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THE MAINE DISASTER

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WILL TELL NOTHING

THE FUNERAL EXERCISES IN KEY
WEST TO BE MOST ELABORATE.

Senator Proctor Goes to Matanzas With
Clara Barton--Divers at Work--
Bodies Blown to Pieces.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Key West, Fla., March 2.—The fact is becoming more evident as the days pass that the information direct from the members of the United States Court of Inquiry into the loss of the Maine from those appearing before it is guarded with unusual closeness and practically no information which has been presented to the court has been disclosed. The restrictions are so severe that communication between naval men who have been before the court is also most strictly guarded. The Naval officers not connected with the court express the view that very little testimony has been heard tending to show the explosion to be a result of conspiracy or even to indicate the exact cause of the disaster.

TO BURY OUR DEAD.
Preparations for To-morrow's Funeral Exercises at Key West.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Key West, Fla., March 2.—The preparations are being made to-day for the funeral to-morrow over the dead Maine victims brought here from Havana. It will be of the most elaborate character, the crew of every man of war in the harbor will march behind the remains and the procession will be a most imposing one. The band of the Flaggship New York will lead the funeral. Behind will come the survivors of the ill-fated battleship. Only the stars and stripes will be carried.

DEAD BLOWN TO PIECES.
The Divers Working After Dead Bodies in Vain.

Havana, March 2.—The city is quiet to-day, though the public and private greetings to the "Vizaya" are not lessened in fervor. The divers are working hard upon the wreck and it is feared many of the dead bodies were blown to pieces, which accounts for the failure to find them. Senator Proctor has gone to Matanzas where he will spend the day accompanied by Clara Barton, and Mrs. Ward. The trip will easily be made in one day and eight hours will be spent at Matanzas.

TO CENSURE LONG.
Secretary of the Navy's Opinion not to be Tolerated.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Washington, March 2.—Secretaries Sherman and Gage had a long consultation with the President to-day. The Evening Journal special from Washington says Secretary Long was severely censured for his expression that Spain could not be held responsible for the Maine disaster. In this connection it is notable that the Secretary is not supported in his opinion by any experts or high officials. The department and Congress are inclined to censure the Secretary of the Navy and a resolution to that effect is expected to-day.

DIVERS OUTSIDE AT LAST.
Work for the First Time Outside the Maine's Hull.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Havana, March 2.—The Merritt company's wrecking divers began their work outside of the Maine's hull for the first time to-day. The divers went down over the new forty foot ladders. Henceforward, under Capt. Sigbee's orders one of the divers' business will be recovering the bodies and the others will work at exploring and raising the vessel.

TWO SHIPS COMMISSIONED.
By Telegraph to The Times.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 2.—The officers of the Monitor "Miantonomoh" and the Ram "Katahdin" have been selected. Both go into commission March tenth. The "Monitor" will be used to defend New York harbor. The "Katahdin" will join Admiral Sigsbee's fleet.

QUAY FOR INDEMNITY.
By Telegraph to The Times.

Pittsburg, March 2.—Before leaving for Washington to-day Senator Quay said: "Even if the Maine was destroyed by an external agency I don't see the cause for war in that the matter could be settled by indemnity."

IS IT BLACKMAIL?

Who Desecrated the
Monument?

BELL NAMES A MAN

ALL SORTS OF CHARGES PROBABLY
BE BROUGHT AGAINST BELL.

Character Witnesses Galore--Bell Can
Not Be Found--Young Man on \$100
Bond--The Trial Friday.

Late yesterday Henry Bell filed with Mayor Russ an affidavit in which he charges a young man of prominence in Raleigh with the outrageous act of desecrating the Confederate monument. The young man who Bell alleges committed the act in his presence is popular in this city and comes from a family whose standing socially in Raleigh is not surpassed. The young man Bell is not well known in Raleigh. He is not popular and his act in making these charges has not been met favorably by those who have heard it.

It is openly stated by many that the charges are false and others openly assert it to be blackmail. The preliminary trial was to have been held this morning in the Mayor's court, but when the hour arrived Bell was not present and though officers have searched for him all day as yet he has not been found. It is believed by some that Bell will be absent from court, but it is understood the young man wishes Bell to come into court and have the trial.

