

ALL SORTS OF WAR TALK

A Senator Sent to Meet Lee.

TO MEET AT KEY WEST

THE COMMUNICATION TOO GRAVE FOR A CIPHER.

Among Offers of Service the South is Prominent--To Finish in Haste the Submarine Torpedo Boat Holland

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 23.—Senator Proctor, former secretary of war, has been sent by the President to meet Consul-General Lee on board the Cushing at Key West to-day or to-morrow. Lee's information is regarded as too grave to entrust to a cipher code. Senator Proctor arrived quietly this morning. A special train for Key West awaits him.

A NEW TORPEDO BOAT.

By Telegraph to The Times. Baltimore, Md., Feb. 23.—The Holland, a sub-marine torpedo boat being built here, will be completed this week in response to secret orders received from the government at Washington.

AUTONOMY A FAILURE.

By Telegraph to The Times. Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—Consul General Lee has reported to the President that autonomy is a dismal failure. The report which is detailed elaborately shows that Spain has failed utterly in its efforts to provide a new government, and that conditions so far as civil government are concerned, are even worse of than when Weyler's potentiality was the dominating force.

COURT OF INQUIRY.

By Telegraph to The Times. Havana, Feb. 23.—Members of the Court of Inquiry leave for Key West Saturday and Lee will probably return with them. The court expects to have covered half the ground of investigation this evening.

TO PURCHASE WARSHIPS.

By Telegraph to The Times. Washington, Feb. 23.—The Navy Department is looking over the list of warships which might possibly be bought from various governments with a view of probably purchasing some of them in the event of war emergency.

NEW YORK'S 14,000.

By Telegraph to The Times. Albany, Feb. 23.—Major General Roe, commander of the National Guard, had a long conference with Captain Miller, commander of the Naval Reserve, who came from New York for the purpose. He replied that New York could mass thirteen thousand eight hundred men in ten hours.

THE TERROR LEAVES.

By Telegraph to The Times. Norfolk, Va., Feb. 23.—The Monitor Terror left this morning for New York.

THE SOUTH TO THE FRONT.

By Telegraph to The Times. Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—The National Guards recruiting all over the country says that encouraging patriotic reports are received from each State, particularly the South.

WORKING WITH HASTE.

By Telegraph to The Times. New York, Feb. 23.—Officer Merritt, of the Wrecking Company, said to-day that the work is being pushed as rapidly as possible to raise the Maine.

NAVAL MILITIA OUT.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 23.—Under orders from Adjutant General Houston, the Naval militia of this city will leave to-morrow on a military mission and will proceed down the coast to locate signal stations at available points. The troops will be called for immediate service.

COSTA RICAN WAR.

Colon, Feb. 23.—The President of Costa Rica has announced that war with Nicaragua is inevitable.

THE TERROR PREPARING.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 23.—The Terror couldn't get stores aboard this morning. It is expected to sail this afternoon.

CUBA GOES OVER A DAY.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—Allen introduced his Cuban investigating committee resolution consideration. It went over till to-morrow.

IT MAY BE FATAL

Negro Yates Strikes Mr. Atkinson.

ATKINSON MAY DIE

WAS FOR A WHILE A FIGHT TO THE DEATH.

Mr. Atkinson's Skull Was Crushed and the Negro Has Skipped the County, Probably to Norfolk.

A telephone message was received at the Times office today from the home of Dr. J. J. L. McCullers, in Swift Creek township, this county, telling the story of what came near being a fight to the death near there about dark last night.

Mr. George W. Atkinson, the Surveyor, was struck on the head by the butt end of a gun, which was thrown by a desperate negro.

For some time Mr. Atkinson has had the negro, Rufus Yates, employed on the plantation and the darky has most of the time served about the stables and farm. Recently there arose some dispute about a settlement, the negro owing Mr. Atkinson a neat sum of money. Last night when Mr. Atkinson returned home the negro was waiting in the yard to the Atkinson home and had his hand on an immense gun. The negro at once engaged Mr. Atkinson in a dispute over the settlement, and used some unpleasant language, which Mr. Atkinson resented.

