

THE PLANS FRUSTRATED

Administration Attempting to Maintain Secrecy Until Report Reaches Congress.

A HOT DEVELOPMENT

Maine Anchored Over a Mine, Says Havana Harbor Master, So Says a Man Who Knows every Word of the Report—Naval Movements.

WASHINGTON, MARCH 26.—FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CONTENTS OF THE NAVAL COURT OF INQUIRY BEFORE IT IS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS ON MONDAY, IS EXPECTED, HOWEVER, THE PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT AS CABLED TO MINISTER WOODFORD FOR SPAIN, WILL BE PUBLISHED THERE. IF IT IS PUBLISHED IN MADRID, IT WILL BE IMMEDIATELY CABLED BACK. THE EFFORTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAINTAIN SECRECY UNTIL CONGRESS IS COMMUNICATED WITH HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED.

CONGRESSMEN HAVE SHOWN REMARKABLE LOYALTY TO THE PRESIDENT IN RESTRAINING THEIR DESIRE FOR RADICAL ACTION UNTIL THE PRESIDENT PREPARES HIS PLANS. THE RESTRAINT CANNOT BE CONTINUED LONGER THAN TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY. THE REPORT WILL BE ALLOWED TO GO TO THE COMMITTEE WITHOUT ACTION. THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY MUST IMMEDIATELY BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS, OR IT WILL TAKE THE MATTER IN ITS OWN HANDS. THE PRESIDENT STILL HOPES FOR PEACE.

THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN CORRESPONDING WITH THE SAGASTA GOVERNMENT REGARDING SOME PLAN FOR SELF GOVERNMENT IN CUBA. LITTLE IS KNOWN OF THE PLAN, BUT IT PROVIDES FOR INDEPENDENCE.

Sensational Development.

WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 26.—IT WAS LEARNED TO-DAY THAT THE REAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE REPORT OF THE NAVAL BOARD OF INQUIRY HAS NOT YET BEEN INDICATED. THE WIDELY PUBLISHED STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE BOARD FINDS THE EXPLOSION TO HAVE BEEN FROM THE OUTSIDE, AND THAT IT WAS CAUSED BY SETTING OFF OF SOME KIND OF SUB-MARINE MINE IS DOUBTLESS CORRECT, BUT THIS STATEMENT ONLY HINTS AT THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THE FINDINGS. THE HARBOR MASTER OF HAVANA TESTIFIED THAT THE MAINE MOVED FROM A PLACE WHERE IT WAS ANCHORED TO A BUOY OVER THE SPOT WHERE THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED, WHETHER THE MINE WAS THERE BEFORE THE REMOVAL OF THE MAINE IS NOT STATED. THIS INFORMATION COMES FROM A MAN WHO KNOWS EVERY WORD OF THE REPORT. THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT WHEN CONGRESS LEARNS THE FACTS IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO RESTRAIN BOTH HOUSES.

Spaniards Growing Careful.

WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 26.—MINISTER WOODFORD TELEGRAMS THE STATE DEPARTMENT THAT NO DISPATCHES RELATING TO THE MOVEMENTS OF SPANISH WARSHIPS ARE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THAT COUNTRY. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THIS EMBARGO RELATES TO TELEGRAMS FROM MINISTER WOODFORD TO THIS COUNTRY. THURSDAY MINISTER WOODFORD AND DYER, UNITED STATES ATTACHE AT MADRID, SENT DISPATCHES. THE CENSORSHIP RELATES PARTICULARLY TO TORPEDO BOATS.

Coaling Station at Dry Tortugas.

WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 26.—THE NAVY DEPARTMENT WILL TO-DAY AWARD THE CONTRACTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NECESSARY BUILDINGS AT DRY TORTUGAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A COALING STATION AT THAT POINT. THE EXPENSE WILL BE GREAT, BUT A COALING STATION AT THIS POINT IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY IN THE EVENT OF WAR FOLLOWING INTERVENTION FOR CUBAN RELIEF.

New England Defences.

WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 26.—THE MAYOR OF BOSTON IS HERE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTING WITH OFFICIALS REGARDING EFFECTIVE DEFENCE OF THAT PORT. HE WAS GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT THE ARMY AND NAVY WILL BE FULLY ABLE TO PREVENT ANY RAID UPON ANY PART OF THE NEW ENGLAND COAST.

