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FRIDAY.....April 22, 1898.

ON THE EVE OF WAR.

Nobody will be surprised now at any moment to hear that hostilities between this country and Spain have commeneed. The act of giving Minister Woodford his passports before he presented the ultimatum of the United States shows that Spain accepts war in preference to surrendering its dominion over Cuba. It is generally believed that the war will be of short duration and there is no room to doubt that the victory will be with the forces of the United States.

Under the shadow of the approaching conflict, it is gratifying to reflect that the policy of this country has been such as to avoid the necessity of war. The destruction of the Maine and the murder of the American officers and sailors was an act of war, and it was wonderful repression for this nation to quietly await the finding of the commission before officially fixing the crime upon turning into Martin, taking care to avoid Spanish authorities. The reply of Spain was equivalent to an insult to the American Navy, charging that the murder of which they were responsible was due to the negligence of American officers. If this nation had desired war, here was a cause sufficient to bring about a declaration of war. But, anxious to avery hostilities, Spain has been given every opportunity to make reparation. Instead of reparation, it insults the American navy and the American people by a gross reflection upon our best officers. And yet this insult is not resented.

In a recent speech in the Senate, Senator Gray, of Delaware, stated the whole case of the United States (omitting the Maine murder) against Spain.

"I liken," said he, "the action proposed by this country now to that of a citizen of a town who has next door to him a villianous neighbor, who every day chokes his wife and starves and malreats his children. And because he is

May Probably be Among Chief Surgeons. BRILLIANT RECORD CAME HERE TO-DAY TO SEE ADJU-

TANT-GENERAL COWLES.

Will Go Into the Army Conditionally --Appeared Before the Examining Board at Norfolk Yesterday.

His Appointment.

Dr. Charles Mangum, of Chapel Hill, professor of Materia Medica and Anatonay, at the University of North Carolina, arrived in Ralei,'i this morning to see Adjutant General Cowles with refcrence to his apopintment as surgeon in the State Guard.

Dr. Mangum reached here on the clock train this morning, direct from Norfolk where he went before the Medial Examining Board to learn the requirements in that branch of the service. For the National service the surgeon enlists for three years' service, and this is not satisfactory to Dr. Mangum, who is not seeking a job.

Dr. Mangum is one of the youngest and yet most prominent physicians in the State and doubtless will be given a position of great importance should it he possible to accept his services for the time he wishes to volunteer. The University Medical College's ear's work is about completed and Dr. Mangum wishes to serve the untion until October 1st. At that time he wishes

o return. He saw Colonel Harrell and it is probable if the authorities here have the power to do so. Dr. Mangum will be a eader, as he should be.

A CIRCUS HORSE.

This morning at 10:20 o'clock a run away horse attached to a wagon thought that the Spanish fleet was coming up Rocky branch, and thinking "discretion was the better part of valor," started from Wilmington street, in a gallon contact with vehicles or obstructions of all kinds, rounded the corner at the Capital Club's new building, an dlight ly touching Constable John Upchurch's auggy, which was tanding in front o Justice Marcom's office, turned into the wagon yard of Mr. Ralph Andrew's blacksmith shop, making several beautiful curves (a la circus ring) missing standing teams, the horses attached to which dodged their heads, giving the runaway team the right. When the horse found out that the Spanish fleet had gotten no further than Walnut Creek, he concluded that there was no danger, and he cooled down and came to a dead halt. His owner, Mr. Loch bacher, a farmer, coming up, jumped into his wagon and drove off.

TO-MORROW'S EVENT.

Great Inter-University Game at Chape Hill-A Special Train.

The long awaited Virginia-Carolina ball game will be played to-morrow ir Chapel Hill, The special train leaves Raleigh at 12:30 p. m., returning 7:30 p. m. The round trip ticket is only \$1.50. A spe-

THE FIGHT BEGUN. Our Squadron Sailed to Blockade Havana and Begin Hostilities.