As Mr. Atkinson turned to go into the house the negro gripped his gun by the barrel and was in the act of striking when Mr. Atkinson sprang toward the house, phoning himself out of reach of the gun, as held in Yates' hands. The negro seeing that Mr. Atkinson was about to escape threw the gun at his victim, and by a slight move of his head, Atkinson's life was saved.

It was stated here this morning that Mr. Atkinson's skull was crushed, and that he would undoubtedly die from the effects of the blow. This, however, was denied over the telephone, and it was stated that while the injuries are quite painful, Dr. McCullers does not consider them dangerous.

Mr. Atkinson is well known in Raleigh. He is a surveyor by profession, and was a candidate for county surveyor at the last election.

The latest news from Swift Creek was received this afternoon, stating that the negro Rufus Yates has skipped the county and has probably gone to Norfolk. The police force here are watching for him, and the police of Norfolk and Portsmouth have been wired his description, and requested to keep a sharp lookout for him.

Mr. Atkinson is reported this afternoon as resting quietly.

WAS ON THE BATTLESHIP MAINE.

A gentleman passed through our city Sunday night on the vestibule train that was in the explosion of the battleship Maine.

At this moment the reader is saying to himself or herself that this is a lie. He was being talked to, of course, by a large crowd, who were anxiously listening to his talk. One of these gentlemen is in our city. While the ex-Maine man was talking to his audience, some "doubting Thomas" bantered him to show his credentials, which he deliberately did. He showed his "sheepskin," correctly signed by Capt. Sigsbee, and also a three-years furlough properly signed.

When this was shown, the matter was ended as to whether he was telling truth or not. He was in the ship at the time of the explosion, but soon made his escape. He was returning to his home in Maryland. He had been brought directly to Key West after the explosion.—Concord Standard.

MISS ALBRIGHT TO MARRY.

The following invitation has been received:

"Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Albright request your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Berta, to Mr. Junius Brutus Stroud, Thursday, March tenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, high noon, at their home, Albright, North Carolina."

Miss Albright is pleasantly remembered in Raleigh as a student at Peace Institute year before last. She has many friends here who extend congratulations to Mr. Stroud.

Mr. and Mrs. Stroud will be at home in Greensboro after March twenty first.

The regular meeting of St. Luke's Circle will be held tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock, at St. Luke's Home.

HE IS WANTED

Petersburg's Chief Wires for Ardell.

BUT HE IS HELD HERE

HIS TRIAL IS POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 4th.

Ardell Claims to Have Wealthy and Influential Relatives in New York City Who Will Back Him.

This morning Chief of Police Norwood received from D. Perkinson, Chief of Police, of Petersburg, Va., the following telegram:

"If you haven't a clear case against Hayes, give to us?"

This was seemingly the name by which Ardell passed in Petersburg, as the descriptions tally. But the accused will be held here for the present, as the case against him is considered to be clear.

This morning on his return from Pinehurst. His Honor, Mayor Russ postponed the preliminary trial to March 4th. The accused was remanded to jail to await counsel which he claims to have in New York. He claims, however, to have wealthy and influential relatives there, who, he says, will "stake" him through his trouble.

Meanwhile Ardell has retained Mr. J. C. L. Harris as his Raleigh attorney.

RALEIGH MEN SPEAK.

Officers of Carolina Benevolent Association at the Charlotte Meeting.

The Charlotte News which reached here this morning contains the following of interest to our readers:

"At the call of R. A. Grier, president of the Mecklenburg branch of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association, there assembled quite a representative crowd of Mecklenburg's best farmers in the court house at noon to-day. After the routine business which consisted of electing local officers for this branch the president announced that the Carolina Benevolent Association would ask the attention of the meeting in a discussion of its plan of business.

