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KICK FROM NORFOLK

Gage's Plan to Consolidate the Ports Denounced.

BUSINESS MEN UP IN ARMS

Secretary of the Treasury Proposes to Make Newport News the Port of Entry: Hence the Howl from the Other Side.

If the recommendation of Hon. Lyman Gage, the secretary of the treasury, is approved by Congress, the ports of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News will be included in one district with Newport News as the port of entry. Whether this will be practicable or not remains to be determined, but if it is found feasable all of the business transacted at the Norfolk custom house will be transferred to this port.

The business men of Norfolk are up in arms over the announcement that the secretary of the treasury proposes to abolish the customs business of that city, and the newspapers in the city across the Roads have set up a mighty howl. While the business men of this city wish to see Newport News' interests advanced, still they do not care to have it done to the material detriment of Norfolk, that is, by legislation.

The Virginian and Pilot came out yesterday with the assertion that Norfolk is the leader and Newport News the follower; that Norfolk has an immense foreign trade, while Newport News has practically none.

The Virginian published a number of interviews with prominent citizens, among them being the following:

Colonel William Lamb: "About 1885 or '86, while Mr. Bowden was in Congress and Mr. O'Ferrall on the Committee on Commerce, the collection district of Norfolk was robbed of Hampton Roads, 'The King's Chamber of the World's Great Harbors.' Newport News, then only the site of Mr. Huntington's shipyard and a station on his railroad, got the plum. All vessels putting in to the roads for orders, in distress or seeking cargo, henceforth had to enter at Newport News. Huntington's lobby accomplished this; he just about owned that committee. The Norfolk representative was promised that nothing should be done during his absence, but, nevertheless, the bill was passed and the port of Newport News established before they had a graveyard in which to bury a dead sailor. Norfolk has a tremendous local trade with Europe, whereas Newport News has absolutely none whatever, but is only used as a wharf by Western cities."

Mr. LeRoy H. Shields, the present collector, when seen, said that in his opinion as soon as the work of the custom-house and the vast increase in the foreign trade, which has taken place of late, is brought into the matter, Mr. Gage's proposition will be dropped. Norfolk is now classed with the six greatest American ports and is required to furnish export reports to the department on the 5th of each month. These will demonstrate the folly of centralizing the great business of this port at Newport News."

The Virginian then suggests that Mr. Huntington is back of the new move.

The Norfolk Pilot published the following:

"Norfolk is the leader, Newport News the follower on most things going to make a port. The port of Norfolk and Portsmouth is a metropolitan district, with over 100,000 inhabitants; Newport News has but 15,000; Norfolk has ten railroads, Newport News has but one; Norfolk has everything in its favor, and its very connections with Newport News are to Norfolk's benefit. It is the centre, the 'Mecca,' and its future growth can hardly be limited. The two cities are twelve miles apart, and though now to be on a belt of rail and ferry encircling the two ports and Hampton Roads, yet the objective point of that circle is Norfolk and all roads lead here. If the port is to be consolidated Norfolk has a custom house and a sheltered harbor; is the center of the railroad community and the larger coaling port. Why not, then, Norfolk, and not Newport News, if either must be abolished?"

The fact is Newport News is the leader and Norfolk the follower in all things connected with the ports as foreign export points, which, after all, are the only matters to be considered by Congress in re-establishing the customs district.

Newport News with its one railroad does a foreign business nearly twice as great as Norfolk with its ten railroads.

The Pilot further publishes the value of exports and imports for the past four years.

Newport News' exports compared with those published by the Pilot, follow:

Exports for 1894—	
Newport News	$13,104,725
Norfolk	8,249,138
Exports for 1895—	
Newport News	$12,584,377
Norfolk	6,594,204
Exports for 1896—	
Newport News	$18,150,019
Norfolk	15,543,869
Exports for 1897—	
Newport News	$25,674,952
Norfolk	15,714,943

The total value of imports at Newport News for 1897 was $2,500,000, over three times as great as Norfolk's imports for 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897, which were all valued at only $749,898.

Their Guilt Fully Proven.

After running for over a week, our blind challenge remains unanswered. They dare not expose their wheels to a competitive test, for they know that we have the strongest and easiest running wheels on earth. Had you not better compare them? Look at all the wheels offered for sale in this city and then come and look at ours. We will abide by your decision, as we know that, after having seen the only '98 bicycle that has really something new on it, our automatic coaster and brake (found only on our wheels), you will have no other. By the way, the people who don't like Fred. G. Kipper are those who don't know him.