KEY WEST, FLA., April 22 .- The North Atlantic Squadron, except for the monitors Terror and Puritan and the smalled cruisers, sailed from Key West at 5:45 (6:45 Washington time) this morning headed for the Florida straits. The skies were growing grey with the coming dawn when the formidable family of destroyers quietly and unastentationsly steamed away, presumably fo the shores of Cuba. Besides the tw monitors, the ships left behind are the gun boat Helena, Marblehead and Detroit, dispatch bont Dolphin and the torpedo boats Cushing, Dupont and Por

Throughout the long night unusual as tivity on the vessels of the fleet told weary watchers on shore that the long awaited advance on Havana was near at hand, yet there was nothing official on which to found that belief.

Washington advices of yesterday at ternoon indicated the probability of movement during the night or to-day. but the naval men ashere disclaimed any knowledge of orders. They averred that their condition of uncertainty was still unchanged. Early in the evening, however, came the first realization of the fact that the tedious period of inaction was nearing its close. When signals were hoisted recalling all the men to ships without delay, many interpreted this as a precautionary measure, especially in view of the fact that a number ber of officers, including several from the flagship, remained a shore and had leave for the night. About 11 o'cloch there occurred a decided change in th situation when a special boat hurried from the flagship with orders to those still ashore to immediately return to the ships.

Midnight found the city empty of go braid and blue jackets, with which i had grown so familiar. Save one or two recalcitrant jackies, there was not naval man to be found in town. Th theatre of action was transferred to the harbor, where glittering panorama was enacted until daybreak appeared slowly over the waters of the gulf.

The first streak of the morning lich was crossing the east and two bells juounded from the ship when tiny, and th unfamiliar eyes, an almost impercept ble line of fire appeared on the sky abov where lay the flagship.

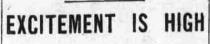
A moment or two after and the signa staff of the Cincinnati, lying off For Taylor, in the inner harbor, flashed into colored light, acknowledging the call. The Puritan and Helena joined in ncandescent conversion, and soon skies were kalidoscopic as ship after sh unswered new lights ticked message raught with the gravest import an reative of history. What words, course, no one ashore knew, but the fe who watched with straining eyes from sen and docks needs no interpreter n tell that it meant hostile action. The message was not long in delivery.

but sumrise had fully come as the laetter flickered and went out. Then the witnesses saw that the movement had ictually begun under cover of the night. The ships could still be discerned in th listance, but the others had moved to ward them, the flagship drawing othe dips of the soundron to her. Finally a start was made at 5:45 m. (Key West time.)

Yesterday the Times published that Mr. Z. P. Smith, of the Guards, would tot go to war. The statement was made published in the same u jxoke and pirit. He is one of the best of our State troops and will whip as many Spaniards as the net man.

Governor Russell and Maj.

Harrell Confer.



MAJ. HAYES IN WASHINGTON KEEPING THIS DEPARTMENT POSTED.

Conferences Held Often and the Governor Spends Part of the Morning Review-

ing the Law Governing the

State Troops.

The war talk has taken life out of general local news but there is such acting about the capitol as has seldom been seen in the history of the building. Col. Harrell is having frequent conferences with the Governor and telegrams from Major Hayes keep them posted on the situation.

The object of Major Hayes' visit to Washington is that there may be no misunderstanding of the orders sent to the department here.

All sorts of letters are being received at the Adjutant General's office and the only reply given is that nothing definite has been heard and no orders have been received further than to make every preparation for mobilizing the State guard.

The Governor has been in consultation with officials throughout the morning and has enrefully reviewed the law governing State troops and the orders ne cessary to transport them out of the State.

Major Hayes in his telegrams is quo ted as saying that orders will be issued to the North Carolina troops before the night, is feared. This cannot be guaranteed but it is semi-officially confirmed and notice is given at one of the departments of startling news expected to night.

WON'T BELIEVE IT.

Rockingham Republic.