"Capt. S. B. Alexander, president of the association, in a few well timed remarks explained that after due consideration of the plans and purposes of this proposed insurance association that he had accepted the office of president because he regarded the plan as a step in the right direction. The question Capt. Alexander said had often been asked him why there had not been insurance companies started in the South and he had never been able to answer the question satisfactorily to himself. This he said was a home enterprise, based upon safe and solvent plans and provided indemnity to the people in a local way and incorporated some needed and attractive features which will enable the people to insure themselves at a nominal cost, and thereby keep the money at home.

"Capt. Alexander was followed by Mr. J. S. C. Carpenter, explaining the proposed plan.

"Capt. S. A. Ashe, secretary and treasurer of the organization in his well known versatile style said that while he was not an expert on the subject of insurance, that he was nevertheless a strong believer in insurance. He had given this subject careful consideration before accepting the position of secretary and treasurer.

"Hon. B. R. Lacy made a very happy speech in which he complimented the people of Mecklenburg and remarked that the launching of this plan of insurance at this place on Washington's birthday, was significant of success.

Judge James E. Shepherd stated that he was not here for the purpose of making a speech; that he knew very little about insurance except in a legal way. But that he was here to endorse the proposed plan. Judge Shepherd became quite eloquent in his remarks upon old Mecklenburg and the patriotism of her people.

"The British the directors met in a private meeting to elect a chief medical examiner and verify the by-laws of the association."

RICHEST IN THE STATE.

Buena Vista Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., of this city, is without doubt, the largest and wealthiest lodge of any secret order in North Carolina. It has now one hundred and seventy-two members, and owns in property and paraphernalia, money, etc., about fifteen thousand dollars. The lodge is still growing, and the members take pardonable pride in the showing made. There is work tonight in the 3rd degree, and all members are requested to be present.—Greensboro Telegram.

NOW THEY REGRET IT

Lucretia Maultsby is Free.

IS ON STRAW BOND

MR. ALEXANDER ATTEMPTED TO WITHDRAW THE WARRANT.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Think Public Print Unpleasant--The Nurse's Opinion of the Andersons.

Lucretia Maultsby is practically free, but it is not because she is believed innocent by her accusers.

The Russells, Sawyers and Andersons little imagined yesterday when they began the prosecution of the negro girl that they were to get equal prominence in the public eye, and not until the matter was the talk of the town was such a phase considered.

The money was recovered, and it was not found on the person of Lucretia, and she had denied any knowledge of the theft. She was sent to the station house, and later to jail to await a preliminary trial before the mayor.

This morning Major Alexander, the Governor's private secretary, visited Mayor Russ and attempted to withdraw the warrant, but this, Mayor Russ would not permit.

Later Mr. J. C. L. Harris saw the mayor and Lucretia was brought to the court room, where she furnished a "straw" bond, and later was liberated.

She will not go back to work, for Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, in the first place, because they do not want her service longer, and in the second place, because she says she is too good to work for anyone who will continue to testify falsely against her. Before she was released from jail she was asked to tell something about her life, and in answer to questions, she said neither her father or mother were living. She has no brothers or sisters. She came originally from Whiteville, and has served Mr. and Mrs. Anderson as nurse for about six months.

In reference to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, the Governor's guests, Lucretia spoke complimentarily of Mrs. Anderson, but speaking of "the Andersons," she said:

"They lives like rich people and acts they's better than other folks. Sorter uppity and stuck up."

"Have they treated you well?" was asked.

"Yes, Mrs. Anderson has been all right to me. I don't know any body in Raleigh, but them and they haven't sent me no message since I left. I am as innocent as I can be."

"The Andersons," she said, "appears to be the best folks at Hub and looks down on most people. They ain't so much though."

And as she finished the last words, and officer called from the jail door, "Lucretia Maultsby wanted at Mayor's Court."