Funny, isn't it?

Of course, his competitors have eminently good reasons for the bias of their opinions.

Have you?

If not, come and let's get acquainted.

NEWPORT NEWS CYCLE CO.,
As managed by Fred. G. Kipper,
fe 12-tf 221 Twenty-seventh St.

Some people are careless and take anything their grocer has a mind to give them; and again there are others that insist on having the best. If you are one of the latter kind try a pound of Fox's Crackers and you will never take any other. We pride ourselves on the quality of our crackers. fe 12-1t

Cascarets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe. 10c.

GROUND BROKEN.

Work Commenced on the Pig Point & Newport News Railroad.

Ground has been broken for the Portsmouth, Pig Point, and Newport News railroad, under direction of President Henry Kirn, the first spadeful of earth being turned by him.

This company is unique in that its stockholders are the owners of the land through which its railroad will run, and on which its magnificent hotel will be situated, and from which its ferry steamers will run to Newport News.

It is now expected that the railroad, which will be of solid construction, of the latest pattern, and standard gauge, will connect with the Port Norfolk electric railway for entrance into Portsmouth, and be itself equipped with the best electric outfit to be had. It may also connect with "the Belt Line," and thus transfer truck immediately to the steamship lines in Norfolk.

The Chesapeake & Ohio road is expected to bid on the Ocean View road when the latter is sold, and will, if successful, run ferry trains across from Old Point. If they fail they will go into Norfolk via the Belt Line.

State Firemen's Convention.

The executive committee appointed by the Board of Fire Commissioners to make arrangements for the reception of the State firemen, who will meet in convention in this city next September, will hold a meeting within the next week to devise a plan for raising funds to defray the expenses.

It is probable that the committee will decide upon a bazaar as the best method of raising the necessary revenue. A number of well known ladies and gentlemen will be invited to assist in making the event a most gratifying success.

It is expected that fully 1,200 people will visit the city while the State convention is in session.

The Fireman's Association of Philadelphia, a uniformed organization, has accepted an invitation to visit the city on this occasion as the guests of honor.

Between Barnes and Blackstone.

City Sergeant E. W. Milstead returned yesterday evening from Richmond, where he has been for the last two days. In speaking of the contest for the judgeship of this judicial district, made vacant by the death of Judge Benjamin T. Gunter, Mr. Milstead said the race had narrowed down between State Senator Manly H. Barnes and Judge Blackstone, of Accomac county, but he was of the opinion that Senator Barnes would be the successful candidate. Hon. Thomas Temple Powell is leading the fight for Mr. Barnes. Mr. Milstead said he had it on good authority that if Senator Barnes is chosen judge of this district he will make his home in Newport News. Mr. D. G. Smith, clerk of the Corporation Court of this city, has been in Richmond lobbying in the interest of Judge Blackstone.

Prizes for Colored Children.

The awarding of prizes given to the colored children of the Ivy avenue public school took place Thursday afternoon.

In the intermediate grade Ellen Jones, for scholarship, was awarded a gold medal, donated by Philip Brown.

Anna B. Crawley, won the second prize, which was a neat edition of "Tom Brown's School Days," given by James W. Freeman.

Minnie L. Hunnicut, for deportment, received a gold medal, given by George L. Pugh.

John A. Edmonds was presented with a book given by C. H. Robinson.

Perlie Gordon received a book entitled, "A Flock of Boys and Girls," given by Wilbert B. Rice.

The prizes were presented by Prof. P. C. Corrigan.

Assistant Postmaster Seriously Ill.

Assistant Postmaster Harry W. Barnes continues seriously ill at his home in East End.

Mr. Barnes recently took his vacation and went to his old home at Chester, Pa., expecting to profit by the rest. When he returned he was able to be at the office only two days before he was confined to his house.

The assistant postmaster was somewhat better Wednesday, but since that time there has been no change in his condition.

Police Court.

Justice Brown disposed of the following cases in the Police Court yesterday morning:

Maggie Cline, disorderly; fined $3 and costs.

E. W. Lipscomb, drunk; fined $2 and costs.

Jessie Jones (colored), larceny; sent on to the grand jury.

Frank Rodgers, disorderly; continued.

Death of Mr. John Ludlow.

Mr. John Ludlow, father of Mrs. Fred Read, wife of the postmaster, died yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock after an extended illness, continuing over a number of months.

Mr. Ludlow was formerly an employee at the shipyard.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon and the interment will be made in Greenlawn.