Marix Explaining the Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 26.—JUDGE ADVOCATE MARIX ARRIVED AT THE WHITE HOUSE EARLY THIS MORNING AND HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN GOING OVER CERTAIN PARTS OF THE TESTIMONY OF THE COURT OF INQUIRY TO EXPLAIN THE EFFECTS DESCRIBED THEREIN TO PRESIDENT McKinley AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET.

To Halt Spanish Flotilla.

WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 26.—THE WILDEST SORTS OF REMORS ARE AFLOAT—SOME TO THE EFFECT THAT SPAIN HAS NOTIFIED HER FLEET THEY MUST STOP. COMMODORE SCHLEY IS ORDERED TO HAVE THE FLEET AT HAMPTON ROADS READY TO HALT THE SPANISH FLOTILLA.

Ships Leaving Key West.

KEY WEST, FLORIDA, MARCH 26.—IT IS REPORTED THAT THE IOWA AND NEW YORK WILL SAIL FOR NORFOLK TO-MORROW. THE MONTGOMERY WILL BE SENT TO THE BROOKLYN NAVY YARD.

Maine Officers Return.

HAVANA, MARCH 26.—CAPTAIN SIGSBEE AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE MAINE WILL SAIL FOR KEY WEST TO-MORROW. CONSUL GENERAL LEE WILL THEN BE THE ONLY AMERICAN OFFICIAL HERE, EXCEPT ATTACHES.

Monitor Terror at Portsmouth.

PORTSMOUTH, VA., MARCH 26.—THE TURRET MONITOR "TERROR" STEAMED INTO THE HARBOR HERE THIS MORNING. SHE HAS BEEN ORDERED TO KEY WEST TO JOIN THE SQUADRON AT THAT POINT.

Folger to Command "New Orleans."

WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 26.—CAPTAIN WM. N. FOLGER HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO ASSUME COMMAND OF THE NEW CRUISER "NEW ORLEANS," WHICH WAS THE "AMAZONAS."

BANKERS RELEASED

MEHAGAN AND LATHAM ARE NOW FREE TO RETURN HOME.

Governor To-day Denied the Requisition From the Governor of Georgia—Governor's Reasons.

This morning Governor Russell, at the request of Messrs. Donnell Gilliam, of Tarboro, and Henry Gilliam, of Wilson, denied the requisition of the Governor of Georgia for Mehegan, Ex-president, and Latham, Ex-cashier, of the Abbeville, Georgia Bank.

The Governor gives, as his reason, in the case of Mehegan that the warrant charged no criminal offence.

In the case of Latham that the warrant was made on "information and belief" and not as the law requires upon a stated fact that the crime had been committed.

The requisitions are granted without prejudice and Georgia can correct the mistake if they see fit and apply again.

ATTEMPT TO ELOPE

Squirrel Shot Sent the Lover Away.

MISS VANN AT HOME

LOVER WAS FORTY-FIVE YEARS OLD AND GIRL WAS FOURTEEN.

The News of a Real True Romance Brought Here this Morning from Hertford County.

A gentleman from Hertford county, who arrived in Raleigh this morning to visit his brother, brings the news of an attempted run-a-way marriage in which a forty-five year old man and a fourteen-year-old girl were the principal actors, and in which a brother, who has just reached his majority, used a double barrel shot-gun to prevent the escape of the lovers.

The story has not before been printed in any paper and it is strange that it escaped so long.

George Teel, who lives near Orlando, in Hertford county, has for some time been a constant visitor at the home of Mr. Vann, who is a well-to-do farmer, and who lives between Winton and Orlando.

The object of Mr. Teel's affection was a little fourteen-year-old girl, Pauline Vann. She is said to be a beautiful little woman and quite well grown for her age, and has accepted the attentions of Mr. Teel with modesty. She recently felt that she was under his influence and could not refuse his request that she elope with him.

Her consent granted, Teel saw no obstacle in his way and prepared to take his would-be bride from the home of her people, under cover of darkness.

The young brother of Miss Pauline anticipated elopement and on the night that "love was expected to find a way," Mr. Vann hid behind a bush in the large yard which surrounds his home. His only weapon of defense was a double barrel muzzle-loading shot gun, and this was well loaded with strong powder and squirrel shot. He did not have long to wait, and when he heard the lover's approach, the old musket came voluntarily to his shoulder.

