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FOUND \$8,000 IN GOLD

Fortune Picked Up Near Raleigh.

ON COKE PLANTATION

NEWS BEACHED RALEIGH TO-DAY OF A RIVAL TO KLONDIKE.

\$20,000 More Said to Be Buried on the Same Farm--A Westerner Made the Find.

The news comes into town to-day of a rich find on the plantation of the late Capt. Octavius Coke, on the Tarboro road, and near Crabtree creek, about three miles from this city.

The story is an interesting one, and the rush of fortune seekers to the Coke plantation will be similar to the Klondike expeditions from the far west.

The overseer on the plantation has for years been the trusted land-holder for Mrs. Jeff Fisher, and his word for the find is sufficient to guarantee its genuineness.

For about twenty or twenty-five years, according to the overseer, a Western man, speaking the Yankee brogue, has been coming to the plantation, and by means of a chart selecting certain spots, which he has invariably unearthed and thoroughly investigated.

The Westerner has returned each year to renew his search and those who have seen him digging in that section had come to the conclusion that the would-be fortune-finder was laboring under an hallucination, and that the chart which he guarded so closely was a myth.

"Those who laugh last laughs best," and now that he has dug up the neat sum of \$8,000, the community has gained faith in the fortune-seeker.

This morning he rode into Raleigh with his pick under his arm, and a small bundle of clothes strapped to the saddle. He says he will be off at once, but there is something more important about the place. The man who has the chart says he has been seeking the money for years, and that the \$8,000, which he dug up in the old hard wood box, is not all the money that the chart indicates.

There is, according to the chart, \$20,000 more in gold and silver buried on the same plantation, but he has been unable to find the exact spot and has decided to be satisfied with eight thousand dollars. The chart was given him by a Union soldier, and on his dying bed the request was made that he seek the fortune until he found it.

No such gold find has been reported in this State for several years and it is likely that many searchers will go to the plantation. It is stated that if the man does not leave Raleigh at once he will probably have a law suit on his hands as the money by law belongs to the owners of the property.

The money found is in gold and silver pieces from \$20 gold pieces down to \$1, and some change in the silver though most of it is in dollars and half dollars. The fortune finder seems little troubled over the war news and will return to the west at once.

Several years ago, during the life of Capt. Coke, this same man brought some silver ore to Raleigh and this he claimed to have found on the same land, in a spot which the chart indicated several thousand dollars to be buried.

THE MIKADO IS GREAT.

It Will Be Here Next Monday at the Academy of Music.

Yes, this best of Gilbert and Sullivan's operas is going to be presented in Raleigh on the nights of April 11th and 12th on a most magnificent scale. The cast is made up of the best local talent under the personal direction of Mr. A. L. Baker, of Chicago, who will himself play a prominent part. All the costumes are furnished by the director and are very handsome. Every element in the show—character, chorus, orchestra, scenery—will be in perfect shape for the performances next week. Watch for the box-sheet at King's, and remember the dates, April 11th and 12th.

THE DARK SHADOW SLOWLY PASSES

STOCKS BOUND UPWARD, SPANISH SECURITIES RISE AND PEACE SEEMS POSSIBLE.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND PEOPLE CLAMOR FOR ADMISSION TO THE CAPITOL

Report Received Late To-day Says McKinley's Message Will Favor Independence.—This Satisfies the Longing of Aggressive Republicans—Party Men Say the House Will Act To-morrow—The Pope Cries for Peace, the People Demand War and the Suffering Insurgents Pray for Freedom

SWARM AT THE CAPITOL.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—Fifteen thousand people swarmed at the Capitol and clamored for admission to the galleries to-day. The greatest excitement prevails, owing to disquieting rumors which report that the President's message will favor independence and intervention. This has allayed aggressive Republicans.

STOCKS BOUNDED UP.

By Telegraph to The Times.

New York, April 4.—The stock market bordered on the riot stage to-day. Prices bounded up on the reports of a peace message from Washington. Wall street speculators and their representatives who get information from "highest official sources" say there will be no war.

CONFIRMED BY SPAIN.

By Cable to The Times.

LONDON, April 4.—The report that the Pope has undertaken intervention for Spain with the United States is confirmed by the Spanish Minister.

SPAIN ACCEPTS POPE'S OFFER.

By Cable to The Times.

MADRID, April 4.—Premier Sagasta says the Spanish government accepts the Pope's offer of mediation and hopes the sentiment for peace will induce American politicians to accept it. Should the Washington government refuse it means war against peace and justice.

THE POPE'S MESSAGE.

By Telegraph to The Times.