Investment Company Chartered.

Judge Barham yesterday granted, in vacation, a charter to the Columbia Investment Association of Newport News, the capital stock of which shall be not less than $5,000 nor more than $25,000.

The charter members of this company are J. H. Haywood, P. C. Corrigan, Philip Brown, N. B. Clark and F. J. Sansom, all colored.

Kicked by a Horse.

Mr. Marion G. Davis was painfully kicked by a horse on Eighteenth street late yesterday afternoon. Mr. Davis was standing near a horse owned by Mr. C. W. Cluverius, when the animal, becoming fractious, kicked at him, striking him in the left side. The injury is painful but not serious.

New Hose Wagon.

Mr. J. A. Hirshberg stated yesterday that the fire commissioners will award the contract for the new hose wagon for the fire department within the next week.

It is estimated that the cart will cost about $300.

Valentine Day, February 14.

No valentine will be more acceptable than one of those beautiful tin types made by Wagoner, 2412 Washington avenue, Newport News, and also in Phoebus, Va. feb9-5t.

A Happy Woman

Is the housekeeper who buys her coal and wood from the Warwick Coal and Wood Co., Twenty-eighth street. ja 14 tf

If you are anxious to have that which is pure and wholesome in a cracker, ask your grocer for the kind that have the word "Fox" on them and get the best. fe 12 1t

IN SACRED EDIFICES

Themes That Will Be Discussed from the Pulpit.

WILL LECTURE ON JAPAN

Native Japanese to Speak Upon the Past, Present and Future of the Land of Flowers from a Christian Standpoint.

Services will be held at the various churches tomorrow as fololows:

Chestnut Avenue Methodist church, Rev. M. S. Colonna, Jr., pastor.—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Subject in the morning: "On to Canaan;" in the evening: "Come and See."

Washington Avenue M. E. church, Rev. B. F. Lipscomb, pastor.—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

First Presbyterian church, Rev. E. T. Wellford, pastor.—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Subject in the morning: "Hopeless Hope;" in the evening Mr. Yeitaro Okano, of Japan, will deliver an address, taking as his subject: "Japan, Past, Present and Future." Mr. Okano will appear in his native costume. Next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock he will deliver a stereopticon lecture on "The Sunny Side of Life in Japan and the Battles Between China and Japan." No admission fee will be charged.

Newport News Baptist church, Rev. C. C. Cox, pastor.—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Subject in the evening: "Christ as a Worker."

Second Baptist church, Rev. Thomas J. MacKay, pastor.—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Subject in the morning: "The Force of a Consecrated Life;" in the evening: "The Power of the Cross of Christ—What it Will Accomplish in Our City."

Thirtieth Street Christian church, Rev. W. R. Motley, pastor.—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. D. E. Motley, of Johns Hopkins University, will officiate at both services.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, Rev. J. Francis Ribble, rector.—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Text in the morning: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."—I Corinthians 13 : 13. Evening text: "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near."—Isaiah 55 : 6.

The program of music follows:

MORNING.

Processional—"Alleluia Song of Gladness" ..... Gaurman.
Vanite ..... F. R. Webb.
Gloria ..... F. R. Webb.
Te Deum ..... J. Woodward.
Jubilant ..... J. Woodward.
Hymn No. 76.
Gloria Tibi ..... Paxton.
Hymn (to be announced).
Offertory—"The Sun Shall Be No More" ..... Rev. W. H. Woodward.
Recessional—Hymn No. 327.

EVENING.

Processional—"Songs of Praise the Angels Sang" .....
Gloria (Scotch chant) .....
Benedictus .....
Benedic ..... Jacobs.
Hymn (to be announced).
Offertory—Quartette—"One Sweetly Solemn Thought" ..... C. A. Havens.
Recessional—Hymn No. 22.

St. Vincent's Catholic church, Rev. Father Charles E. Donahoe, pastor.—First mass at 7 A. M.; second mass at 10:30 A. M.; vespers and benediction at 7 P. M.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mr. Charles A. Davenport, better known as the "Admiral of the Barge Line," chief tally clerk of the United States Shipping Company at Norfolk, is in Newport News this week, assisting that office during the company's rush here.

Police Justice J. D. G. Brown, accompanied by his wife and child, left last evening for Clayton, N. J., where Mrs. Brown will spend some time with relatives.

Sheriff N. C. Watts, of Staunton, general manager of the Citizens' Telephone and Telegraph Company, who has been in the city for the last two days, making arrangements to put in the new telephone system, returned home yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Joseph Strause, of Richmond, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Hirshberg.