Our Raleigh correspondent tells u that the Mystic Shriners are to parade in Raleigh on May 17th and that among its candidates for membership are Col A. B. Andrews and Col. Julius S. Carr and that these new candidates are to march through the streets of Raleigh with ropes around their necks and that the procession will be reviewed by Governor Russell, We'll bet dollars to doughnuts that the two gentlemen named will do no such thing. Two of the grandest men in the State humilia-

ted like that! Won't believe it. Major Sully, who served under Gen. Lee in the Confederate army, has asked the General for a position in his comnand in the war with Spain. The Major has notified General Lee that he can join him on 48 hours' notice. We under-stand that the General has said he debe one of them.

FIRST FRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Church Year.

A Raleigh correspondent of the North Rev. A. Y. Graham says: "No one Carolina Presbyterian furnishes the folever left a more delightful impression upon a Davidson audience than did Dr. owing which will interest all Raleigh Thornwell. The lecture was unique; so by Mr. Mills and will be used as part of combining the serious and the humorous his road.

BASEBALL YESTERDAY.

was as wild as a hare to-day, and in consequence, Philadelphia again de feated New York. The fielding of both teams was a little ragged. Attendance 2,617. Score: Philadelphia ..040001080-13 10 4

New York....300001000-4 9 4 Batteries: Duggleby and McFarland Seymour, Gettig and Grady, Umpires,

Emslie and Andrews, Time, 2:15. Baltimore, Md., April 21.-The Oriole batsmen could not connect with the ball to-day when hits were needed. The fielding of the home team was not up to the standard, and their errors helped swell Boston's run column. Attendance, 1.787. Score: R. H. E. Baltimore ...030000020-5

danz and Bergen. Umpires, Snyder and Curry. Time 2 hours. Cincinnati, Ohio, April 21.—The Reds hit Rhines unmercifully in the first and

last innings of to-day's game, and gained and easy victory. Dwyer was very wild and retired in favor of Dammann in the sixth, Attendance 3,000. Score R. H. E.

Cincinnati ... 400001006-11 14 Pittsburg101020002-6 6 3 Batteries: Dwyer, Dammann and Pietz: Rhines and Schriver, Umpires,

Swartwood and Wood. Time, 1:55. St. Lonis-Cleveland game postponed on account of rain.

Washington D. C., April 21.-Eleven innings were required by the Senators to win to-day's game. The feature of the game was the catch of a long fly by Selbach. He fell in making connection with the ball but did not let it tiary.

escape him, Attendance, 1,800, Score: R. H. E. Washing'n .30100100002-711 0 Brooklyn. .00000020300-513 22 Batteries: Weyhing and McGuire; Dunn and Smith. Umpires, Lynch and

Connolly, Time, 2 hours, Louisville, Ky., April 21.—The Colo-nels were off in both fielding and batting to-day and the Colts had everything their ow nway, Attendance 1,000, Score: R. H. E.

Griffith and Donahue. Umpires: Cush-man and Heydler. Time 1:45.

DR. THORNWELL'S LECTURE.

He Will Lecture at the First Presbyte rian Church To-night, Professor Flynn, of the South Carolina

University, writes: "Dr. Thornwell took his audience with him to Great Britain. They saw the sights and celebrities together; laughed, wondered, and feasted together. The wit, fancy, and humor that come and go throughout are not forced, but the natural glow of a cloud illumined by the lightning's flash or the steady beam

of the western sun. Any audience that hears Dr. Thornwell will be improved, cheered, stimulated, uplifted, by the presentations of beauty; made merry and helped."

Gen. Leroy Youmans, the silver-tongued orator of South Carolina, thus writes: Intensely interesting throughout, was not only replete with instruction, sires 150 of his old soldiers in his im-mediate command and the Major will original and of a rare order. The enjoybut redolent with pathos and humor, ment of the audience was such that the

peaker was compelled by them to extend the time, to their manifest delight." Dr. Pue, president of the South Caro

lina College for Women, writes of "the humorous vein, keen observation, the significant gesture, the pathetic touch, the practical lesson." all united.

