

## FAVOR INDEPENDENCE

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## ALL QUIET AT CUBAN CAPITAL

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## SPANIARDS BUTCHER RECONCENTRADOS

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## ONE HUNDRED REPUBLICANS INSIST ON MESSAGE FOR MONDAY

The Spanish Flotilla Leaves Cadiz for the Canaries—Cuban Delegation at Washington Say 300 Reconcentrados Have Been Butchered During the Past Week—American Citizens Continue to Depart from Havana—McKinley Wishes to Destroy War Message and Send One of Peace to Congress in its Stead—Lee Leaves Havana Saturday.

The News and Observer this afternoon received the following bulletin from the Associated Press:

House Republicans who favor recognition of Cuban independence are in a large majority.

Havana dispatch states that perfect quiet prevails to-day.

Members of the cabinet say there has been no material decrease in the situation since yesterday. Woodford remains at Madrid until after the message goes to Congress.

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### CENSORSHIP DEMANDS.

HAVANA, April 8.—Everything is quiet. Expectancy and doubt continue. Observance of Good Friday is a more general topic than the war of diplomacy. Beginning to-day the code telegrams to and from Cuba must be translated at the censor's office with the code in sight.

### DON'T SOUND LIKE PEACE.

By Telegraph to The Times.  
MADRID, April 8.—The cabinet held a secret session to-day. The censorship is becoming more rigorous. Correspondents of the Espana say the consideration of a peaceful solution of the present situation will involve the reconstruction of the cabinet.

### LEE TO LEAVE ON OLIVETTE.

By Telegraph to The Times.  
KEY WEST, Fla., April 8.—Consul General Lee will quit Havana Saturday on the steamer Olivette.

### LEE SUMMONED HOME.

Will Appear Before the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Telegraph to The Times.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—Consul General Lee is summoned to Washington, and is expected to appear before the Committee on Foreign Relations, when it has the President's message and the Foraker resolution before it.

### PLANS ARRANGED.

The President's Message Will Go to Congress Monday.

By Telegraph to The Times.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—Pending the culmination of diplomatic developments there is no approaching head. The administration is avoiding all possible outward evidence of a crisis.

The Cuban message will be placed in Congress Monday unless some radical unexpected event occurs to change the plans of the President. Meanwhile the departure of American citizens from Cuba continues. Minister Woodford is arranging his affairs to leave at a moment's notice. Frequent conferences are the only sign of a crisis.

At the White House arrangements are going on for the Easter egg rolling on the lawn. The President stands the strain wonderfully. He retired last night at 11 o'clock, arose early this morning and ate heartily. No important callers at the White House early this morning.

### FIGHTING NEAR HAVANA.

KEW WEST, Fla., April 8.—John L. Fielding, of New York, one of the Mangrove's passengers, says there is fighting within 60 miles of Havana. Great activity among Spaniards and insurgents. It is reported that Garcia and Gomez have formed a junction, and are only waiting a naval demonstration to move on Havana. Spain is rushing a large number of field artillery back in the country on the supposition that it will oppose the United States invading force and check the advance of Garcia and Gomez.

### HAVANA SERVICE CUT.

By Telegraph to The Times.  
NEW ORLEANS, La., April 8.—The Southern Pacific Company has discontinued their service to Havana for the present. Algiers, scheduled to leave yesterday, is held.

### SPANIARDS STILL BUTCHERING.

Two Hundred Reconcentrados Murdered by Spanish Troops.

By Telegraph to The Times.  
HAVANA, April 8.—Two hundred starving reconcentrados availed themselves of the removal of the bando, went beyond the death line to work. Spanish troops followed and murdered all.

### DEMAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Telegraph to The Times.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—One hundred Republicans are said to be pledged to insist on the message being sent in Monday.

### ORDERS TO TROOPS.

By Telegraph to The Times.  
ST. PAUL, Minn., April 8.—The Third regiment, United States troops, at Fort Snelling, is ordered to hold itself ready to start momentarily.

### THE KENTUCKY COLONELS.

By Telegraph to The Times.  
LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 8.—One hundred Kentucky colonels have volunteered their services to the Governor in the event of war.