Secretary of War Russell A. Alger is expected to pass through the city this afternoon on the C. & O. passenger train No. 4, en route to Old Point, where he will spend a few days.

The condition of Shirley Robinson, the son of Mr. E. S. Robinson, who was struck with a brick by Georgie Dickson, a negro woman, in Richmond Tuesday evening, and whose injury was regarded as extremely serious, is said to be much better and strong hopes are entertained for his recovery.

The Board of School Trustees held a meeting Thursday night, but transacted very little business.

Mr. H. S. Alexander, of New York, is in the city, as the guest of Mr. Maguyre, of the bicycle firm of Maguyre & Small. Mr. Alexander holds the bicycle record bewteen Denver and New York.

Card Party Last Night.

The Misses McNair gave a card party at their residence on Twenty-sixth street last night. Progressive whist was played until a late hour, when refreshments consisting of ices and cakes were served.

Those present were: Misses Louise Parker, Mary Reynolds, Annie Salley, Hallie Webb, Clemence Cooke, Denie Taylor and Annie Newton; Messrs. Willard Bailey, Roelker, E. F. Allen, F. P. Palen, S. S. Archibald, E. A. Perham, Mr. and Mrs. Street, Mr. and Mrs. Herndon, Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Briggs.

Miss Salley won the lady's prize and Mr. Archibald the gentleman's. Mr. Herndon received the "booby."

Dog House Burned.

The city dog pound, which was situated near "Klondike," just outside of the corporate limits, was destroyed by fire last night. The fire was discovered about 9 o'clock, and the building, a one-story frame structure, was soon consumed. There were several dogs confined in the building, and it is supposed they were burned to death. The fire was of incendiary origin, the building having been set fire by some enemy of Dog-Catcher Mason Bridgeforth.

Drop in the basement of the Citizens and Marine Bank; you will have no trouble in finding the seller. Houses and lots in all sections of the city. Powell Bros. & King. feb 2-tf.

Wood delivered in any part of the city for 90 cents per load, cash. M. S. Warren, 445 Twenty-ninth street. Phone 261§ fe6-2m.

Shame seldom comes to a man unless he invites it.

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

Business Pushing Toward Spring Activity Rather Early.

(By Telegraph.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say in its issue tomorrow:

"Business is pushing toward spring activity rather early. Events which have controlled are good. They are the buying of iron by the largest makers, the rise in cotton with strength in goods, the great railway consolidation and the Cuban insurrection.

"The latter, with its possibilities, acts as a brake on speculation and foolishness of local traders and gave foreigners a much desired opportunity to buy stocks on balance about 45,000 shares.

"January earnings, $28,017,417, already reported, are 16.6 per cent. better than last year and 9.5 better than 1892, showing the best month in six years, at least, and February returns thus far are promising. The output of pig iron February 1 was 229,823 tons weekly, the largest in the history of the business, but the reported buying of 130,000 tons Bessemer iron by the Carnegie Company and 100,000 by another of the largest steel concerns, means decision by the ablest manufacturers that the unprecedented output of steel will prove too small for the increasing demand for the finished product generally stronger Company has contracted for a million tons Bessemer ore, and producers of other ranges count upon an advance in price. Bessemer pig rose to $10.15 and grey forge to $9 at Pittsburg, with the finished product generally stronger and in larger demand than over at this season. Rail contracts already cover, it is said, more than last year's production, the railways buying earlier than usual. Bar contracts for cars, wagons, agricultural implements and other manufactures are heavy at the West. Structural iron contracts there are very numerous and at the East large, with 60,000 tons estimated for New York buildings alone this year, while pipe and sheet contracts for the season are unprecedented.

"January was one of the biggest months in Connellsville coke output—623,975 tons—and furnace continued at the same price. Tin rose to fourteen cents in spite of heavy shipments and copper to eleven cents or better, for lake, in spite of the enormous American production.

"The rise in cotton—five-sixteenths for the week—results in part from better prospects of manufacture here and abroad, but only in part. Speculators became persuaded that the efforts for a short crop this year would prove effective and a heavy short interests covered. The actual movement shows no change of consequence, but prices of goods have a stronger tone, and foreign prospects are better. With the better tone prevailing this manufacture should soon feel the heavy demand which other industries are meeting.

