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IT CAUSES MALARIA

Complaint from Prominent Raleigh People.

WALNUT CREEK SEWER

THE VALUE OF HOMES DECREASED BY SPREAD OF DISEASE.

City Sewer Terminates, it is Claimed, Causes the Trouble—The Complaint Signed by Prominent Men.

And now complaint comes from the South East extremity of the corporate limits, stating that the health of the community below the sewer terminus is threatened and owners of property are compelled to take their families elsewhere to live.

The complaint is made by some of Wake county's most prominent men, and among those signing a formal letter to the Board of Aldermen are Messrs. Bart M. Gatling, W. T. Howle, George B. Gatling, M. T. Leuch, Fred W. Mabier, A. H. Green, S. W. Rowland, William Taylor, J. H. Robinson and others.

The above names are attached to the following, which has been presented: "To the Honorable—The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the city of Raleigh:

"The undersigned parties make complaint against the city of Raleigh and respectfully call the attention of the Board and the Board of Health of the said city to the facts herein set forth.

"The undersigned are residents of Wake county and owners of land lying along Walnut creek just outside and southeast of the corporate limits of the city.

"The refuse from several of the city sewers is emptied into Walnut creek just south of the city and above the lands of the undersigned. On account of the insufficient drainage and slight fall of said creek the filth and refuse from the sewers is deposited and spread over the swamps and low places along said creek and there left exposed to the heat of the sun. This ever increasing collection of the filth and sewerage in the said swamps is becoming a serious source of danger and has already caused injury to the health of your undersigned petitioners and families, one of whom has been compelled to abandon his residence on his farm and to move his family from the place on account of malaria. Should the same condition of things continue others will be compelled to follow the same course. One of your petitioners was born and raised where he is now residing, yet since the city sewers have emptied into the said creek malarial diseases have so continued to increase as to threaten to drive him from his home. It will be clear to your board that this is also a great injury to the property of all who are affected by such diseases, because it renders the property less salable and useless for residences. Another of your petitioners has been compelled to move his overseer and his family from his plantation for the same reason and to put himself to the consequent trouble and expense that this necessarily entails.

"Moreover it is probably known to your Board that the whole southern and southeastern portion of the city has been greatly subject to malarial diseases within the last few years.

"If the city sewers are in any way responsible for this state of things, it is plainly the duty of the city to remedy the trouble, if possible. It is neither just nor lawful for the city to injure the health or property of any person in this manner; and that the sewers are responsible for the trouble or the greater part of it is highly probable from the fact that malarial diseases in the locality referred to have greatly increased since the construction of the city sewers and also from the fact that residents along Walnut creek both above and below the place where traces of filth and sewerage are discernible, are much freer from malaria than those residing in the neighborhood of the sewer's mouth. A view of the places referred to will be the best evidence of its unhealthiness. It is very easy for your Board to establish the correctness or incorrectness of the facts set out herein and a fair examination is requested of the condition of the creek and its surroundings from the mouths of the sewers to the dam at Eaton's mill.

"By the expenditure of a very reasonable sum of money the fall of the creek can be so increased as to drain many of the worst places along its banks and to allow of their cultivation, which in itself will be a protection against whatever filth accumulates on such places. This fall can be obtained

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TO ANSWER SPAIN TODAY

WILL BE BRIEF AND OMINOUS AND WILL BE BASED ON WAR

THE REPORT OF WOODFORD'S RECALL IS DISCREDITED

The Senate Report Means Straight Business and no Further Foolishness—It Will Recommend Recognition of Cuba With Peace or War as Necessary.

OFFICERS SAY GUNS WILL BE BOOMING WITHIN A WEEK

The Diplomatic Issue Has Been Made Up and the Case Will Now be Submitted to Congress—The President Says he is Sanguine but Not Hopeful that There is Another Chance of Peace.

GULLUM NOTIFIED

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—McKinley will send his answer to Spain to-day. It will be brief and ominous, stating by inference that the only course left to the United States is war. The President informed Minister Gullon through Minister Woodford that the reply of the Spanish government has been received and will be submitted to Congress for consideration. The President will devote to-day and to-morrow to the preparation of his message which may not be sent before Tuesday or Wednesday.

SAYS MCKINLEY DIDN'T ASK FOR CUBA'S FREEDOM.

MADRID, April 2.—A semi-official notice states that President McKinley did not insist on the freedom of Cuba, and that no proposal containing the slightest allusion to Cuban independence, with or without indemnity, was made to Spain; that Spain would reject such a proposal immediately. That there is no party nor politician in Spain that would favor such a solution. El Imparcial likens our war ships to sham soldiers of comedy.

GREAT BRITAIN'S DEMANDS.

By Telegraph to The Times.

PEKIN, April 2.—The British minister to-day conferred with Tsung-Li-Yamen, demanding important compensatory concessions for the purpose of maintaining the balance of power in the far east.

BLACK RECALLED BY WIRE.

By Telegraph to The Times.

