

REASON FOR DELAY
Ships Have Not Enough
Ammunition.

REPORT MARCH 20TH

NAVAL COURT OF INQUIRY RESUMED
HEARING AT KEY WEST.

Report Will Indicate Disaster Not From
Accident, but Will Not Show the
Spanish to Have Plotted.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Washington, D. C., March 1.—All the Departments and Congress have settled down to wait quietly until after the middle of the month for further developments. These two facts are regarded as certain. There will be no report until after March twentieth, and the second report will indicate that the disaster was not an accident. This does not mean it will show it to be a part of the Spanish. The reason for the delay is that the battleships haven't enough ammunition.

THE TIME HAS EXPIRED.
But McKinley Did Not Know Then that
Such Relations Would Exist.

By Telegraph to The Times.
New York, March 1.—The Evening Journal's Washington special says the time allowed by McKinley's ultimatum to Spain for ending the war with Cuba expired at midnight. According to the terms in a note transmitted to the Spanish government through Minister Woodford, Spain was to make a success of autonomy with Cuba before March first, or the United States would intervene. Autonomy accordingly ordered and Gen. Lee says it is a hideous failure. Cuba is not pacified. The United States must intervene. It is known here that for some time representatives of Spain have made every effort to secure an extension of two months. They have claimed that if the day of accounting could be put off until beginning of the rainy season autonomy in Cuba would become a fact. The administration officials admit the time allowed for Spain's closing the war has ended but refuse to divulge the President's attitude on the subject.

SPAIN IS ANXIOUS.

Washington and New York Correspondents Sending Out Sensational Gossip.
By Telegraph to The Times.
Madrid, March 1.—There is now greater anxiety visible regarding the verdict of the United States Naval Court of Inquiry into the loss of the Maine than was apparent a week ago. A constant rumor of possible hostilities are harassing and weakening the government and also trying the patience of the "Jingo papers" which publish exhaustive despatches from New York and Washington, to the effect that the relations between United States, Cuba and Spain are hourly becoming more strained and attributing to McKinley a series of anti-Spanish declarations. Admiral Benmezjo Minister of Marine is actively seeking the best means to procure additional war ships.

PROCTOR SEES BLANCO.

Will Visit the Cuban Provinces With
Clara Barton's Manager.
By Telegraph to The Times.
Havana, March 1.—A strong breeze is blowing to-day and active preparations continue for the public welcoming of Vizcaya. Senator Proctor, after a visit to Gen. Blanco to-day will take a trip over provinces, probably first going to Pinar del Rio. He will accompany Clara Barton's business manager. The steamer Montevideo sailed last night with five hundred soldiers on board. Some invalidated, others time expired. No word from the divers thus far today of any work of importance.

THE COURT OF INQUIRY.

Most of the Officers Reported for Re-examination To-day.
By Telegraph to The Times.
Key West, March 1.—The second day's session of the United States Naval Court of Inquiry into the loss of the Maine began in the United States court shortly before ten o'clock this morning. Most of the officers examined yesterday reported for re-examination having been notified that they might be recalled. The court sat in the private room of Judge Locke.

CABINET MEETING.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Washington, March 1.—The Cabinet meeting is the centre of interest. It seemed after the meeting that the indemnity plan is losing favor.

WILL SPEAK NO MORE.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Washington, March 1.—The government officers are not going to speak further in regard to the sinking of the Maine until the official report is given out.

U. S. BUYING WARSHIPS.

London, March 1.—It is reported here that an agent of the United States has almost completed arrangements for the purchase of two warships. No details as to purchase are given.

PREPARATIONS FOR WAR.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Cleveland, O., March 1.—The Otis Steel Co., has received instructions from Washington to construct four gun carriages. These are to furnish mounts for the big battleship guns. The Rhodes and Beidler Coal Co., has contracted to furnish three hundred thousand tons of coal for immediate shipment to Florida. Dr. Gatling's big coast defence gun will be removed from the Cleveland City Forge and Iron Works to the Otis Steel Works to-morrow and in two weeks will be sent to Washington to be rifled.

LA CHAMPAGNE'S HOODOOS.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Portland Maine, March 1.—The train with La Champagne's passengers is three hours behind time. It will arrive in New York this evening.