Everything that has so far come to light is favorable to the young man and the probabilities of clearing him are so favorable as to cause withholding his name. It would take some time to recover from the publicity which in all probability would be stating facts in a malicious prosecution. That is the one side of the matter. The other was told by Henry Bell in an affidavit which contains language too filthy for public print. In the affidavit Bell states his side. He says that there is a verse on the monument which reads "Just after the battle" and that the young man said he would make an illustration of "Just before the battle." After completing the sketch, he says, the young man laughed and walked away. Bell cannot remember the late and gives his reason for making the affidavit as follows:

"I cannot longer see the perpetrator so unpunished. I thought it was outrageous at the time." Says he is seeking a reward and simply wishes to relieve his conscience. The matter will come up for trial Friday in the Mayor's court.

RUSSELL'S PLAN.
Otho Wilson Tells Something About the
Governor Now Party--Some Spicy
Talk.

S. Otho Wilson, the irrepressible and interesting Populist statesman, was in the city last night on his way to Raleigh. "What do you think of Governor Russell's political future?" I asked him. "It can be summed up in a few words, he replied. 'Russell is working for Democratic-Populist fusion. He stated that he believed he could count on controlling from twelve to fourteen county Republican conventions. He knows that he cannot control the Republican State convention and his purpose is to withdraw from the convention and unite with the Hale-Webster Democrats and Populists. Now let Mr. Russell deny this if he will.'"

"Will Butler lead the Populist forces this year?" I then asked him. "Butler is neither leader in the State nor nation of the Populist party," he replied. "He advocated fusion with the Democrats on congressional elections and will come to North Carolina and try to get on the winning side. But he can never lead the Populist party again. Why does he leave Hal. Ayer, a man avowedly opposed to Democratic-Populist fusion in control as editor of his paper when he assumes to support such fusion? Simply to have a loophole of escape."

Mr. Wilson will fight for Republican-Populist fusion this year and gives as his reason that the Democrats are trying to absorb the Populists.—Salsbury World.

JOHNNY WILD DEAD.
By Telegraph to The Times.

Troy, N. Y., March 2.—"Johnny Wild" the old time black face comedian died here to-day.

1500 RECRUITS.
By Telegraph to The Times.

Constantinople, March 2.—The Russian steamer "St. Petersburg" passed through Bosphorus with fifteen hundred recruits for the "Vladivostok."

CONVICT AT HOME

Tom Roberson Allowed
His Freedom Sunday.

MANAGEMENT TOO LAX

THE SEDUCER OUGHT TO BE KEPT
IN CONFINEMENT.

Seymour Chamblée, Son of the County
Commissioner, Took Roberson
Home on Saturday.

Tom Roberson, of Wake county, who was convicted at Wake Superior court for the seduction of Miss Julia Hester and sentenced to a term in the work house, spent last Saturday and Sunday at his own home in this county without guard.

On Saturday, Seymour Chamblée, who is employed at the work house, took Roberson to his home and gave him his liberty until Sunday night or Monday morning. Roberson visited around the neighborhood and acted as if he were not serving out his sentence for a base crime.

When the news reached Raleigh to-day there was much indignation expressed that the management of the home should permit such a violation of prison regulations.

Young Chamblée is a son of County Commissioner Chamblée, and was appointed to his position by Superintendent Ray.

One of these fine mornings Roberson will turn up missing and then Ray and Chamblée will be saying they did all they could to keep him.

Already fifteen prisoners have escaped since Ray became superintendent of that work house and the wonder is that Roberson did not leave when he was given such a good chance.

HE WENT AWAY HAPPY.
Richard Pool Got Drunk on Ten Cents
But Still Has His Six Years Savings.

Yesterday Richard Pool, a farmer who lives near Shotwell, this county, came to Raleigh and with him brought \$100 in cash which he says is his savings for six whole years. He was afraid to leave the money at home so brought it here and yesterday afternoon he was up before the mayor for being drunk. The mayor requested Mr. Ham Smith, the popular city clerk to look after Mr. Pool and Mr. Smith consented to do so. Much to the mayor's surprise, Mr. Pool was again brought into court this morning, for the second time charged with being drunk.

