held this morning over which the Emperor presided.

"When you returned my book said you enjoyed it immensely." "Well, I did, for a fact." "I'm glad to hear it. But why didn't you cut the leaves?"—Chicago Record.

## A NEW SCHEME

### Plan for Haying Taxes Paid Earlier

### DEDUCT 1 PER CENT IN SEPT.

#### Democratic Aldermen Will Caucus on the Budget Prepared by Finance Committee.

The city finance committee has under consideration a plan which is calculated to secure funds for the city earlier this year than usual. The city tax book is all ready now and Tax Collector Lumsden is only waiting for his receipt blanks to begin work. This is the first time the books have ever been ready September 1st. However, since there is no penalty for failure to pay taxes before December 1st the city is not likely to secure much money by the payment of taxes before November.

Funds are wanted now, however, and the finance committee will probably adopt a plan which will make it to the advantage of the tax payer to settle up this month.

The following is the scheme:

One per cent off on all taxes for 1899 paid during September.

A half of one per cent off on all taxes for 1899 paid during October.

Nothing off of the taxes for those who settle in November.

The penalty on all who fail to pay their taxes by December first.

It is thought that the deduction of one per cent will cause many to settle in September.

Another thing, the finance committee is determined to secure revenue from some new sources this year. For instance various obstructions are permitted on some of the sidewalks. For instance, various buildings on Fayetteville, Martin, Hargett and Wilmington streets have an entrance into the cellar from the sidewalk, thus taking up several feet of the sidewalks. The cellars of other buildings extend under the sidewalk and are covered by iron grating. The ordinances of the city plainly says that in such cases, where any of the sidewalks are taken up, a tax of not less than twenty-five cents a foot or more than one dollar a foot shall be imposed. This has never been done, but the finance committee determined that these sidewalk privileges shall be taxed now. If any one was injured by falling into or stumbling over any of the things extending over the sidewalk then the city would be liable for damages.

The next meeting of the board of aldermen will be September 1st, Friday a week. Before then a caucus of the Democratic Aldermen will be held to pass upon the budget which will be submitted by the finance committee.

### "FRED MERRITT" DEAD.

The Faithful Jail Dog Expired This Morning.

"Fred Merritt," a large black dog, who for several years has been the mascot of the jail yard, died this morning suddenly in the street in front of the court house. Health Officer Sale was notified and the body was soon removed by the city.

"Fred Merritt" was a dog with a remarkable history. He came to this section with a show several years ago. When the show departed the dog was accidentally left behind and the company wrote for him and even offered a reward for his return, at that time. However, he could not be found then, but several weeks later made his appearance on Mr. Joe Roger's, then register of deeds, farm. Mr. Rogers brought him to Raleigh and presented him to his friend, Mr. Fred Merritt, of The News and Observer. Mr. Merritt prized the dog very highly and developed the canine's intellect to a marked degree. He got the jailer Mr. King to take care of him and Mr. King named him for his owner. When Capt. Page took charge the dog still remained at the jail and his name was not changed. It is thought that "Fred Merritt" was poisoned.

### EXCELLENT PLAN.

Postmaster Bailey Will Keep Delivery Window Open Longer.

Postmaster C. T. Bailey said today that he would from tomorrow keep the general delivery window at the post-office open until 6:30 p. m. instead of 6 o'clock. The postmaster says that this is done to accommodate laboring men who do not stop work until 6 o'clock. If it will benefit them it will be continued, but the postmaster says that it is an experiment and if he finds that the extra half an hour does not benefit the class it is intended for, it will be discontinued.

He—"I am rather in favor of the English than the American mode of spelling. She—"Yes?" He—"Yes, indeed. Take 'parlor,' for instance. Hering 'n' in it makes all the difference in the world."—Boston Christian Register.

Punctuality is the stern virtue of men of business, and the graceful courtesy of princes.—Bulwer.