LOST IN THE GALE.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Adelaide So. Aus., March 1.—During a gale wave swept second officer and fifteen sailors of the French gun boat overboard.

INJURED BY TROLLEY CAR.

By Telegraph to The Times.
New York, March 1.—Jennie Reed and six children attending her private school were knocked out of a wagon by a trolley car to-day all receiving severe injuries.

GUN BOAT SUNK.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Sydney, Aus., March 1.—During a hurricane the French gun boat "Loyalty" was sunk. New Caledonia was devastated.

MARTIN TO TESTIFY TO-DAY.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Wilkesbarre, March 1.—Sheriff Martin will testify for the defence late this afternoon.

CUTTING PASSENGER RATES.

Fifty Per Cent Cut by Northern Pacific to Meet Canadian Competition.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Chicago, March 1.—The Northern Pacific and the Great Northwestern Railway made a fifty per cent cut in their rates to the Northwest this morning to meet Canadian competition.

TO RETURN TO HAVANA.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Havana, March 1.—A Naval official said the court of inquiry would return to Havana on the "Marblehead" or "Nashville" instead of the Coast Survey boat, "Bache."

COAL MEN STRIKE.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Columbus, March 1.—President Farmer of the Ohio Miners Organization says strike of the Ohio miners is apt to be first and seems inevitable. The Ohio operators have decided they cannot pay the same wages as are paid by Western Pennsylvania have ordered the Chicago conference to refuse to sign scale. The men will insist.

A TERRIFIC COLLISION.

Conductor McNeill Knocked Senseless.
(Fayetteville Observer.)
Yesterday morning at 12:25 o'clock the people in the neighborhood of the A. C. L. coal shuttle were awakened by a tremendous crash, as were also many people in different parts of the city. It was the coming together of two sections of the local freight train, which had parted company somewhere between here and Hope Mills. There is a down grade coming this way for several miles from the point of collision, and it is supposed from the great speed of the detached cars, four in number, that they had been running wild for almost if not fully this distance. When the crash came, Conductor J. S. McNeill, of this city, who was standing in his caboose, was hurled violently against the side of the car head foremost and knocked senseless. It was several hours before he recovered consciousness and grave fears were entertained for his life. We learned from his physician this afternoon, however, that all danger is past and he will recover. One freight car was smashed to pieces and several others more or less wrecked.

TO FIGHT FOR GLORY

Services Tendered to the Governor.

PATRIOTIC LETTERS

CAPT. J. W. ST. JOHN, OF WILMINGTON, TO THE FRONT.

Col. Geo. H. Hill, of Charlottesville, Va., Formerly of Wilmington, Wishes to Serve North Carolina.

"It is sweet and honorable to die for one's country."
Patriots are now filing letters with the Governor tendering their services to the State and nation in case of war between the United States and Spain. Whether these letters were attracted by the late private secretary's title or by the recent appearance of a Fort's Chaplain is unknown but this morning they came on every train and among them was a letter with a patriotic call for glory from Mr. George H. Hill, of Charlottesville, Va., an old school fellow of Governor Russell. He writes tendering his services and speaks in glowing terms of his record during the war as Colonel of an Artillery Battalion. The following letter was also among the number:
Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 27, 1898.
To His Excellency, Hon. Daniel Russell, Raleigh, N. C.
Honorable Sir:—I desire to offer you my services in case the National Guard of this State are needed. I have had considerable experience as you will see by my record which is as follows
Enlisted as private 33rd separate Co. New York National Guard, 1879; 2nd Lieut., March, 1888; 1st Lieut., April, 1890; Captain, July, 1892; Hon. Discharge, September, 1896.
I am well posted and up-to-date in the latest array tactics and manual of arms and feel competent to command a Battalion and would esteem it an honor to receive a commission from you.
I think you will remember me as I first had the pleasure of meeting you in the Republican Headquarters the night you were elected and also called on you in Raleigh last winter. I can furnish you with the best of references from New York should you desire it.
Hoping to be favored with a reply and with regards, I am
Respectfully yours,
J. W. ST. JOHN,
Late Captain 33rd Sep. Co. N. G. N. Y.

DID NOT BEGIN TO-DAY.