Mr. Smith had had charge of Mr. Pool but knew nothing of his second drunk. On the person of the offender was found \$150.00, which led to the conclusion that his drunk and cost him only ten cents.

The good old farmer asked Mr. Smith to take him to the Savings Bank and there he deposited his six years earnings. How he got drunk on ten cents is the question which Mr. Pool is considering.

SETH JONES MARRIED.
Mrs. Mary Grady for the Fourth Time
Becomes a Wife.

Mr. Seth Jones was last night united in marriage to Mrs. Mary Grady at Mrs. Grady's home on South Bloodworth street.

The ceremony was performed by Dr. A. M. Simms, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle and though the Doctor has had much experience in this business the bride and groom were equally at home before the altar of hymen. Mrs. Grady was married for her fourth time and Mr. Jones for his second, but only three children, all grown are to be cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

They will hereafter reside at Mrs. Grady's home on South Bloodworth. Mr. Jones was at one time keeper of the city cemetery and Mrs. Grady is well known among the people of her section of town.

TO MAKE THEIR FLOUR.
Penal Institutions in New York to be
Established.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Albany, March 2.—The establishment of a flour mill at the Auburn penitentiary wherein can be made the hundred thousand barrels of flour consumed annually by the State institutions is recommended in a report submitted to the Senate to-day by the Senate Committee on Penal Institutions. This committee was authorized by the last Senate to investigate the operation of the new prison labor system whereby the articles needed by the State departments and institutions and by civil divisions of State may be manufactured by the penal institutions.

RUSSELL IGNORANT

Denied Knowledge of
Charges.

HE IS NOT SUMMONED

HE VIRTUALLY DENIES PROMISING
BUTLER TO BE PRESENT.

Judge Ewart's Confirmation Help Up Until
Saturday--Russell Not Pleased
With What Newspapers Printed.

The charges filed against Judge H. G. Ewart with the United States Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday have created no little comment here and the statement that Governor Russell would be summoned as a witness has also caused interest to be aroused.

Governor Russell, as the dispatches from Washington have it, promised Senator Butler to go to Washington and tell the committee what he knows about the matter.

This morning I asked Governor Russell what he would say before the committee.

The Governor seemed ill-disposed to talk but said the first he heard of the matter was in the morning papers.

"Will you go?" I asked.

"I know nothing of the matter at all. I have not been summoned so why should I appear?" was the chilly answer that the Governor gave.

"Will you go if you are summoned?"

"I don't see why I should go. I know nothing of the matter. I know nothing of the charges."

The Governor thereby denied that he promised Senator Butler to tell what he knew unless it is that he was working the usual bluff and promised to tell all he knew about something of which he knew nothing.

The charges as filed by Senator Butler, are:

1. That he sold his public documents when a member of Congress.
2. That he accepted money from his constituents to procure office for them when a member of Congress.
3. That as a lawyer he collected money for his clients and failed to account for and pay over the same.
4. That he made hotel bills and gave worthless checks to settle the same.

The hearing will be made on Saturday.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. P. WRIGHT.
This morning at 10 o'clock the funeral services of the late Mr. James P. Wright were held from the Fayetteville Street Baptist church and the services were conducted by Mr. John Pullen.

Mr. Pullen made a short but appropriate talk from the text: "Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord." He said no more faithful worker than Mr. Wright had ever served his maker. The floral offerings were beautiful, coming from the friends of the family which has the sympathy of the entire city.

Notable among the handsome offerings was an anchor sent by the carriers of the Times, to show their sympathy for their co-laborer, Master Willie Wright, who is loved by all in the office.

COLLECTORS RE-COMMISSIONED.
Collector Duncan Re-commissions Deputy
Collectors for 20 Days.