MADRID, April 4.—Events are moving rapidly and many people here believe armistice between Spaniards and Cubans will be proclaimed within two days. The Pope sent an eloquent telegram to the Queen Regent urging Spain to grant armistice to Cuba, with a view of allowing negotiations to be conducted between the insurgents and Cuban authorities for an early conclusion of permanent peace.

POPE HAS NOT MEDIATED.

But he Has Asked Spain to Avoid War-Like Measures or Decisions.

By Cable to The Times.

ROME, April 4.—At the Vatican it is stated that the Pope has not formally offered to mediate between Spain and the United States, because he has not been requested to do so by the two governments. It is true, however, that the Pontiff conveyed to Madrid his ardent wish for the avoidance of a conflict, and asked Spain to arrange for the suspension of war-like measures or decisions.

HOUSE WILL ACT TO-MORROW.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—Republican members of the House say it will act to-morrow.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ADJOURNS.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—The House Foreign Affairs committee adjourned without action until Wednesday.

ANSWER HOURLY EXPECTED.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—President McKinley denies that the Pope has acted. It is announced that there is hourly expected a cablegram from Premier Sagasta notifying this government of a formal proposition for armistice to the insurgents. Chairman Cannon, of the House Appropriations committee, and Representative Grout, a member of the same committee, conferred with the President at his call this morning.

SPANISH SECURITIES ADVANCE.

By Cable to The Times.

LONDON, April 4.—Spanish securities advanced three points to-day. American railroad shares are buoyant.

CUBA WILL NEVER CONSENT.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—A Representative of the Cuban Junta Squezada stated to-day: "The Cubans will never consent to armistice until their independence is recognized and will not cease fighting until then. When their independence is recognized the Cubans will consent to armistice for a settlement of the affairs of the island." This statement was made in reply to the query as to how the Cubans regard the recent talk of Spain granting an armistice.

OUR NEW CRUISER.

By Cable to The Times.

LONDON, April 4.—The cruiser purchased for the United States from the Thames Iron Works, is laying in coal and provisions, and will likely sail to-morrow.

MAYOR REPORTS 350.

By Telegraph to The Times.

RIDGEWAY, Ill., April 4.—The magnitude of the flood at Shawneetown, caused by the bursting of the levee yesterday proves, as later reports are received and as is estimated by the mayor this morning that three to five hundred were drowned. Among the drowned were the family of Sheriff Galloway, the wife of Zachariah Meir, Chas. Clayton, Washington, Callicott, wife

THE LOSS OF THE MAINE.

Senator Turner in Favor of Immediate Action Independent of President.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—Senator Turner has offered a resolution directing the Senate committee of Foreign Affairs to take immediate action without waiting for the President to vindicate the dignity and honor of the United States in the matter of the loss of the Maine. It goes over until to-morrow when Senator Turner speaks. Senator Perkins, of California, is speaking and says that armed intervention is now the only course. Senator Clay says it's right and due to the United States to interfere in Cuba.

SENATE HELD IN CHECK.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Senator Clay spoke for the former resolution and said he wanted to put himself on record. During the session of the foreign affairs committee considerable opposition to the President's policy of delay was developed. After much persuasion the committee was held in check. In the House Mr. Cannon moves to suspend the rules and pass a joint resolution, allowing the erection of fortifications on private property. Mr. Bailey opposed the resolution.

OREGON ON THE WAY.

By Telegraph to The Times.

CALLAO, Peru, April 4.—The Battleship Oregon arrived to-day. One day ahead of schedule to join the fleet at Key-West.

APPEAL TO CONGRESS FOR AID.

By Telegraph to The Times.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 4.—The man who ventured out in the skiff to seek aid for Shawneetown says the levee has shown weakness for several days. The man said that when he passed through the streets of Shawneetown the houses were ringing with cries of drowning women and children. The whole country for many miles around was flooded. Mayor Carney, of Shawneetown, appealed to Congress to-day for aid. He says the town is absolutely destroyed and that there is not enough food for one person. Three hundred were drowned, all goods are lost, and the situation is extremely distressing. The wires are all down.

WORKING ON HIS MESSAGE.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—The President spent some time to-day preparing his message. Senators Gray and Morgan, of the Foreign Relations committee, called, after which the former stated that it was improbable that his committee would report any pending resolutions to the Senate to-day. A member of the Cabinet said there will be no meeting of the Cabinet to-day unless the President decides to send his message to Congress to-morrow.

MORE VOLUNTEERS.

The Governor Received a Batch of Letters To-day.

By Telegraph to The Times.