## AROUND AND ABOUT

### Items of Interest Cleaned by the Wayside

### SHORT STATEMENTS

#### Familiar Faces From the Passing Throng—Movements of People You know—Snatches of Street Gossip Today.

Miss Ethel Norris has gone to Asheville.

Rev. A. J. Betts has gone to Richmond.

Mr. John Pullen has gone to Asheville.

Mr. Mac Eddings has gone to Richmond.

Rev. J. L. Burns left this morning for Goldsboro.

Mr. W. S. Herring, of Anclader, is in the city.

Mr. Ralph Eddings went to Louisville today.

Mr. T. H. Griffin left this afternoon for Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Frank Fuller, of Durham, arrived in the city this morning.

Mr. C. C. Daniels, of Wilson, arrived in the city this morning.

Mr. James R. Young and Miss Young left today for Asheville.

Mrs. Swindell and Miss Bettie Russ are at Fuquay Springs.

Mr. G. Edgar Leach went down to Panama Springs this morning.

Miss Myrtle Holder of Durham, is visiting friends and relatives here.

Col. M. T. Leach is out again after a week's attack of sickness.

Mr. Holly Glenn has returned from a visit to the western part of the State.

Mr. T. T. Pence, of the Morning Post, went down to Halifax this morning.

Mrs. C. G. Latta left today for Waterbury, Conn., where she will visit relatives.

The Weathers and Christian excursion carried a large crowd from here to Richmond this morning.

Miss Bettie Latham spent yesterday in the city and went to Washington, N. C. today.

Miss Mamie Norris left this morning for Boston, where she will spend several weeks.

Miss Eliza Mitchell, of Lancaster county, Va., is visiting at the home of Mr. C. W. Newcombe.

Mr. J. D. Boushall, Miss Annie Boushall and Mr. Grimes Cowper went to Asheville today.

Mr. J. T. Doyle, advance agent of Al G. Fields' minstrels left for Goldsboro this morning.

Miss Madge Leak, of Kernersville, is visiting Miss Lily Koonce, on Hillsboro street.

Miss Susie and Miss Margaret McPheters have gone to Durham on a visit to Mrs. James A. White.

Col. F. A. Olds, who has been taking an outing in the mountains of North Carolina, returned last night.

Miss Etta Evans, of Petersburg, who has been here, the guest of her uncle, Mr. Edward T. Marks, returned home today.

After one month spent very pleasantly at Shelby, Asheville and Blacksburg, S. C., Misses Francis and Bessie Fortune have returned home.

Mrs. W. W. Smith, Miss Janie Ward, Masters Louis and Gordon McDonald have returned from a week's visit to Fuquay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Atkinson, Mrs. Z. P. Smith and daughter, Miss Marian, and Misses Laura and Ellen King left today for Asheville.

Miss Mary Davis, of Louisburg, who has been visiting at the home of Dr. James McKee, returned home this morning.

The reserve seat sale this season will be on sale at Bobbitt-Wynne drug store. Seats for Al G. Fields Minstrels will be on sale Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

A lawn party will be given Thursday evening by the Alpha division of the Kappa Alpha at the home of Mrs. W. A. Myatt on Blount street. When you go on a car ride tomorrow evening be sure to stop at the lawn party for ice cream and cake.

The lawn party which was to have been given last night by the ladies of Brooklyn church, but which was prevented by the storm, will be given tonight on the lawn in front of the church. The public cordially invited.

W. M. Nicholas, of South Boston, Va., was in the city last night on his way to Hillsboro to open up the Alliance Tamper. Mr. Nicholas is a wholesale merchant in South Boston and he has pursued the business above mentioned.

He expects to open up at an early date and will use the latest known process in the art of tannery. Mr. Nicholas will go up this morning.—Durham Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Wyatt and Miss Annie Bledsoe left this afternoon for Asheville.

Berwanger Bros. have a specially attractive line of school children's clothing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Omondoro, of Sanford, spent the day here.