THE NEGROES ARE ALARMED.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 21 .- Seymour Making All Sorts of Excuses to Keep From Going to Cuba.

> Parson Leak has gone to Washington to try to secure for himself a place as chaplain in some negro company that R. H. E. will be sent to Cuba.

The colored people here have been very much wrought up over the an-nouncement in Sunday's paper that they would very prohably be called on to take up arms and go to Cuba.

More than one has met the reporter on the street and comenced making excuses about as follows:

"Look here, boss, yer'll ha' ter scuse me. I aint strong er'nough to go to no war

'What's the matter with you?"

"I don't adzackly know, sir. I ain't been physically onable fer some time. I thought you knowed it." "No, I didn't know it," "Well it's so, and I wanted ter insult

con ter find out of dere want some way to git scused from gwine ter dis war." "Yes, if you'll get some affidavits and

doctor's certificate." "Thank you, boss." smiling with un-disguised pleasure, "I can git plenty er dem things."

LOVE AND A HANDKERCHIEF.

A Negro Wins Wives With a Red Silk Bandanna.

Mr. James H. Pon brings a remarkaole story from Goldsboro, where he has

been this week, attending court, A negro, John W. Fulton, was tried and convicted of bigamy, and as be had three living wives, all in court at the same time, he was given the limit of the law, ten years in the peniten-

"It seems," said Mr. Pou, "that this negro had a red silk handkerchier which he always took with him when he went courting and it appeared on evidence that whenever he waved this flaming bandanna before a woman 'she was bis ment.'

"Of course as soon as this became known it created great excitement, and everybody-judge, jury, solicitor, law-yers, by-standers, and everybody else were anxious to get possession of the magic handkerchief, but Fulton refused absolutely to part with it, and when he comes here next week to the State's prison he will no doubt bring it with

DELINQUENTS MUST PAY,

City Back Taxes Will Be Collected By Distress.

For many years there have been about \$10,000 uncollected city taxes, and there are certain people who have made a rule of not paying taxes, because they could not be forced to do so.

The board of aldermon has forced the finance committee, and the latter has ordered the city tax collector to issue the final notice to delinquents. These will be served by the police force, and unless payment is made immediately, the law will be inforced and every person owning as much as \$25 personal property, and not having paid their taxes will be approached by an officer of the law and handed a bill, on which is printed "Take notice that unless immediate settlement is made of your taxes due the city of Raleigh for the year 1897, I shall proceed fortwith to collect the same by distress and sale, as required by law." Then follows the statement of taxes due by the person to the city of Raleigh.

ARAILROAD BUILDING.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Raleigh and Cape Fear Railroad. A large force of hands is grading near Caraleigh Mills. The Caraleigh branch of the Southern Railway has been leased

The Financial Report for the Past

CRISIS IN MINISTRY. MADRID, April 22 .- There are fears of a crisis in the ministry.

law-abiding citizen he bears it for days and weeks, until at last he can bear by the throat, and says, 'Take your game will come off without a hitch. hands off the woman and let the children go," and all his neighbors applaud. That is what we propose to do, and all our neighbors in the family of nations will applaud our action. If they do not, God help them and the civilization which they represent."

While many of us will always believe that by the early recognition of belligerency by Cleveland or McKinley war would have been averted, and while there have been differences of opinion as to the wise course for this country to pursue in the negotiations which are now abruptly ended, the time has come for these opinions and these differences to be lost sight of in the great national duty that is before us. Those who favored war and those who opposed it are Americans, jealous of their country's honor. In the conflict which confronts us, there will be differences as to methods but no differences as to the devotion to the flag. If the war is short, sharp and

decisive, as all hope and most well informed men believe, the demand for men and treasure will be readily mot without a great draft upon the manhood and resources of the people. If, however, it should lengthen into months the spirit of patriotism and self-sacrifice will not be wanting among a people who have liberty and are moved to sympathize with the struggling Cubans.