This morning Internal Revenue Collector Carl Duncan re-commissioned the following deputy collectors for 20 days: Joseph J. Daniel, Halifax. William F. Gibson, Hamlet. Richard C. Hill, Kinston. John W. Jones, Raleigh. John D. Meador, Reidsville. J. Frank Pickard, Chapel Hill. Harry W. Stubbs, Williamston. James A. Thomas, Louisburg. Wesley C. Troy, Fayetteville. Alfred B. Williams, Durham. Mr. Duncan still hopes for early action by Congress on the Civil Service law and for this reason does not make the re-appointments for a longer period.

FURNISHED ROOMS FOR GENTLEMEN.
A number of comfortable rooms at Park Hotel with fires, lights and attendance at very low rates by the month, with or without board at the Yarbrough House.

THIRTEEN MORE DAYS TO HUNT
The law hunting season closes March the 15th.

City Health Officer, T. P. Sale, was busy all the morning issuing the new blanks in connection with the city ordinance about garbage. At 12:30 o'clock 450 blanks had been issued. Hunting work for two days.

The City Tax Collector is preparing the blanks to levy on personal property. The law requires this and taxpayers had best pay up at once.

A FEDERAL PRISON

Convicts Ordered to This
City.

NOT TO BE PERMANENT

ATLANTA WANTS THE NEW PERMA-
NENT SOUTHERN PRISON.

No More Southern Prisoners to Be
Forced to Endure the Ravages
of the Cold Climate.

The South at last has a government prison, and no more federal prisoners will be sent to Columbus, Ohio, Judge Newman, says the Atlanta Constitution, yesterday issued an order to the effect that in the future all prisoners convicted in that district shall be sent to the penitentiary in Raleigh, N. C., instead of the government penitentiary at Columbus, O., where they have been sent in the past.

The order establishing a federal prison for the South does not in any way affect or injure Atlanta's chances of getting the permanent government penitentiary for the South. It is the policy of the government to build a penitentiary here that will be owned and controlled entirely by the government, and not be hampered by State authority.

Judge Newman's order was based on an order of Attorney General Griggs, issued two days before, which constituted the branch of the government penitentiary at Raleigh a Southern branch of the government penitentiary. Attorney General Griggs does not state why the change is made, but it was a matter of necessity. The federal prison at Columbus, O., is over-crowded and it is almost impossible to care for any more convicts here.

The establishment of the Southern prison is just what the people and the officials of the South have been clamoring for many years. Hundreds of Southern men convicted of minor offenses against the government have been sent to Columbus for terms ranging from one to three years, and before their terms have expired they have fallen victims to the severe and rigorous climate of the north. Lewis Redwine, the well-known Atlanta man, was one of the prisoners who came near to death in the Columbus prison because of the climate there. In nearly every case the convicts return to the South at the expiration of their terms with badly impaired health.

Judge Newman has contended that a prison should be established here in the South as a measure of humanity; that the ravages of the climate of the north upon the systems of the Southern prisoners was a far greater punishment than the law or the courts ever contemplated.

While it is said Raleigh is not a satisfactory place for the prison by any means, it is far superior on account of location to the prison at Columbus, O. The Southern offenders will be treated better because of the fact that they will not have to endure such a severe change in the climate. All of the government prisoners who will be convicted at the term of the United States court which begins next week, will be sent to Raleigh instead of to Columbus. The penitentiary at Raleigh is a very excellent prison. It is substantially built and the convicts are allowed all comforts consistent with their condition. The order issued by Judge Newman yesterday was as follows:

"The honorable, the attorney general, having on April 27, 1888, designated the Ohio penitentiary, at Columbus, O., as the place of confinement for all prisoners thereafter convicted in said district, and it having been in due form shown to the court that the honorable, the attorney general of the United States, did on February 26, 1898, revoke said designation and in lieu thereof designated the North Carolina penitentiary, at Raleigh, N. C., as the place of confinement for all prisoners thereafter convicted in the United States court of said district and sentenced to imprisonment in a penitentiary, it is, therefore, on motion of the United States attorney for said district, ordered that the North Carolina penitentiary, at Raleigh, N. C., be, and the same is hereby designated as the place of confinement for all prisoners hereafter convicted in said court and sentenced to imprisonment in a penitentiary. In open court, February 28, 1898.