Commissioner S. L. Patterson returned to the city this afternoon.

Miss Elsie Riddick returned to the city this afternoon.

Messrs. J. E. Uzzle and Morton Uzzle left for Asheville this afternoon.

Mrs. R. H. Brooks and Miss Corrina Carver went up to Jackson Springs this afternoon.

Mr. Alex Stronach, Jr., of New York, is visiting his father, Mr. W. C. Stronach.

Let this and every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life, and let every setting sun be to you as its close; let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kind thing done for others—some good strength or knowledge gained for yourselves.—Stevenson.

Messrs. S. G. Ryan and Armistead Jones, attorneys for Mr. Joseph Haywood, today filed answer to the complaint filed against him by Messrs. Shepherd & Busbee, as attorneys for Mr. Charles Root, executor of the late Dr. Bennett Smedes.

### "MASKEE!"

What Does it Matter, Anyhow—It's All in a Lifetime—Let it Go!

Editor of the Charlotte Observer:

In occasional correspondence from the East I notice the use of a word that I believe is the most cosmopolitan and expressive term in any language. I refer to the word maskee (pronounced with the sound a), which is a common use among natives and foreigners from Bombay to Yokohama. The origin of the word is disputed, though it is generally thought to be East Indian. The term may be akin as the key-note of Eastern philosophy; it is as the "Kismet! Allah's will be done" of the Mohammedans. There is meaning in it of passive resignation to fate in great calamity, and in such ways it is used as our "never mind, it doesn't make any difference." It is the shibboleth of a quiet, firm life that plods steadily on a marked course, and it is the easy cry of small mind fretfulness against the frantic worries of life.

"It is becoming," says the Japanese merchant to his wife, "that I should inform thee, O woman with the sun-kissed eyes, that I am a bankrupt under old hope or redemption. This I regret for thy sake and mine. To keep honorable the name of my father's, and my own name, I, thy husband, must count hari-kari. See that thou and the children tarry elsewhere while I do this." With them the nerve tension does not snap; it is maskee with both. What's the use of protest. Fate is too strong. Maskee!

In China it is maskee when a perverted "open-door" policy suggests the near partition of the Empire. In this case the word means, variously, by incredulity, indifference, or conceit. Even after the battle of Wei-Hai-Wei, when in decisive fight the Japanese defeated the Chinese, the word was maskee from King-su to Hovan-and beyond. They could not help it. What need was there for struggling against destiny? Maskee.

The foreigner slips into the use of the expression as he breathes. It is his declaration against adversity, if he be anything of a philosopher; and he signifies maskee when his wife is over-long in dressing, or his servant is well-meaningly stupid.

The fatalist of a Gurkha in India mutters "maskee," as his life is swiped away with a Snyder bullet. It is the dumb sob of sorrow in famine or pestilence; it comes with the shrewd leer of the exposed fakir. The foreign sportsman speaks of a "punka" tiger, and consoles himself with "maskee" over an unsuccessful shot. From the palace to the sump and from crack culms to junk shops maskee seems to qualify the East—the East of dole for niente, where "the best is as good as the worst" and where liberality of thought and superstition are not considered contradictory. I. E. A. Greensboro, N. C.

### WISE AND OTHERWISE.

"I shall expect you to tell the whole truth," said the Justice to the colored culprit. "De whole trufe, uh?" "Yes." "Jedge, des gimme six months!"—Atlanta Constitution.

When a busy man gets to the point where he can't sit down for an hour and do nothing, it is time for him to take a month's vacation.—Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

A word to the wise is sufficient. Wise people keep their blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla and make sure of health.

### FIRST BALE OF THE SEASON

#### Mr. J. Walter Myatt of Johnston Brought First Bale to Raleigh Today.

The first bale of 1899 cotton arrived on the Raleigh market today.