250 Persons Pay the New \$1.00 Tax to Health Officer Sales.
The City Garbage Wagons will not begin their tour of the city until March 15th though there is a possibility of their beginning work on the 10th inst. City Health Officer Sale to-day received a letter from the manufacturers of the air-tight barrels, saying that 25 barrels proved to be faulty and that it would probably be the 15th inst., before the new ones could reach Raleigh. The wagons, drivers and other necessary paraphernalia were ready to begin work to-day. Over 250 citizens filed into the mayor's office this morning and paid the required \$1.00 tax that the city might conduct this new work which is to be a great blessing to the whole of Raleigh. The citizens need not be disappointed. It is no fault of Mr. Sales that work was not begun to-day and as soon as possible he will have the garbage wagons on their rounds doing active work.
READY TO FIGHT.
Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn Tenders His Services to the State.
The anti-Spanish sentiment in this State is certainly strong, and the war feeling runs high. Ex-Judge Phillips of Tarboro, says that is the case in his section, and that volunteers in almost any number can be raised in North Carolina. Colonel William H. S. Burgwyn has written Gov. Russell the following letter, which has the true American ring about it. In view of the possible declaration of war between this country and Spain, and a call upon you by the President to furnish North Carolina's quota of troops for that purpose, I have the honor to tender you my services to raise a regiment of infantry, composed of the sons of Confederate soldiers, to serve in that war." Col. Burgwyn was in the civil war, and afterwards commanded the widely known Fifth Regiment, National Guard of Maryland. Ex-Adjutant General James D. Glenn, now on the retired list, offers his services to the Governor in any capacity.
A telephone message from Selma received at the Times office, this afternoon could give no further news concerning the reported small pox cases.

NO REQUISITION YET.

James C. Langdon in Norfolk Still Awaiting the Papers.

Everyone is anxious for James C. Langdon to be brought to Raleigh at once. He is wanted in about ten towns and for about 30 forgeries.

Saturday the Governor of Virginia received the request of Governor Russell for requisition for Langdon and has held the matter up for some reason unknown to the authorities here.

This morning Chief of Police Norwood received a dispatch from Officer Haynes, who was sent to Portsmouth to bring Langdon back, stating that no papers had as yet been received. A telegram was to-day sent the Governor of Virginia requesting him to approve the requisition papers as soon as possible. Langdon may not arrive in Raleigh before Saturday.

TO BUILD AT ONCE.

All Occupants Moving from the Tucker Building.

This morning the office furniture and all papers were moved from the office of Mr. W. R. Tucker and the other occupants of the Tucker building on Fayetteville street near Martin began moving.

The Seaboard Air Line's office will be moved this afternoon and to-morrow morning they will begin their labors again at their old stand in the Yarbrough Building, where Messrs. Leard, Smith and Gattis will be ready to serve their patrons.

G. N. Walters' Tailoring Establishment was to-day moved to the store formerly occupied by R. A. White, the grocer.

The work of destroying the present building will begin this week and by July 1st the new two story building will be completed. The new building is to have a store and office on the first floor and several offices on the second floor.

PAID IN TO-DAY.

Insurance Licenses and Taxes for the Month of February.
The Secretary of State, Dr. Cyrus Thompson this morning delivered to State Treasurer Worth \$17,049.48 as the amount paid into his hands by the Insurance Companies doing business in North Carolina. This is the best season of the year for insurance licenses and taxes and the amount paid over this morning is above the average monthly payment. During last year about \$90,000 was received from these sources and the report for the month of February did not reach the figures of to-day by several thousand dollars.

JR. O. U. A. M.

Regular meeting of the Raleigh Council, No. Jr. O. U. A. M., this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Report of representatives to State Council, and other important business. Every member urged to be present.

CHURCH ORGAN RECITAL.

To-morrow Evening's Programme at the First Baptist Church.

This evening there will be an organ recital at the First Baptist church and music lovers are promised a rare treat.

There is no admission charge but a collection will be taken for the improvement society.

The recital begins promptly at eight o'clock and the following programme will be rendered:

- PART I.
1. Voluntary.
2. Prayer—Dr. Carter.
3. Chorus—The Belfry Tower—(Haddon).
4. Solo—The Hearerly Song—(Grey). Miss Mary MacKay.
5. Duet—Peace to this Dwelling—(Smith)—Miss Nowell, Mr. Newcombe.
6. Organ Solo—Offertory in a Major—(Batjate)—Miss Lula Holden.
7. Solo—I Know That My Redeemer Liveth—"Messiah"—Mrs. D. S. Hamilton.