### TEACHERS' MEETING.

The Teachers Meeting at the Tabernacle church will be held to-night as usual.

### THINK WAR INEVITABLE

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee Discuss Method of Procedure. By Telegraph to The Times.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—The Senate foreign relations committee had no regular meeting to-day, but the members came together to informally discuss the situation. No one doubted that war is inevitable. The discussion was directed toward the method of procedure.

### SPANISH FLOTILLA SAILS.

By Telegraph to The Times.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—The Spanish minister has been advised that the flotilla has sail from Cadiz for the Canaries. There were three battleships and twelve cruises with the Bahia.

### 300 CONCENTRADOS MURDERED.

By Telegraph to The Times.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—All Cuban delegations here say that 300 reconcentrados have been murdered within a week.

### TO DESTROY THE MESSAGE.

President Hopes to Substitute War Message With a Peace Note. By Telegraph to The Times.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—In officials circles the opinion is freely expressed that the message will not go to Congress on Monday. It is given out semi-officially that the President hoped to be able to destroy the war message and substitute a peaceful communication to Congress.

### POWER OF THE POWERS.

By Telegraph to The Times.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—All the talk to-day is over the effect of the joint note of the six powers. Many believe it forms a solution of the impasse.

### DERVISHES LOST.

By Telegraph to The Times.  
CAIRO, April 8.—The Anglo-Egyptian forces attacked the Dervish position this morning successfully. The Dervishes lost heavily.

### MR. ED. BATTLE HURT.

This afternoon while riding down Fayetteville street Mr. Ed. Battle was thrown from his horse near the corner of Fayetteville and Davie streets. At first it was feared that he was seriously injured, but he was taken into McKee's Pharmacy and after the bruises had been attended to he was able to leave without assistance.

### COLUMBUS' TOMB.

Will Probably Share in the Destruction of Havana.

If, as is confidently expected, the guns of our big battleships are trained upon the city of Havana it will be a military salute over the grave of Spanish power in the western world.

And it will be a strange, almost a sad, coincidence that this same salute will scatter to the four winds all that is left of the man who gave to Spain that magnificent colonial empire of which a few scattered islands is the last remnant. Christopher Columbus lies buried in the Cathedral of Havana and his tomb will in all probability share in the destruction of the city.

It will be our guns which do the deed, but the guilt will rest, not upon us but upon the head of that cruel and ungrateful people who in life rewarded the great discoverer with chains and is now forcing us in the course of humanity to raze his tomb.—Greensboro Telegram.

## RAMSEY COMES HOME

Waived Examination and Gave Bond.

## BOND PLACED AT \$500

APPEARED BEFORE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE BROADHURST TO-DAY.

Trial at 2 O'clock This Afternoon and Editor Ramsey Will Return Home To-Night.

Special to The Times.

GOLDSBORO, N. C., April 8.—Editor J. L. Ramsey, of the Progressive Farmer, arrived here on the morning train for Raleigh, and at 2 o'clock appeared before Justice of the Peace J. D. Broadhurst and answered ready for trial.

Judge Allen and counsel were present, but with Mr. Ramsey there was no attorney.

Mr. Ramsey waived examination and gave justified bond for \$500 for his appearance at the next term Wayne County Court.

Mr. Ramsey will return to Raleigh to-night. Much interest is manifested in this libel suit here in Raleigh.

The trial will not be held for two months, and at that time Editor Ramsey will answer to the charges preferred by ex-Judge Allen.

### DR. J. L. RAMSEY LEAVES.

The Ananias Club Escorted Him to the Union Station.

Dr. Joyful Laughter Ramsey, after carefully considering the urgent request of the Ananias Club, of which he is now the star member, did not take his departure for Goldsboro yesterday. This morning the Chief Distorter, who previously to this has never spoken to the meeker member, notified Editor Ramsey that the club had completed the preparations for placing him safely into the care of the porter on the Southern morning train for Wayne's court house.

Dr. Ramsey granted the request of his clubmates and this morning he was the centre of attraction at the Union Station.

The last words of Counsel given by the chief to the departing brother were of such value that it was ordered that 2,000 copies of his remarks be printed in the club's official organ.