Teel had every detail of the programme arranged with his young sweetheart, and she was ready to fly from her home, whither she knew not and little cared. As Teel made his leap over the fence, Mr. Vann pulled the trigger of the gun and a yell from the direction the shot had taken told the story of how Teel received the squirrel shot. His back was completely filled from the shoulders to the knees.

Pauline broke down in tears, it is thought, and Teel was taken to his home. He has not since been to see his young love and is not likely to pay her more attention.

One of the reasons for the Vann family's objections to Teel is said to be that he is an infidel. Pauline has been taken from school and is now at home, where she can be watched. All of this happened during the past week, and the matter has been settled and will not be taken to court.

HARDWOOD SUPPLY CO.

The Secretary of State this morning incorporated the Hardwood Supply Company, of Elizabeth City. The business proposed to be conducted by this company shall be the manufacture of hard wood timber into shingles, blocks, and picker sticks and the buying and selling of standing timber and timber lands.

The incorporators are E. R. Mixon, Hill Murphey, Frank P. Petway and Edgar B. Mixon, all of Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

The capital stock of the company is to be \$50,000, with the right to increase to \$100,000.

MAYOR'S COURT.

In the Mayor's court this morning Lonnie Jones (colored), was tried for the larceny of certain tools from Mr. Weathers, the paper hanger, and after an hour of dull evidence a pair of scissors, identified as his own by Mr. Weathers, and claimed by the negro, cut the hopeful thread and Mayor Russ bound Jones over to court on a \$25 bond. He will be tried in the Superior court before Judge Timberlake next Wednesday.

ATTENTION VETERANS.

General Orders Issued by Commander A. B. STRONACH.

Headquarters L. O'R. Branch Cap. No. 515 U. C. V.

- General orders:
- Members of camp are hereby notified that measures for uniforms will be taken by Messrs. Cross & Linchan, clothiers, Fayetteville street.
 - Subscriptions to uniform fund should be sent to Comrades F. W. Busbee, chairman of Uniform Committee.
 - As there seems to be some misunderstanding, the Uniform Committee wishes it understood that the uniform is not being thought solely for the reunion at Charlotte, May 20th, but that it is the regulation uniform of the United Confederate Veterans meant to be worn on all occasions, in which they participate, more especially on Memorial Day, May 10th. By order of A. B. STRONACH, Commander. J. C. BIRDSONG, Adgt.

CHRIST CHURCH.

Rev. M. M. Marshall, D. D., rector. Fifth Sunday in Lent. Early communion 8 a. m. Sunday school 10 a. m. Divine service and sermon 11 a. m. Evening prayer 5 p. m. Daily Lenten services during the week at 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. Free seats. All cordially invited.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. John A. Mills, superintendent. The protracted services continue. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor. All members requested to attend. A hearty welcome to the public to take part in these services.

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.

The Railroad Commission will meet again next Monday or Tuesday.

Ex-Sheriff Page is spending the day in Raleigh.

Julian S. Carr, jr., of the University of North Carolina, is spending the day in Raleigh with Mr. Jones Fuller.

Mr. P. W. McGowan, of this city, left this morning to accept a position on the Goldsboro Headlight.

Rev. E. C. Glenn begins a series of services at the Central Methodist church to-morrow.

Mr. John T. Matthews, of Hertford county, is on a visit to his brother, Mr. J. F. Matthews, of this city.

This afternoon in Durham Trinity and Wake Forest College ball teams play the first of their championship series.

Rev. Alvin Betts will preach at Pilot Mills Baptist church to-morrow at 11:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m.

Deputy Sheriff Dupree, of Edgecombe county, arrived last night to assist Sheriff Stallings in looking after the bankers, Mehegan and Latham.

The pastor, Rev. A. L. Betts, will preach two sermons on "The Work of the Holy Spirit," at West Raleigh Baptist church to-morrow at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. He hopes the services will be well attended.

At West Raleigh Baptist church services will be held Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. A. L. Betts, pastor. Sunday school at 3:30 p. m. W. C. Richardson, superintendent. The public cordially invited.

The funeral service over the remains of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mangum, on Sanders street, was conducted by Rev. A. L. Betts yesterday at 12:30 at the home. The remains were entered at Ephesus Baptist church, between Raleigh and Cary.

Pastor Glenn will begin in Central Methodist church to-morrow at 11 o'clock a series of meetings to which the public and ministers and Christian workers of the city especially are invited. At the morning hour his subject will be "The Rest that Remaineth." In the evening his subject will be "The People of God."