"Wool sales at the chief cities were only 5,393,200 pounds for the week, and 11,664,600 for two weeks, against 22,721,600 last year. Prices are still strong in spite of the indifference of the manufacturers, who seem to have secured ample supplies. For the better grades of woolen goods an advance averaging 17.5 per cent. from last year is readily maintained. The opening of works idle for years, in spite of the heavy production already assured, is a striking feature in this as in the iron and other industries, and implies heavier demands for products than are now met by the unprecedented output.

"Wheat has been strong, with spot advancing 2c and May 2 3-4c, though Western receipts have been for two weeks 5,366,718 bushels, against 3,317,895 last year. Atlantic exports have been 6,274,438 bushels, flour included, against 4,026,596 in two weeks last year, with Pacific exports large.

"Corn exports are also surprisingly well sustained, 7,164,762 bushels, against 7,823,865 last year, and the price has advanced a trifle. It is yet too early for prospects of a coming crop to influence markets materially, and heavy operations in Chicago, with reported sales of a million bushels for export on Thursday, have deterred speculative selling.

"Business shown by bank clearings is again larger than ever before; 54.7 per cent. larger than last year for the week and for the month to date, 44.3 per cent. larger than last year, and 16 per cent. larger than in 1892.

"Failures for the week have been 295 in the United States, against 267 last year, and 43 in Canada, against 61 last year."

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

"A number of favorable circumstances and events present themselves this week. Perhaps the most notable of these are the renewed activity and confidence in the iron and steel markets, accompanied by prompt and even advances in several grades of crude pig iron and steel and the advance in the price of raw cotton, long predicted but unrealized until the present week. What might be regarded as a minor feature in the business situation, though at the same time conveying much that is hopeful to the interest involved, is quite a general improvement in distributive trade and demand in the central West and in the South, where spring trade is reported opening in good shape. Less favorable features of the week are the slowness of spring trade in dry goods to develop at New York and other eastern centres, except Boston, and the mild weather in the northwest rendering it likely that retailers stocks carried over will be larger than expected. Although the advance in cotton has been claimed to be too rapid, it has undoubtedly imparted a much more cheerful tone to the southern business situation, and with the advance in iron and steel has done much to add to the confidence with which the trade outlook for 1898 is regarded. Business failures continue to make favorable comparisons with previous weeks and years, the total of the week just ended being 278, against 297 last week, 301 in the corresponding week of 1897, 381 in the week of 1896, 296 in 1895 and 288 in 1894.

"Canadian failures for the week number 51, against 42 last week, but compare with 54 in this week a year ago, and 70 in the corresponding week of 1896.

"Wheat exports fall slightly below last week's reduced total, aggregating for the week 3,419,504 bushels, against 3,635,000 bushels last week, 2,651,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1897, 2,918,700 in 1896, 2,572,000 bushels in 1895 and 2,055,000 bushels in 1894.

"Corn exports show a gain amounting as they do to 4,508,000 bushels, against 4,104,000 bushels last week, 4,169,000 bushels in this week last year, 3,113,000 bushels in 1896 and 562,000 bushels in 1895.

"Bank clearings continue to point to an immense business doing in the country at large, in a total aggregating for the week $1,434,000,000 less than two per cent. smaller than last week, 52 per cent. larger than in the corresponding week of last year, 58 per cent. larger than this week in 1896, 74 per cent larger than in 1895, 83 per cent larger than in 1894, and 6.3 per cent larger than this week in 1892."

Deposit your clothes money with us. It will pay you good interest.
WOODWARD & WOMBLE.

THE INCIDENT CLOSED

No Trouble Feared From the De Lome Letter.

SPAIN ACTS PROMPTLY

It is Not Expected That a Demand for an Apology Will Be Made. The New Spanish Representative at Washington.

(By Telegraph.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The personal incident growing out of the publication of Senor Dupuy De Lome's letter to Senor Canalejas may be regarded as settled. This has been brought about by the short cablegram sent by Minister Woodford from Madrid, in which he states that the minister had resigned and his resignation had been accepted before he (Mr. Woodford) presented the request of the United States that he be recalled. The officials here feel an interest in learning the details of the happenings in Madrid yesterday and are waiting for Mr. Woodford's promised full report. But, unless this should contain some statement that is not now expected, there is no disposition on the part of the government to protract the closing of this unpleasant incident, and it is not expected that anything in the nature of a demand for an apology will be made. If a graceful disclaimer should come, it would be taken in the spirit in which it is made; otherwise the matter will be dropped and the relations between the state department and the Spanish legation will run smoothly once more through the medium of Senor Du Bosc, the first secretary and now charge d'affaires. It can be said for the President that he shows little personal concern in the matter as it stands and is not disposed to pursue Mr. De Lome in any personal spirit, and with this spirit in the head of the administration the end of the affair may be said to have been reached.