PART II.

- 1. Quartet—Come Unto Me—(W. F. Strong)—Misses Simpson, Nowell, Messrs Newcombe and Boykin.
2. Solo—His Loving Kindness—(A. F. Lowd)—Mr. Edward H. Baker.
3. Organ Solo—Oh Holy Night—(Dudley Buck)—Mr. Sam Parrish.
4. Judith—(J. Concone)—Mrs. G. W. Bryant.
5. Offertory—(a) communion in F; (b) offertory in B—(Batistie).
6. Solo—Selected.
7. Chorus—King of Kings—(Simper).

The Illinois State Register publishes a good picture of Mr. S. K. Strother, editor of the Taylorsville Courier. Mr. Strother is a Raleigh boy, related to S. V. House, J. S. Wynne, Wm. Wynne and others. He is a true son of the Old North State who is winning success in his new home.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Important Happenings in and about the City.

FOR 'BUSY READERS

INTERESTING EVENTS OF TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

What is Heard on the Streets and Jotted Down in Our Note-Book--Personal and Otherwise.

Dr. Abbott has gone to Baltimore on a business trip.

Judge Armistead Burwell is at the Yarbrough.

Mr. O. H. Dockery, Jr., returned this morning from Rockingham.

Miss Ell Greene, of Wilson, is visiting Miss Ell Kirby at the State Hospital.

Solicitor E. W. Pou is in Raleigh to-day.

Mr. W. P. Rose, of Wilson, is registered at the Yarbrough.

Mr. Kope Elias is in the city. He is just recovering from an injury to his foot sustained from a falling horse.

Mr. J. C. Heimier left for Wilmington this morning to visit his father, Mr. J. C. Heimier, who is critically ill.

Mr. Sherwood Higgs left last night for New York to buy a second supply of spring stock.

Marshall H. C. Dockery returned this morning from Rockingham, where he spent Sunday.

Mr. H. T. Brimley left this morning for Newbern to look out for new exhibits for the State Museum.

Next Sunday night the Home Missionary Society will hold a meeting in the First Presbyterian church.

Kope Elias, Esq., of Macon county, who has been here several days left this morning for the Newbern Fair.

Dr. Cyrus Thompson, Secretary of State, left to-day for Newbern, where he will deliver an address during the week.

State Geologist J. A. Holmes was here to-day. He left at 11:45 for Newbern to attend the Foresters Association in that city to-morrow.

Until Friday a special train on the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad will leave Goldsboro for Newbern every morning at 8 o'clock.

Miss Cannon, of Concord, passed here yesterday on her way home. She has been visiting Miss Mattie Lee at Goldsboro.

Miss Henrietta Hastings, of Massachusetts, who has been at the Yarbrough, the guest of Mrs. Philip Williams Avirett, left this morning for Kittrells.

Prof. W. L. Potat, of Wake Forest College, is in the city. He read an able paper before the Monday Evening Club at Mrs. Hollenman's last night.

Saturday night Hornonckle's grocery store was entered and \$25 worth of groceries were stolen. No clew has as yet been found.

The Rescue Circle of King's Daughters meets at Mrs. James McKinamon's this (Tuesday) afternoon, March 1st, at 4:30 o'clock.

The State Auditor to-day issued the first of the fiscal year's quarterly payments to the University and a warrant was given to Mr. R. H. Battle, Secretary for \$1,250.

Mr. William McI. Yates, of Chatham county, and Miss Maggie Barbee, daughter of County Commissioner Barbee, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents near Morrisville Sunday.

Rev. O. L. Stringfield, of Raleigh, filled the pulpit at the Baptist church in High Point Sunday morning and night. He preached two excellent sermons.—Greensboro Telegram.

Secretary Ramsey, of the Agricultural Department left to-day for Washington to attend the National Pure Food and Drug Congress as a representative of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station.

In the Mayor's court this morning D. C. Mangum was fined \$25 for disorderly conduct and the Mayor is considering the matter of sending him to court. Last night while on a spree Mr. Mangum raided the house of Dave Thompson, a respectable colored man.