This afternoon she is alone in Raleigh, and does not know a single person in the city, except those she considers her enemies—"the Andersons."

POPE LEO ON MARCH 3.

If the Pope lives till March 3 next he will have occupied St. Peter's chair for twenty years. Out of his 263 predecessors only eleven enjoyed a longer reign than Leo XIII. His 88th birthday falls on the previous day, so there will be grand oings at the Vatican to celebrate being expected.

SENATOR ALLEN'S SPEECH.

By Telegraph to The Times. Washington, Feb. 23.—Senator Allen attempted to introduce a resolution to-day to have the Senate investigate the Maine disaster. He made a strong speech in support of his resolution which stirred up war talk. It will go over until tomorrow, and the Senate will attempt to prevent debate, as it is felt on both sides that it is now time for silence.

THE ZOLA TRIAL.

By Telegraph to The Times. Paris, Feb. 23.—Laborie continued his plea, Zola saying the Ministers lied. He severely denounced high officials for condemning Dreyfus. There was a great uproar.

ESTIMATES OF RAILWAYS.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 23.—The War Department has on file reports from all Southern railways giving estimates of the number of men and quantity of munitions of war they could move in a given time at short notice.

THE ROAD LEASE

Conditions All Old Rates to Stand.

SPENCER IS HERE

AND OTHER SOUTHERN OFFICIALS IN CONSULTATION.

The Lambs and the Lions Lying Down Together--The Governor and the Big Southern Magnates.

Yesterday President Spencer was at a station in the Western part of the State hunting. With him were several of his Southern railroad associates. This morning his private car and another private car quietly rolled under the railroad shed in Raleigh on the early morning train from Greensboro.

Hunting was fairly good up west, but the game was too small; there was some game down about Raleigh that is much larger and much more desirable, so the gunning party of railroads located their car in Raleigh and by 12 o'clock to-day had flushed the Governor and his counsel and the whole shooting match was popping away at the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad.

The Southern officials had come a hunting into North Carolina before the New Railroad Commission reduced passenger rates and expected to bring them down before returning, but the Commission heard the rustling in the leaves did their work and fled away out of reach of the guns for the present at least, and so the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad is not yet leased, and still it might be said that it is leased. It is not leased, so the Southern officials say, unless the other lease fight is stopped, and unless the passenger rates are restored. It is leased or practically leased, provided the fight is stopped and the rates restored.

The Governor favors the lease, and is said to favor the conditions prescribed. The fight he can control, but the new order of the Railroad Commission is not so easily controlled right now. Caldwell and Pearson are not playing in the Governor's back yard, and whether the Governor furnishes counsel or not, it is said the new Commissioners will rely on public sentiment and the courts to sustain the new rates.

This is the story as given out, but there is another and a brighter story, backed by fairly reliable gentlemen, that the terms have been agreed upon and the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad is, or will within a few days pass into the hands of the Southern.

DEATH AT PEST HOUSE.

Old Man Harvey Perkins Died Yesterday Afternoon.

Harvey Perkins, the old negro man who was found on the road-side about three miles from town some days ago, suffering from a severe type of small-pox, died at the pest house to the south of the city yesterday afternoon shortly before 4 o'clock. News readers will remember that Perkins hailed two young men who were out bicycle riding and told them of the malady. They at once came to the town and reported the fact to the Board of Health. Dr. F. O. Hawley went out and examined Perkins and pronounced the disease small-pox. His diagnosis of the case was subsequently confirmed by Dr. Werthaker, the Marine Hospital expert.

As soon as Chief Orr learned of Perkins' death he had a grave dug in the woods beyond the pest house where the body was buried late yesterday afternoon.

The other cases at the pest house are getting along as well as could be expected and the physicians think that they will all recover.—Charlotte News.

WRECK OF THE ASIA.