All sorts of rumors were in circulation last night, including one that a special cabinet meeting was held at midnight. It can be stated positively that no cabinet meeting, formal or informal, was held last night.

As to the representative of Spain, Senor Don Juan du Bosc called at noon today at the state department and presented in writing the notification of the Spanish government that the resignation of Senor Enrique Dupy De Lome had been accepted and that Senor du Bosc was authorized to represent his government as charge d'affaires ad interim. The notification was purely formal, giving the facts of the transfer, without mention of the incident leading up to it. Having assumed his duties, Senor du Bosc took occasion to pay a call of respect to the state department authorities. He was not accompanied by Senor De Lome, who, with this official act, becomes a private citizen of Spain temporarily sojourning in this country.

Senor de Lome received a representative of the Associated Press at the legation this morning, and for the first time withdrew the condition of secrecy which had been imposed and strictly observed during the trying stages of the incident. All about were evidences of preparation for departure. The spacious entrance saloon was piled high with huge packing boxes and several men were stowing away goods. Express wagons were at the side and rear entrances. Senor de Lome was in the legation office, at the desk he has so long occupied. He preserved that outward calm which marked him during other critical stages of the Spanish-Cuban contest.

Near him was a map of his estate near Valencia, Spain, which he had been looking over in anticipation of soon returning to it.

"This will be the last time I will see you as minister of Spain," said he, "for I am about to turn over to Mr. Bosc all of the affairs of the legation. He will be the official representative and I will be a private citizen. In my private capacity I will be glad to see you any time during the brief time I remain."

The late minister referred to his plans. He said he expected to leave Washington as soon as possible, taking into consideration the time of departure of the Atlantic liners. He expressed satisfaction that his going would be with that privacy which a private citizen could enjoy. It would take, he thought, one or two days to wind up the routine affairs of the office, personal and official, in which he had been concerned. In every respect, however, Senor Du Bosc would be the representative of Spain from now forward.

After leaving here Mr. De Lome may visit some Spanish friends for a day or so but that is not settled.

After leaving this country the future plans of Mr. De Lome are not fixed. Personally he would prefer not to go to Madrid, and, unless the government commands him to go to the capitol, he probably will visit some other place and then go to his estate near Valencia. It is a large estate, with extensive vineyards, and is in the district which returned Senor de Lome to the Cortes as deputy. Further than referring to his plans Senor de Lome would not talk for publication, and would not go into the recent incident. That is closed so far as he is concerned.

Mr. Du Bosc, the new representative of Spain, was seen at the legation office. He looks more like an Englishman than a Spaniard, being tall and of athletic build, with no Spanish trace in his accent. His mother was an English woman and he was trained at Oxford. For the present he asked to be excused from discussing Spanish affairs.

Inquiry at the State Department, however, developed that the department is not yet formally prepared to admit that the incident is closed. Our government having accepted the charge and Mr. De Lome having dropped from his political position, what now remains for the Department of State is to await the fuller reports promised by Minister Woodford.

At the cabinet meeting today the President briefly gave a summary of the correspondence that has taken place up to this moment, respecting the retirement of Mr. De Lome, and remarked that it would be necessary to await this report. The matter was not discussed in any phase after this explanation of its status by the President.

MADRID, Feb. 11.—The decree accepting Senor Dupuy de Lome's resignation as minister of Spain to the United States has been signed and will be gazetted tomorrow.

The premier, Senor Sagasta, said to the correspondent of the Associated Press:

"I was surprised at Senor de Lome's letter, for in all the communications, official and private, addressed to the government, he spoke respectfully of President McKinley. I regret Senor de Lome's indiscretion and folly, for he has rendered Spain signal service at Washington."

On the question of Senor de Lome's successor, Senor Sagasta was reticent.

According to a dispatch received here from Havana, the letter of Senor de Lome to Senor Canalejas, was abstracted by the person charged to forward it to the latter and, it is added, this person received $1,000 for it.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The afternoon papers of this city approve of the action of the United States government in the De Lome affair.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—At the Cuban junta it was said today that the letter from Senor de Lome to Don Jose Canalejas was stolen from the latter and not made public by him. It was said that the junta received information from Washington that Mr. De Lome had written the letter. A man was sent to Havana, who secured the letter without Canaleja's knowledge and brought it to this city. It was also said that when Canalejas discovered the loss he was afraid to mention it.