Notwithstanding the orders from Washington the volunteers continue to send in letters to Governor Russell tendering their services to the State in the event of war with Spain.

This morning there was a batch of letters filed.

The first was from Mr. R. M. Croom, the postmaster at Burgaw, who, from his letter, it may be judged is anxious for war.

Mr. C. O. Mercer, of Richardson, N. C., writes tendering his services to the Governor and State.

William M. Walton, a student at the University and a member of the present Sophomore class, writes the Governor that he is 19 years old and if there is to be any fighting he wishes to be enlisted in the North Carolina troops to defend the honor of the nation.

Hon. Matthew P. Taylor, of Wilmington, late commander of the Second Brigade North Carolina State Guard under Governors Vance and Jarvis, tenders his service to the State in any position to which the Governor may see fit to appoint him.

D. M. D. Withers, of Leaflet, N. C., who has recently graduated from a Northern medical college, and obtained his license to practice the medical profession, in North Carolina, writes the Governor applying for a position as assistant surgeon and names several references.

Mr. W. H. Sykes, of Sural's Ferry, volunteers, and says he is ready to come at once.

General J. G. Martin, late Assistant Adjutant General, of North Carolina, and also late Col. Fourth Regiment North Carolina National Guard, writes from the Hoffman House, New York, tendering his services to the State. He says in his letter that he beat a drum in the Confederate army in 1864, and for eleven years was in the State guard. He is ready for war and is willing to take any position to which he may be assigned.

At the Adjutant General's office there was no stirring news to-day. Col. Eugene Harrell says there will be war and expects Congress to act to-day. He says he is praying for war. Captain Gresham, U. S. A., also believes there will be war.

On the streets every one inquires for the latest developments.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ballex, of Louisburg, returned home to-day.

Mrs. A. J. Cooke and Master Gus Cooke left to-day for Louisburg. Mr. F. M. Simmons left to-day for Newbern.

HANNA FOUND GUILTY

Senate Committee Makes Its Report.

BRIBERY WAS CHARGED

REPORT OF BRIBERY INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE CAUSES NO SURPRISE.

The Vote in Committee Was Nineteen for "Guilty" Against Seventeen for "Not Guilty"—The Senate to Act.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—Outside of the war news, the most important development in news circles to-day is the announcement that the special Senate committee to investigate the bribery in the recent Senatorial contest in Ohio, preferred against Senator Mark Hanna, of Ohio, has, by a vote of 19 to 17, found Senator Hanna guilty of bribery.

The committee's report will now be made to the Senate, and what action will be taken by that body cannot be stated.

The findings of the committee caused no surprise in some circles.

EDWIN TRAVERS.

At reduced prices comes to the opera house Monday and Tuesday night, supported by an admirable company. Monday night "The Private Secretary" will be offered and the engagement will conclude with the latest musical comedy sufficiency "A Jolly Night." The prices will be 25, 50 and 75 cents.

The Charleston News and Courier of March 15th, 1898, says:

"Mr. Edwin Travers and his excellent company were given a hearty welcome at the Academy of Music last night. The audience was large and appreciative, and "The Private Secretary," while by no means new to Charleston, seemed quite as entertaining as when first produced here. William Gillette has written many excellent plays, but none are better than "The Private Secretary." It has stood the test of time, and the public appears never to grow weary of the fun injected into its lines. The schemes of Douglass Cattermole (Mr. Travers), to evade his creditors, the plans of the old uncle to make his nephew "sow his wild oats," never fail to move the audience, and the extremely hard times that come to the poor secretary provoke peals of laughter. Mr. Charles Barrington, in the role of the Secretary, can hardly be surpassed, and Mr. Wallace, as the uncle from Calcutta, forced the laughter. The ladies of the company played their several parts most charmingly, and the comedy was interesting and intensely amusing from curtain to curtain.

NEW TELEPHONES.

Subscribers to the Telephone Exchange will please add to their list the following new names:
391B—Candle, H. E., saloon.
285B—Bailey and Co., A. L., Grocer.
229D—Jones and Boykin, office.
214F—Weather, L. C.

500 WERE DROWNED.

News From Shawneetown Indicates a More Appalling Disaster Than at first Reported.

By Telegraph to The Times.
CARMEL, Ill., April 4.—News from Shawneetown this morning indicates a more appalling disaster than at first reported. A messenger, who arrived this morning, says five hundred were drowned.

MR. BRUNER ILL.

Mr. T. K. Bruner has gone to Salisbury in answer to a telegram announcing the serious illness of his brother.

SHINERS PIN LOST.

James H. Young will pay a suitable reward for the return of his "Shiners Pin" which he lost yesterday.