By Telegraph to The Times. Provincetown, Mass., Feb. 23.—The tug Mercury arrived to-day bringing news that three men of the crew of the British steamer Asia were rescued yesterday, and taken from a piece of wreckage almost frozen. As soon as they could talk they said that the Asia struck a great round shoal off Nantucket during the gale Monday, Captain Dakin, wife and daughter are supposed to have perished with fourteen of the crew.

SUPREME COURT.

Appeals from the Third district: Tucker vs. Satterthwaite; argued by Jones & Boykin, and W. B. Rodman by brief for plaintiff; Jarvis and Blow and Bond and Fleming for the defendant. McGowan vs. McGowan (2 cases); argued by Swift Galloway and James E. Moore by brief for the plaintiff; Bond and Fleming and Thos. J. Jarvis for defendant.

RESPITE FOR EVANS

An Extension of Life Is Granted.

LIVE UNTIL MARCH 26

NEWLY DISCOVERED EVIDENCE THE CAUSE OF POSTPONEMENT.

Claude Dockery, Esq., Before the Governor To-day--Says he Don't Ask Pardon but Commutation.

John Evans' life is prolonged. This morning Mr. Claude Dockery, of Rockingham, appeared before the Governor in Evans' behalf and plead for another respite.

Evans was sentenced to be hanged January 26th, and a few days before the execution was to be pulled off Governor Russel granted a respite of thirty days, naming the day for the hanging as Saturday, February 26th. At the same time that the respite was granted a member of the council of State gave out as official the statement that no further action would be taken by the Governor, if the people of Rockingham continued in the same frame of mind. There had been no notice given concerning the Evans hanging until after this morning's visit of Mr. Dockery.

Three days from today was set for the fearful event, ad few believed any further action would be taken by Governor Russell.

This morning at 10 o'clock the reporters were given the following notice at the Executive office.

John Evans, Thirty Days. The Respite is granted because of a volume of newly discovered evidence filed and an inadequate time to consider it.

The date is set for March 26th. Mr. Claudius Dockery was seen this afternoon and asked what new evidence had been discovered. This, he said, he would prefer not to mention as yet.

LEE NOT COMING.

Havana, Feb. 23.—Lee denies his intention to leave for Washington.

SECRETARY ALGER BACK.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—Secretary Alger returned and took charge of the War Department to-day.

MARRIED TO-DAY.

Rev. J. L. Foster left on the 11:45 Southern Railway train for Garner where this afternoon at 4 o'clock, he officiated at the marriage of two popular young people in that town.

The bride is Miss Nellie Goodwin, daughter of Mr. Joe Goodwin, of Garner, and the groom is Mr. William Sanderford, a popular young business man. Mr. Foster will return to Raleigh to-morrow morning.

INSPECTING COAST DEFENSES.

New York, Feb. 23.—Major General Merritt, of the Department of the East, left to-day for the inspection of coast-defenses of the Atlantic coast south of New York the route to include Atlanta, Mobile, Pensacola, Savannah through. The aides announced that his trip was the regular annual inspection.

CAUSED A SENSATION.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—General Merritt's trip South caused something of a sensation among army officials. They believe his mission is of far greater importance than a regular annual inspection. It is stated by those in authority, that work on Southern fortifications is not progressing as fast as desired.

COME TO STAY.

A Joke on An A. & M. College Cadet Last Night.

A doughty and gallant young swain of the A. & M. College corps while paying his devoirs last evening to a charming young woman of this city, and one of Raleigh's belles, was aroused suddenly from his remarks by a knock at the door.

A black object appeared there in charge of a negro who had delivered his head as directed.

The family gathered around to examine what turned out to be the young man's trunk with a pair of shoes on top. The trunk had on it these words: "Come to stay."

The young man was wroth and confused, but like a true soldier kept command of himself, remembering the scriptural injunction: "He that controllth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city."

There was no harm meant and after a good laugh all around the young man returned to the college to whip the man who did it.

Meanwhile the trunk remains at the house where the young man was calling.