DE LOME'S SUCCESSOR.

MADRID, Feb. 11.—The correspondent of the Associated Press learns that Senor de Lome's successor will be Senor Louis Polo Bernabe, son of the vice Admiral Polo, who formerly represented Spain in the United States.

CONCERT AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

Given Last Night by the Young Ladies of the Newport News Seminary.

The students and teachers of the Newport News Female Seminary, entertained a large audience at Johnson's Opera House last night with enjoyable selections of instrumental and vocal music and elocution.

Miss De Wald's rendition of the recitation "How Salvador Won," was catchy and clever.

Miss Blanche Vaughan recited "Lasca," with much expression.

Miss Florence Jennings played Bendel's "Cascade," in a manner that bespoke both cultivation and talent.

During the performance several tableaux were introduced, which were very pretty, and elicited much applause. All of the young ladies acquitted themselves creditably.

The following was the program:

Chorus—Prince Bonnie.
Overture—Supe. Misses Bowman and Stringfield.
How Salvador Won—Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Miss De Wald.
Chorus.
Life Game of See Saw—Wedgefuth. Hettie Ashby and Joe Rowbottom.
How Do You Know?—Friend Fritz. Misses De Wald and Vaughn.
Slumber Song Gently—Prince Bonnie. Nina Stringfield.
Baby, Baby—Wang.
Lasca—Desprez. Blanche Vaughn.
Cascade—Bendel. Florence Jennings.
Marie Ann Marie—Richard Stahl. Ethel Cottrell.
Tableaux—Death of Psyche.
Newsboy's Chorus—From 1492.
The Christening—Bessie Walton.
Act I. Scene III. As You Like It—Shakespeare. Misses De Wald, Vaughn and Mr. Hudson Salley.
Chorus—Prince Bonnie.

Had a Tussel With a Thief.

Special Policeman G. E. Barnes, who is doing night duty in East End, had a lively tussle with a chicken thief early yesterday morning.

Late Thursday night Officer Barnes saw a negro in the vicinity of Oak avenue and Twenty-seventh street with a bag on his shoulder. The officer became suspicious, thinking the negro was a chicken thief. The negro prowled around for some time, and Policeman Barnes did not let him get out of sight. After some manouvering to dodge the "cop" the negro went to the corner of Chestnut avenue and Twenty-eighth street. Officer Barnes followed him. When he reached the corner the officer got down on his hands and knees and began to crawl. In a jiffy the negro shot around the corner and pounced on the policeman. There was a lively scramble that lasted several minutes. The negro succeeded in making his escape, though Officer Barnes fired at him several times.

Telephone Pole Falls.

An accident which might have resulted in the killing of a number of workmen was narrowly averted late yesterday afternoon.

The construction gang employed by the Citizens' Telephone and Telegraph Company were engaged in erecting a large pole at the corner of Washington avenue and Twenty-seventh street. The men were raising the huge piece of timber by means of a block and tackle. They had lifted it about thirty feet from the ground when the props gave way under the strain, allowing the pole to fall about ten feet. In falling the pole struck and shattered the Y. M. C. A. sign. Some of the workmen and spectators standing nearby scurried across the street. Others stood to their posts, holding the rope which kept the timber from falling on the sidewalk.

Endorse the Bill.

The announcement yesterday that Hon. Thomas Temple Powell had introduced a bill in the House of Delegates for the purpose of legalizing primary elections in this city has met with general approval. The majority of Democrats are anxious to have safeguards thrown around the election held for the purpose of selecting candidates and delegates. It is thought that the bill will pass.

Will Use Dynamite Today.

Between 1 and 2 o'clock this afternoon the first charge of dynamite will be set off to blow up the wreck of the steamer Wyanoke.

Yesterday a schooner arrived from Cape Charles bringing nearly six tons of dynamite to be used in removing the wreck. A small charge of the explosive will be used today. It is thought that 500 pounds will be placed in the hull of the old steamer this morning and will be set off by means of an electric battery. It is estimated that it will require about six tons of dynamite to remove the wreck.

$9,052,499 FOR FORTIFICATIONS.

(By Telegraph.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The Senate committee on appropriations today completed consideration of the fortification appropriation bill. The committee recommended increases which double the figures of the bill as it passed the House.

The total amount carried by the bill as agreed upon is a little over $9,052,499.

MRS. ASHBY RETURNS.