Dr. Ramsey will uphold the Society's good name while in Goldsboro, and on his return he will probably be promoted to a higher position in the Ananias Club.

### BASEBALL.

A. and M. College to Meet the Guilford Boys Easter Monday.

The A. and M. College first team will play Guilford College at Greensboro on Easter Monday. It promises to be a good game as the teams are evenly matched. The A. and M. second team will play the second team of Wake Forest College at Wake Forest on Easter Monday.

A. and M. second team—Bryson, c.; Baves p.; Kennedy s. s.; Graves 1st b.; Wood, E. J., 2nd b. captain; Ross 3rd b.; Bonitz r. f.; Vaughn c. f.; Harris, C. I. f.; Myers, sub.

To-day is Holiday at the city schools. Hon. C. M. Cooke returned to his home in Louisburg this morning.

Mr. F. M. Simmons left to-day on a business trip to Newbern.

Mr. T. K. Bruner returned this morning from Salisbury.

Chairman L. C. Caldwell, of the Railroad Commission is here to-day.

Messes, Grimes Haywood and Junius Grimes, of the University are here to spend Easter with relatives.

Mrs. W. G. Randal left this morning for Warrenton to visit her sister.

Mrs. F. B. Waddell, of Rocky Mount, is visiting Capt. S. A. Ashe.

### ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

The Next Meeting to be Held in Raleigh September 20th.

The Presbytery of Albemarle met at Tarboro, N. C., Tuesday, April 5, 1898, at 7:30 o'clock. At the request of the moderator, the opening sermon was delivered by the Rev. Eugene Daniel, of Raleigh, from John 17:17. "Sanctify them through thy truth." The Rev. A. R. Shaw, of Henderson, was chosen as moderator and the Rev. W. T. Walker, of Oxford, as temporary clerk. The reports from the churches were full, interesting and very encouraging. More than \$1,400 had been raised in this young and weak Presbytery for Home Missions. A popular meeting in the interest of this cause was held on Tuesday night and addresses were delivered by the Rev. F. H. Johnston, Rev. Jas. Thomas Rev. W. T. Walker, Rev. J. B. Morton and Rev. Eugene Daniel. Raleigh was chosen as the place of next meeting, the time to be September 20, 1898. Rev. J. B. Morton and Ruling Elder J. M. B. Hunt were elected commissioners to the General Assembly which will meet in New Orleans in May. Sermons were delivered by the Rev. W. T. Walker, Rev. J. L. Logburn and Rev. C. M. Payne. The hospitality of the good people of Tarboro was characteristically warm and the spirit of the whole meeting was delightful.

### THE SOUTHERN'S PLAN.

Will Parallel the Greensboro and Goldsboro Road in Case of Further Trouble.

The Charlotte News learns from a good source that if there is any further trouble between the State and the Southern Railway, that road will parallel that part of the line between Greensboro and Goldsboro, a distance of 130 miles, and would follow the precedent set in the Mooresville and Mocksville extension by buying the necessary land along the entire route. Since the Southern has made its vast system of improvements at Norfolk, which is to be its deep water terminus, it is a matter of importance to them either to have the North Carolina Railway, or at least that part of it between Greensboro and Selma, or to parallel the North Carolina line between the same points.

The decision of Judge Simonton, which is eagerly looked for in many quarters, will not, it is understood, be appealed from, either by the Governor of North Carolina or the Southern of fields whatever the decision.

### STANLY HEARING POSTPONED.

The Stanly county bond case, which was to have been heard at Greensboro Tuesday, before Judge Simonton, was postponed until the 12th, as Judge Simonton could not be present. As stated Monday, Hon. Chas. Price represents the Northern bondholders, and Hon. A. C. Avery and Mr. D. Schenck, Jr., the commissioners.

### ATTENTION, VETERANS!

On account of meeting of board of aldermen in the mayor's office, L. O'B. Branch Camp will meet at A. B. Stronach's dry goods store, 8 o'clock p. m. Forecast for North Carolina: Fair to-night and Saturday.