"WILLIAM T. NEWMAN,
United States Judge."
THE RALEIGH PRISON.
It is, of course, natural for the Atlanta Constitution, which has been working hard for many years to secure a Federal prison in Atlanta, to think Raleigh is not the proper place. No place but Atlanta would suit it. As a matter of fact, Raleigh is the ideal location. Its climate is superior to that of Atlanta, and the prison is situated in a most healthy section of the city. There is no reason why any change should ever be made from Raleigh, and if the State authorities could sell the present prison to the Federal government, it would be a good thing. The new policy of having the convicts work on the farms, makes so large a building as has been erected wholly unnecessary. A building large enough to accommodate 100 to 200 prisoners would be large enough for the State.

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--Per-
sonal and Otherwise.

Miss Mattie Harris, of Asheville, is visiting in the city.

Mr. John Andrews left this morning for Newbern.

Rev. J. O. Guthrie returned to Warrington this morning.

Mr. Hege left to-day to be a judge of the poultry at the Newbern fair.

Major James W. Wilson left this morning for Goldsboro.

Miss Annie Busbee returned this morning from Washington where she has been the guest of Miss Laura Paine.

Messrs. Daniel Hugh McLean and J. C. Clifford, prominent members of Harnett county bar, are in the city.

Mrs. Jas. N. Williamson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Omega H. Foster, on North Blount street.

This morning in the mayor's court Miss Sadie Whitehurst was fined \$7.25 for being drunk and down in Harris' bar last night.

Mr. R. H. Battle left to-day for Washington to appear before the United States Supreme court for the directors in the Patapsco Co.'s case.

Dr. James Dinwiddie returned this morning from Chapel Hill. It was reported here that his brother was quite ill in Georgia, but Dr. Dinwiddie had heard nothing of it.

To-day is the last day exceptions to the new passenger rates may be filed. The A. C. L. and S. A. L. have already filed exceptions but the Southern has not.

The Star Course entertainment to-night will not begin until 8:45 o'clock on account of prayer meeting. Mr. Edward P. Elliott, the famous monologist, will close the course.

Dr. R. H. Lewis, Secretary of the State Board of Health, and Secretary Ramsey, of the Agricultural Department, left yesterday for Washington to attend the National Pure Food and Drug Congress.

Mr. S. L. Adams, of Elon College, who was in the city yesterday, brings information that the latest report from his supposed case of small-pox near Elon College is that it turned out to be chicken-pox.

Certain Republicans, it is said, are in their hunger for office, casting envious glances at the little place held by Sergeant Pike, the faithful old keeper of the arsenal. Baffled by the civil service, there seems to be no place too small to escape the hungry horde.

Next Thursday a paper called "The Apex Weekly News," will make its appearance in that thriving village. Mr. A. J. Wood will be the editor, and Mr. Charles L. Keel, the business manager. The editor announces that the paper will be straight Democratic.

Preparations are now being made by the ladies of the church improvement society of the First Baptist church for an old folk's concert, which will be given at an early date. Those who have indicated a willingness to take part in it are requested to meet at the church to-night at 8:30 o'clock for practice.

Capt. J. B. Hogan, a conductor on a freight train on the Raleigh and Augusta road, is confined to his room by reason of an accident last Saturday. The train broke loose near Osgood and Capt. Hogan was thrown from his look-out seat to the floor, and was painfully though not seriously injured.

Mr. Erwin Avery, son of Hon. A. C. Avery, who has held the position of vice-consul at Shungai during the last four years, has returned to his home in Morganton. He made a splendid reputation in the diplomatic service, and officials of the State Department spoke of him in terms of the highest praise. He held a position under the civil service, but that did not protect him in his position.

MR. CARPENTER DEAD.
Mr. J. P. Carpenter, of Lincoln county, N. C., died this afternoon at the Soldiers' Home at 4 o'clock. He had been there just one week to-day. He died of Bright's disease. He was a member of Co. "G" 57th Regiment. He was promoted from private to sergeant in that company during the war. His brother was Captain of the company and was Phillip W. Carpenter. He will be buried to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock in Oakwood cemetery.