The cotton was raised in Johnston county on the farm of Mr. J. Walter Myatt, brother of Mr. W. A. Myatt, of this city, and was brought to town by him.

Mr. Walter Myatt is one of the most successful and progressive planters in the State. This is shown by the fact that for a number of years he has brought the first bale of the season to Raleigh.

The bale was not put on the market today, but will probably be sold tomorrow morning.

Mr. Myatt will not receive the prize offered by Messrs. Sherwood Higgs & Co., since their prize is for the first bale received in Wake county and Mr. Myatt's farm is in Johnston.

### CIGARETTES "BEETLE"

#### A Destructive Insect That Tobacco Dealers Dread.

"Oh, no," said the tobaccoist to a customer, who had just handed back a package of cigarettes across the counter. "Those cigarettes are perfectly fresh. I received them from the factory less than a fortnight ago, but I am not surprised to hear you say they are old stock."

Each one of the cigarettes were perforated from one end to the other with small holes, and the paper had a yellow appearance.

"These holes," continued the merchant, so reports the Washington Star, "are the work of the most troublesome insect known to our trade. The entomologists at the Agricultural Department have a long scientific name for him, but to us he is known as the 'cigarette beetle.' He infests all sorts of tobacco, but appears to be especially fond of cigarettes. Thousands of cigarettes are ruined by the little pest, and he gets in his work on all kinds of dried tobacco.

"Nor is his peculiar appetite appeased by tobacco alone, for he feeds with equal relish on rhubarb, ginger, cayenne pepper, errot, tumeric and all sorts of stuff like that. The beetle damages cigars and cigarettes principally by boring them out and making round holes in the wrappers so they will not draw. Lent tobacco is rendered useless for wrapping purposes by being punctured with holes made by both the larvae and the beetles. Fillers and fine cut tobacco suffer from the reduction of their substance by the actual amount consumed by the larvae.

"There is one case on record where the beetle was accidentally introduced into a store by a shipment of plug tobacco. In a very short time—about three weeks, I think—the insect increased and almost took possession of the place. It entered the cigar cases and completely ruined a high-priced stock of goods. We are beginning to know how to deal with the pest, now, and don't suffer from it as much as formerly. This is the first package of cigarettes I've noticed the beetles in this season, and I've got to go right to work to put them out of the business.

STEAMER GOVERNOR RUSSELL To Be Sent Back to Boston—Death From Opium Poisoning.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 21.—Preparations are being made to at once take the ferry steamer Governor Russell, which, during the war with Spain, was purchased by the Government for service in Boston Harbor, back to Boston. The city of Boston, which formerly owned the steamer has, it is understood, sought her from the Government and she is being prepared for her trip north at this yard, where she has been for over a year. The price paid for the steamer was not ascertained. At a recent sale of Government vessels the city of Boston bid \$25,000 for the Russell, but the bid being \$10,000 under her assessed valuation, was not accepted.

A Government tug arrived at the navy yard today for the purpose of towing the collier Marcellus to New York. The collier will, as stated in The Sun, be fitted out with an appliance designated for coaling ships at sea. A great deal of interest is being manifested by naval officers in this new scheme and the experiments with the Marcellus will be closely watched. The schemes will, if successful, save much trouble which has heretofore attended the process of coaling ships at sea.

Capt. O. H. Rockwell, who is to relieve Capt. B. H. McCulla as executive officer of this naval station, reported for duty today. Captain McCulla will leave in a few days for San Francisco, where he will assume command of the cruiser Newark. Captain McCulla's departure is generally regretted here.

As briefly stated in The Sun, the District Swamp canal, extending from Portsmouth to South Mills, N. C., is now open to navigation. Messrs. Sanford, Brooks and other owners of the canal company left on the tug Ajax yesterday for South Mills, returning this morning. The trip was made safely.

The Ajax, a vessel of 94 feet draught, experienced no trouble traversing the waterways.—Baltimore Sun.