MONTREAL, April 2.—Gov. Black, of New York, passed through on a special train this morning enroute to Albany, having been recalled by telegraph.

COAL MINERS STRIKE.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WHEELING, W. Va., April 2.—There are indications of a general strike among the miners of West Virginia on account of the refusal of operators to agree to the Chicago scale of wages, and hours, none are working to-day.

STRIKE TO BE SETTLED.

By Telegraph to The Times.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 2.—Utmost confidence that the miners' strike will be straightened out by the middle of next week.

WOODFORD NOT RECALLED.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—The report is current that Woodford has been recalled, but no Cabinet officer knows anything up to ten o'clock this morning, the report is discredited.

ANNAPOLIS, April 2.—Members of first class the Naval Academy, who otherwise graduated in June were to-day detached and ordered to ships in the various fleets.

SUB-COMMITTEES REPORT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—

The Sub-Committee of the Senate committee on Foreign Affairs, which was appointed to draft a report and prepare formal resolutions outlining the course of action which this government shall pursue with reference to Cuba, have come to a conclusion, and will report to the full committee to-day. They will recommend the adoption of a resolution declaring for peace and for recognition of the Cuban republic; second, for intervention by the United States with her army and navy for the purpose of assisting Cubans to secure independence in case Spain refuses to concede it.

The committee will treat the rescinding order for the concentration of Cuban non-combatants as a subterfuge and will dwell upon the past if not the present treatment of the unfortunate. It will describe the Maine disaster and will represent it as a sufficient cause for declaring war, if this country is desirous of making it such. It will also touch upon the injury to American interests caused by the Cuban struggle, as full justification for our interference.

REPORT ACCEPTED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—The full Senate committee practically agreed to accept the recommendation of the sub-committee.

LARGE POWDER SHIPMENTS.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., April 2.—Shipments of ammunition, powder, projectiles and shells from the navy yard are the largest in the history of the station. They are all consigned south, presumably to the flying squadron at Hampton Roads and Key West. The information concerning consignments is denied. Texas is now painted slate color, is repaired and ready for service to-day.

MUSTER ROLLS ORDERED.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Captain Jacob Miller, commander of the State naval reserves conferred with Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, regarding signal service on the coast. The War Department has just ordered from the government printing office muster rolls. It is rumored that the first troops to be mustered in will be the National Guards along the coast. The navy yards are closed to visitors.

PRESIDENT IN CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Three members of the Cabinet, Secretaries Long and Gage, and Assistant Secretary Day are in consultation with the President and various party leaders. They have been in conference two hours.

THE MAINE EXPLOSION.

Spaniards Trying to Hatch up a Story Putting the Crime on Cubans. WASHINGTON, April 2.—The Spanish Minister has given out the statement of a purport which connects Cubans with the Maine disaster.

PRESIDENT STILL SANGUINE.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Congress

has recovered somewhat from the excitement which almost carried that body off its feet. The diplomatic issue has been made up. The President will now submit the whole Cuban case to Congress. It seems improbable that the ultimatum will go to Spain, as the President has not given up hope of peace. Leaders who are in consultation with the President say he is hopeful, but not sanguine that there is another chance of peace.

PROCTOR FOR RECOGNITION.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Senator Proctor, who recently told in a speech in Congress the wretched condition of the reconcentrados is here, says that Cuban independence should be immediately recognized, and that our coast defense is strong and our navy better than Spain.

SPANISH OUTBREAK FEARED.

BERLIN, April 2.—The German Ambassador Radowicz reports that the Spanish royal family fears an outbreak unless the difference with the United States is adjusted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—

"Peace at any price" politicians are wiring Congressmen and Senators that constituents wish to avoid war.

NO ULTIMATUM ISSUED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—President McKinley has issued no ultimatum; he has simply notified Spain that her answer is unsatisfactory.

FLOTILLA AT DE VERDA ISLANDS.

MADRID, April 2.—The Spanish flotilla is at the Cape De Verde Islands and not Porto Rico.

FLOTILLA AT PORTO RICO.

LONDON, April 2.—Official cables announce the arrival of the Spanish flotilla at Porto Rico.

QUASHED THE ZOLA VERDICT.

PARIS, April 2.—The Court of Appeals has finally quashed the Zola verdict.

SPAIN FEELS INSULTED.

MADRID, April 2.—A semi-official notice was published in to-day's paper to the effect that one of the most immoral devices that could be put in operation was the presumption that Spain would be disposed to recognize Cuba in return for indemnity.

THAT SPANISH FLOTILLA.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—At a hastily called meeting of the naval board of strategy was held this morning to consider the arrival of the Spanish flotilla at Porto Rico.

George Stevens, the famous University ball twirler, was here today on his way to Wake Forest.

WHEN WOODFORD LEAVES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—It

is understood that in the event of war the French Ambassador will protect Spain's interests here and the French Ambassador at Madrid will protect American interests.

VIZCAYA AND OQUENDO AT PORTO RICO.

By Telegraph to The Times.