The telephone line which now connects Raleigh with Selma, Smithfield, Dugan, Pine Level, and other points in Johnston, Harnett and Wake counties, will in a few days be extended on to Goldsboro. The line is at present furnishing an excellent service.

Mr. F. O. Moring, secretary and treasurer of the Caraleigh Cotton Mills, says that he wants forty more hands in the spinning room. The mills will be run on extra time at night. Sixty are now employed in the spinning room and this room may be doubled at an early date.

AN EVENING WITH DICKENS.

The Monday Evening Club Guests at Mrs. Hollenman's Elegant Home.

Last evening at the residence of Mrs. R. E. Hollenman, on Hillsboro street, the Monday Evening Club and its guests were present at the season's most successful meeting.

There is perhaps no organization in any Southern city which so thoroughly answers the purposes of its organizers as does the Monday Evening Club and among its members are Raleigh's most cultivated people.

Charles Dickens was the subject of the meeting and the two papers which gave promise of such interest were by Justice Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court, and Prof. W. L. Potat, of Wake Forest College.

Mr. Henry Briggs read "The beggling letter writer" an interesting descriptive story which was greatly enjoyed.

The Monday Evening Club, though their main object is for literary research, adds to the pleasure of each evening's programme by instrumental and vocal solos. Misses Mary and Kate Denson rendered "The Flower Song," as a violin and piano duet.

Prof. Potat was then introduced to the club and his subject, "The Literary Aspect of the Scientific Revolution," was announced.

Prof. Potat expressed himself as highly pleased to find such an organization, in so flourishing a condition as the Monday Evening Club. His paper, he said, was not directly in connection with the subject of the evening "Dickens," but as that author was a jewel in the Victorian Age, of which his paper treated, it would act as a side light and show the advancement made by the sciences during that period. It was a carefully prepared paper containing much of interest and showing that much original research had been made.

Miss Hughes sang "Of Thee I am Thinking," and her piano accompaniment was by Miss Mary Dinwiddie.

Justice Walter Clark's paper on "Charles Dickens" was a literary gem. He carefully compared the works of others of the age and his every word was thoughtfully heard by those present. Judge Clark used several of Dickens' characters as illustrations and in pleasant manner showed how we meet with the same people to-day. His paper was greatly enjoyed.

"Gavotte In Gray," a beautiful little song was sung by Mrs. Charles McKinmon, her accompaniment by Miss Higgs. It was delightfully rendered as are all of Mrs. McKinmon's selections.

The evening's entertainment closed with a reading from "Pickwick Papers" by Miss Pattie Montgomery. "A pleasant day with an unpleasant termination," was her selection and though the subject in no manner applied to the club's climax it was a fitting climax for the programme, leaving the club and the guests in a jolly mood for reflection.

MR. J. P. WRIGHT DEAD.

Passed Away Peacefully at his Home Late Yesterday Afternoon.

At six thirty o'clock yesterday afternoon Mr. James P. Wright, who lives on the corner of South and Salisbury streets, passed away after a lingering illness of many months.

Mr. Wright came here with his family from Richmond about five years ago and has been an employee of W. F. Wyatt and Son.

He was a consistent member of the Baptist church and was a faithful christian worker.

He leaves a wife and several children to whom the sympathy of a large circle of friends is extended.

The funeral services will be held from the Fayetteville street Baptist church to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

COMING TO RALEIGH.

J. H. Sullivan left to-day for Raleigh, where he has accepted a position with the Bell Telephone Co. John has many friends here who regret to have him leave, but wish him much happiness in his new home.—Durham Herald.

SUPREME COURT.

Cases from the Fourth district disposed of:

State vs. Hester, argued by Attorney General for the State; Battle and Mordecai and Argo and Snow for defendant.

State vs. Robertson, argued by Attorney General for State; Argo and Snow for defendant.

Smith vs. Thompson, argued by Douglas and Holding for plaintiff; MacRae and Day, Jones and Boykin for defendant.

Moseley vs. Cross, argued by W. C. Douglass for plaintiff; Argo and Snow for defendant.

WARNING.

All parties are hereby warned against harboring my wife, Maggie Howard, who has left my bed and board, either giving her food or shelter.

J. E. HOWARD.

Rapahoro, N. C.