### HIS FAITH WAS WEAK.

It is reported that in Eastern Wake county a man by the name of Spence has been preaching sanctification, and in order to carry out his points he announced to his hearers that on last Sunday he would walk on water. Saturday night he went to a pond and drove up some posts and laid some planks along about three inches under the water. Sunday morning, by an appointment, a large crowd assembled to see the wonderful feat. During the night some mean boys took out one of the planks. After spending several minutes in prayer the sanctificationist proceeded to walk. With eyes fixed heavenward he slowly and deliberately walked in. Everything was still, and such remarks as "Ge, whiz! that man shorely am sanctified!" could be heard from the eager crowd of onlookers. Suddenly, when about the middle of the pond, he came to the missing plank. Ker choog! under went the parson above his head in water. The now thoroughly enraged crowd dispersed with very little faith in sanctification. Apex News.

### EIGHT FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Four officers from Birmingham, Ala., went through to-day carrying a squad of Federal prisoners to Raleigh. There were eight of them, six for making whiskey, one for resisting United States officer, one for robbing the mail, and one for counterfeiting; and each is in for fourteen months.

The officers say these men are unusually well behaved and orderly, and have to be handcuffed only when changing cars. They find some consolation in the fact that they will not have to go to war for a while yet.—Greensboro Record.

## A CONVICT'S RETURN

Claims to Have Recovered Much Money.

## HENRY PAGE'S STORY

SAYS HE PUT THE MONEY UNDER THE HOUSE 15 YEARS AGO.

Charlotte Hight Confirms the Story—Several Hundred Dollars Found Near the Old Ice Factory.

Henry Page is an industrious colored man who lives just North of the site of the Old Ice Factory, near Allen & Crum's Foundry. Charlotte Hight lives about one hundred yards south of Page's home, and between the two houses is an old building which was partially destroyed by fire, when the Ice Factory was burned down. The town colored people named above have an interesting story of quite a peculiar occurrence of Wednesday night:

Henry Page was just about ready to retire when he was called upon to respond to a call at the door. The visitor, according to Page, claimed to be none other than a convict recently released from the State farm, he sought information concerning the occupancy of houses in that neighborhood, and finally came to the conclusion that the partially destroyed house between the houses of Charlotte Hight and Henry Page was the house which he sought. The convict did not give his name to Page, but in a few minutes returned bringing with him several hundred dollars which he claimed had been buried beneath the flooring of the dilapidated building by himself before he was captured and sent to prison for manslaughter and robbery about fifteen or eighteen years ago. The negroes in that section are greatly interested in the find and have thronged about those who know the story.

Inquiry was made to-day at the State penitentiary to ascertain the reliability of this information, and it is stated that recently a man answering the description given was released from the farms. It is stated elsewhere that the ex-convict was known to have come to Raleigh.

Charlotte Hight and Henry Page believed the story implicitly. The story is given for what it is worth. It is the chief topic now discussed by the colored people on the streets.

### THE WEATHER.

Weather Conditions.—The high pressure area now occupies the entire Ohio valley and eastern States, with clear, cold weather. Frosts occurred again at Charleston, Augusta, Charlotte, Raleigh, Wilmington, Savannah, Atlanta, Montgomery, Knoxville and Memphis.

The barometer is lowest in the extreme northwest with rising temperature there; cloudy weather prevails at only a few stations. A little rain occurred at Kansas City, Omaha, North Platte and Huron.

### HAS THE GOVERNOR ACTED?

This morning it was rumored on the streets that the visit of Chairman Caldwell, of the Railroad Commission, to Raleigh was for the purpose of consulting with the Governor to learn what action is to be taken on his resignation, which was tendered during the last meeting of the Commission.

It is said that the Governor to-day considered the matter and was in consultation with other State officers on the matter.

### NEW CORPORATION.

M. A. Glazebrook, of Richmond, Va., L. A. Williamson and M. F. Crawford, of Fayetteville, filed articles of agreement in reference to the formation of a corporation to be known as "M. F. Crawford & Co." The capital stock shall be \$5,000, with the privilege to increase same to \$25,000.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Services preparatory to the communion will be held in the Presbyterian Church this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. The pastor and ruling elder, J. M. Monie, returned from Tarboro at 4 o'clock this morning.