YOUNG MEN WANT TO ENLIST.

An Asheville Man Has Already Hired a Substitute.

That the war feeling is abroad in the land is shown by the fact that almost daily young men from the surrounding country call at the Governor's office, asking how they can enlist in the United States army.

A little further west, though, the amount of patriotic enthusiasm and the number of volunteers doesn't seem to be so great. The Asheville Gazette

was readily accepted."

tal car will be reserved for ladies and their escorts. The excitement at Chape Hill is at fever heat and the game wil certainly be hard fought and close from it no longer. Law or no law, he enters start to finish. A national league umthe residence of his neghbor, takes him pire has been telegraphed for and the Each team has so far lost only one game and never have the prospects for close and exciting game been better Carolina has had Jayne and Reynolds of Princeton, coaching for them.

Lawson is in excellent condition and s expected along with the Varsity's heavy batting to win the game for Caro

Virginia's pitcher is Summersgill, man of no little reputation as a puzzler

MORE FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Turce Georgia Moonshiners, a Counter feiter and a Mail Robber.

Five United States prisoners were yesterday morning brought here to the penitentiary from Georgia. One of them gets three years for robbing the mail, one two years for counterfeiting, one two years for moonshining, and TWO eighteen months each for moonshining. The United States prisoners are worked mostly on the brick yard, but as a rule they are employed just as the State convicts are, except that they are not allowed to work outside the prison walls.

THE BAPTIST UNIVERSITY.

Rev. Dr. A. M. Simms and Mr. John E. Ray will leave Monday morning for New York and other Northern cities to examine systems of heating in public buildings and schools, with a view to selecting the best apparatus for heating the Baptist Female University, now being crected here. These gentlemen were appointed a special committee to do this by th executive committee of the board of trustees.

> SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CONVENTION.

There will be a Convention of the Democratic voters of the Seventh Judicial District, held in the Town of Rockingham, in said district, on the 19th day of May, 1898, for the purpose of nominating candidates for judge and solicitor. By order of the Committee

J. C. BLACK. Chairman. Carthage, N. C., April 20, 1898.

COURT HERE NEXT WEEK.

Ex-State Printer Moses I. Stewart, of Winston, is here. He comes on business touching the suit of the State Treasurer

says: "A certain young man in the city who is expecting a call every day for military service, vesterday made a contract with a substitute at \$40 per month in addition usual interest, will be the Glass divorce to the pay of the government. The offer suit. A large number of witnesses have been summoned on both sides.

"BUENA-VENTURA" O. K.

By Telegraph to The Times, KEY WEST, FLA., April 22.—The Spanish vessel captured is "Buena-Venura," now bringing her prize in, caused rrent excitement here.

Dr: Charles Mangum, of the University, is in Raleigh to-day,

Dr. H. A. Royster returned this morning from Durham, where he attended the performance of Mikado last night. Chief Clerk Simms, of the Auditor's Department, left this afternoon for his home in Concord, where he will spend Sunday, Mr. Simms will stop in threensboro to see his daughters at the State Normal College,

GOES TO THE SCHOOL FUND.

Fines for Issning Passes Give Wake County Schools \$2,000.

THEFT The railroads are industriously circu-lating the report that the fines for breach of the law against issuing passes go into the State Treasury to be disposed of as the Legislature may direct. This is not true. The Railroad Commis-sion act says this disposition shall be made of them, but the Constitution, which is above the Statute law, pro-vides (Article IX., section 5) that all ines and penalties shall go to the school fund

Naturally the railroads want the "State Treasury" idea to prevail as the other idea may cause indictments all over the State for violations of the antipass law.

Wake county school fund is now \$2,000 better off by virtue of the fines recently imposed on the Southern Railway and the Sezboard Air Line for issuing passes.