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A FESTIVE SEASON

How Raleigh Celebrates Easter Week.

THE MIKADO COMING

POPULAR OPERA TO BE PRESENTED BY POPULAR LOCAL ARTISTS.

The Calendar Kirmis to be Presented by the Junior Confederates--Marriages and Dances on the Programme.

Easter is only two weeks hence and with it will return the usual festivities of that season. All Raleigh is to be gay again and possibly gayer than ever before in this history.

Never in the past of Raleigh has there been such preparations for festivities as are now in progress, and arrangements for the coming events promise that nothing is to be given half way, but every attraction will be on a grand scale.

Many receptions, dinners, card parties, marriages and entertainments are on the programme and the Lenten season is to be followed by such jolly affairs as the city has seldom seen. To say that all Raleigh is to take part in the coming entertainments is not speaking too strongly, when the number of families represented in the various castes is considered. The season is to be one during which money spent for pleasure will go easy, for it will in nearly every instance be spent in benefiting some charitable institution or other worthy object.

Among the attractions "Mikado," the world-famous opera, will be presented by local talent on Monday and Tuesday evenings of Easter week, at the Academy of Music. Nearly one hundred Raleigh families are represented in the cast and chorus, and it is likely to draw the largest audience that ever assembled in the Academy. Forty little men and women engage in a beautiful fan drill and other exercises making indeed a beautiful picture. Elegantly costumed, the perfectly framed dancers present such a scene as is seldom seen here. The fan drill, in which about twenty of Raleigh's recent debutants "school girls the eighteen and under," take part will be a popular number on the programme, and deserving of minor mention is the chorus of men, composed of the younger business men in our city.

The prominent parts have been given to several of Raleigh's most popular young people, and talented musicians.

Among those who will, on Easter Monday evening, delight the audience, are Miss Marie Tucker, Miss Nowell and Miss Duman, who will be the "Three Little Maids," Mrs. McKimmon, Dr. Royster, Mr. Eberhard Baker and others, will lend their talent on this occasion, and Prof. Baker, of Chicago, who is training the chorus, will be in a prominent position and will doubtless make a decided hit. The Mikado is coming and will take the town by storm. The rehearsals early this week showed great progress and to-night the entire company will rehearse together. Everything has run smoothly, and Raleigh people who love fun and good music, will be given two delightful entertainments. Mikado is given for the benefit of a cause, than which there is no worthier in our city—Rex Hospital. The lady board of managers have the matter in charge and whatever their entertainment committee puts on the boards is guaranteed. Everyone remembers the productions of the Raleigh Dramatic Club, and know that the effort in 1898 will not be second to even that organization's successful attempt to captivate Raleigh audiences.

The Academy of Music will be opened for this opera and such a social gathering as will be present is not often together in this city. It will be for sweet charity's sake, and the proceeds will be used for permanent improvements in our already excellent hospital.

After one of the Mikado entertainments the Capital Club will give their annual Easter German. It will be one of the most fashionable Germans ever given in the State. Many people from Durham, Henderson, Tarboro and Goldsboro, and students from the University, Wake Forest and Trinity College, will be here to see the Mikado, and will be the guests of the club at its reception and dance. The Easter German will be one of the club's last social functions in their old building, and it will be a fitting time for their step into their new building, which will be taken about July 1st.

Friday evening of Easter week, there will be a genuine "Calendar Kirmis" presented by the Junior Confederates. This organization is composed of a number of Raleigh's brightest young women, who, during the season, just closed by Lent season, made their debuts in Raleigh society.

The Kirmis is a mixture, and if what one can hear on the streets is true, there will be a peculiar conglomeration on the stage in Raleigh that evening. One of Raleigh's most charming and energetic women is assisting the young women with their programme and though it is a dead secret, there are just enough women in it to allow part of the programme to leak out, and the fragment alone assures success. It's a big surprise and a jolly good presentation, it will be your luck to see, if you are present.

Marriages will follow shortly after Easter. Several, it is said, will be announced. The season will be the more pleasant on account of the delightful weather which Branson's Almanac promises and this is endorsed by a prophet of olden time. The almanac, it will be remembered, announced that a new year to be called 1898 was coming and it came, so we can rely upon its later production that Easter week will be glorious spring weather, fair and warmer and no rain to trouble Easter bonnets and spring suits.

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