KEY WEST, FLA., April 2.—The despatch boats that followed the Vizcaya and Oquendo report that they go to join the flotilla at Porto Rico.

SIX MORE VESSELS BOUGHT.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—Six additional vessels for naval service have been bought or arrangements made for their purchase by the Navy Department out of the fifty million emergency fund.

NEW YORK, April 2.—

Prominent electricians say the government has purchased the insulated wire market to obtain wire to complete urgent work. Large quantities have been sent to war vessels of the seacoast fortifications, and more is used in connecting submarine mines and torpedoes.

WAR WITHIN A WEEK.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—The

Navy Department went on a work footing today. Orders have been issued that no information of the movements of Spain's offensive or defensive operations be given to the public. Officers not in active service will be in readiness. Officers in private conversation say they expect the guns to be booming within a week.

CUTTERS AT NORFOLK.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—The

Navy Department today issued orders to the revenue cutters to rendezvous at Norfolk by Monday, joining the Window and Manning. The two cutters of the great lakes are ordered to proceed via St. Lawrence canal and report at Norfolk.

GERMAN AT TARBORO.

Invitations have been received here to a german to be given at Tarboro, Tuesday evening, April 19th, by the Bachelors Cotillion Club.

TO WAKE FOREST.

The University North Carolina team, sixteen strong, passed through at 11:35 enroute to Wake Forest. Those with the Varsity party were Coach, Reynolds, Winston, Belden, Hines, Woodard, Hume, Williams, McKee, Rogers, Lawson, Tate, Graves, Gwaltney, Buxton, Cooke, Professor Collier Cobb, Collins.

Private Secretary Bayles Cade has gone to Franklinton to spend Sunday with his family.

FOR STATE TROOPS

The National Government Sends Orders Here.

MORTON IS NOTIFIED

THE NAVAL RESERVES AND STATE GUARD TO MOBILIZE HERE.

Careful inspection to Be Made of Vessels that Can Be Utilized for a Mosquito Fleet.

The Governor Tuesday received orders from the National government to get the State troops in readiness to mobilize in this city at a moment's notice.

Yesterday afternoon the Adjutant General sent the following dispatch to Commander George L. Morton, of the Naval Reserves, at Wilmington:

"The Commander-in-Chief directs that you will immediately recruit your division to the maximum strength—sixty officers and men—and make careful inspection of all naval vessels in port where your divisions are located that can be utilized for a Mosquito fleet, and report as soon as practicable to this office the result of your investigation." An answer is expected soon from Commander Morton.

The following was also transmitted to Commander Morton:

"The Department requests that you will immediately proceed to put the naval militia of your State in thorough condition to meet services by the President of the United States.

"The divisions should be recruited to their full strength and thoroughly drilled. A careful inspection should be made of all vessels in the ports of your State that can be utilized for a Mosquito fleet, in accordance with instructions and blanks sent to the Adjutant General."

MRS. O. H. FOSTER DEAD.

Passed Away Last Night at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

A telegram received here to-day announces the death of Mrs. Omega H. Foster, of this city, at Johns Hopkins Hospital, shortly after eleven o'clock last night.

Last week Mrs. Foster was taken to Johns Hopkins for treatment and the fact was not generally known in Raleigh. Yesterday it was announced that her condition was critical but it was hoped that she would rally and recover.

Mrs. Foster was a daughter of Col. J. N. Williamson, and her brother, Mr. W. H. Williamson, resides here as president of the Pilot Cotton Mills Company. Her husband, Mr. Omega H. Foster, is well known in Raleigh, and with his wife, has made many homes happy. Mrs. Foster was a member of Christ Episcopal church and belonged to numerous social and other organizations in this city.

Her body will reach Raleigh to-morrow morning at 2:16, and the hour for the funeral will be announced later.

A SUIT FOR \$50,000.00.

A suit has been entered in the Superior court here against the Southern Railway by L. J. Andrews, administrator for C. M. Andrews, for \$50,000 damage.

It will be remembered that on December 24th, 1897, C. M. Andrews was hurt on the train between Chapel Hill and University Station, from which it is claimed that he died on January 26th, 1898.

Boone & Bryant represent the plaintiff and the case is expected to come up at the October term of court.—Durham Sun.

MAYOR'S COURT.

This morning Mayor Russ had only two offenders before him. The first was C. A. Allison, whose conduct on Fayetteville street, in front of Dughi's establishment, was quite disorderly. The fine imposed was \$7.25.

Yesterday morning, Jock O'Connor, was in court for being drunk and down on the streets. Mayor Russ warned him about repeating the offense and then discharged him. This morning Jock was up again and as a consequence is to pay a \$4.75 fine.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. The doors of the church will be opened at the morning service. Communion at 8 p. m. Rev. W. G. Clements, of Morrisville, will preach. The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

MR. DUGHI FOR WAR.

Mr. A. Dughi has been laying low as to his position on the war question but to-day he said, "I don't intend to volunteer, but if there is a call for men I shall be among the first to respond."