MISS MOTT TO WED.

Cards are out announcing the mar riages of Miss Annie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Mott, of Statesville, and Mr. C. E. Pariler, of Wilkesboro. The marriage is to take place the 27th inst. in the Episcopal church at Statesville.

TO ENLIST IN THE NAVY.

An employe at the Caraleigh mills named McLeod, left yesterday for Nor folk, to collist in the United States Navy

ON TRIAL FOR WHITE CAPPING Solicitor Wheeler Martin is in the city. He came from Louisburg, where he has been holding court, and will return there this morning to complete the docket. When he left he says a big white-cap trial was going on. A man named J. H. Faulkner and three others are charged with one night call ing out a neighbor, J. B. Faulkner, and brutally beating him. The prosecution is represented by Cook & Cook, Massenturg. For the defense, H Spruill and Ruffin, Hicks

"The financial reports of the First

Presbyterian church of Raleigh, for the as to hold an audience an hour and a year ending March 31st, were read to the half without weariness." congregation on Wednesday evening. "The past year has been a notable out Col. McMaster, of Columbia, says: "After the lecturer had spoken a few minutes, he occasionally displayed flashes of humor which riveted the attenin the history of this church. The congregation has erected, during the year, the Sunday school portion of the new tion of the whole audience. Soon there church building at a cost of about ter convulsions of laughter, and the were speaker had to pause to allow the cachi-

thousand dollars, and which is free of debt. This has been done without innation to cease. terfering with the regular work of the church. About a year ago the deacons with approval of the session, prepared : King's drug store, at the Parlor Shoe Store, and at the Woman's Exchange. plan by which the entire amount requir ed for salaries, current expenses, church cents.

charity fund, and the apportionments to this church for missions and other cause amounting in all to nearly \$4,000, should be raised by voluntary promises from the individual members of the congregation, to make 52 welly payments through en-velops furnished for the purpose. These pledges ranged from ten cents to two dollars per week, the deacons promis-ing that if the subscribers would regalarly make the payments as promised, that the church treasurer would meet every demand upon the church as it became due, that no appeal or collection would be made during the year for the causes named, and that special gifts would be forwarded as extra contributions. To carry out the plan required work in order to secure success.

"As might have been expected, the result was watched wih some fear that missions or some other cause might suffer, and not receive the full apportion-ment. When the reports were read, in which the treasurer stated that the passurprising that a proposition from the pastors and treasurers, that a thank offering be made, and that a contribution be taken at once for the orphanage at Barium Springs, was liberally seconded

by the congregation. "The congregations are now consider-ing financial plans for completing the church building in time for entertain-ment of Synod, October, 1890."

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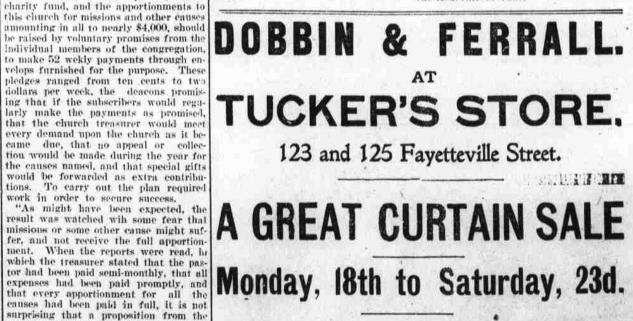
B. W. UPOHURCH.

Grading has begun on the extension of the Troy branch of the Aberdeen and Asheboro Railroad.

Work is also progressing on the extension of the Moore County and Western and the Glendon and Gulf roads.

Sunday, May 15 is the date selected by the American Railway Association for the new spring schedules to go into effect. All roads conform to this rule.

Tickets to this lecture are on sale at Satisfactory arrangements have been made as to rates and special accommodations for the next meeting of the Price: Adults, 25 cents; children, 15 Teachers' Assembly which will be held at Asheville in June



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