(By Telegraph.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Among the passengers who arrived this morning per steamer Advance from Colon was Mrs. Clare Ashby, with her daughter. Mrs. Ashby is the widow of Colonel Ashby, late United States consul at Colon, who lost his life while sailing in a small boat near that city. The consul's body had not been recovered up to the time the Advance left Colon.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Important Bill Introduced by Mr. Powell.

NEW LICENSE-TAX LAW

Senate Bills in Relation to the Terms of County Courts and as to Their Jurisdiction Defeated by the House.

(By Telegraph.)

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 11.—In the Senate today, when the House bill to amend the license tax law, so as to provide for listing bonds and notes, came up, Mr. Parr said it would work a severe hardship to the poor man, in that the rich men would add to the sum of principal and interest of the bond or note to be required by law. He moved to recommit the bill. Mr. Turnbull asked if such practice as that to which Mr. Parr referred would not be usury, but the latter replied that the effect of declaring it such would be to lower the legal rate of interest, which would drive capital from the State. Mr. Morris spoke for the bill, saying that the objection of the Senator from Patrick was in effect the assertion that bonds should not be taxed at all. The bill was passed with little opposition.

In the House the two Senate companion bills, Nos. 142 and 143, the first in relation to the terms of county courts and the second as to their jurisdiction, were taken up out of their order on the calendar and defeated. One of these measures provided that there should be quarterly terms of the county courts for the trial of civil cases, such cases to be tried at those terms alone, unless ten days notice was given previous to the sitting of the court. The second measure provided that county courts should have the right to try civil cases where the amounts sought to be recovered does not exceed $300, but should have no chancery jurisdiction.

Mr. Powell introduced a bill which provides that primary elections and party conventions in Newport News shall be legalized.

Mr. James Mann, of Nottoway, today introduced a bill making it a misdemeanor for a person to board a train for the purpose of stealing a ride.

The bill to reduce the fees of constables for summoning witnesses in magistrate cases was defeated in the House and the motion to reconsider was passed by until Tuesday, as were also companion bills relative to sergeants, coroners, etc.

The House Committee on Courts of Justice today reported favorably the bill providing for the execution of persons sentenced to death in the penitentiary enclosure.

AGAINST THE WHARTON BILL.

The Senate committee on banks and tonight, after a hearing of three hours, decided, by a vote of 6 to 2, to report adversely the Wharton bill prohibiting fire insurance companies from combining for the purpose of regulating rates. The bill, which has given rise to one of the biggest fights of the Legislature, has passed the House. The measure is aimed directly at the Southeastern Tariff Association.

IMPORTANT BILL KILLED.

Another Blow to the South Carolina Liquor Law.

(By Telegraph.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The House committee on judiciary today killed the Senate bill to permit the State of South Carolina to control liquors brought into the state in original packages. The motion to report it favorably was lost on a tie vote.

The action of the committee today ends a long contest that has attracted national attention. The South Carolina dispensary law was assumed to be legal under the provisions of the old Wilson law, which gave the state power to regulate the liquor traffic under the police powers of the state. But the Supreme Court held that the law did not come under the police powers, and the present bill extending the powers of the state to specifically control the liquor traffic in original packages was introduced and passed by the Senate. The House judiciary committee gave hearings on the bill and has discussed it at several meetings. One of the principal objections developed was that it would give the state the power to control interstate commerce, and might lead to the invocation of the power in case of other commodities. Before the direct vote was taken today an amendment to the bill providing that the states should not discriminate against the liquor of any particular state was adopted by a vote of 7 to 5. The vote on the motion to favorably report the bill was then lost on a tie vote, as it requires a majority to report a bill favorably. The members decided to keep the record of the vote secret and the names of those who voted for and against the motion was carefully guarded.

TRIAL OF M. ZOLA.

Riotous Demonstration on the Boulevard of Sebastopol.

(By Telegraph.)

PARIS, Feb. 11.—There were the usual crowds about the Assizes court of the Seine when the fifth day of the trial of M. Zola and Perreux commenced. M. Zola and Colonel Picquart were greeted with hostile cries on their arrival.

The proceedings were not very important. After court adjourned the mob outside the court gave a conflicting reception to Colonel Picquart. There was a tremendous tumult and a few "Boos" for Zola, but there was no serious incident.

M. Zola's carriage, on leaving the Palais de Justice, was followed by a knot of people shouting "Death to Zola," who could be heard through the carriage windows exclaiming "the cowards."

The police dispersed a thousand people who were burning pro-Zola journals on the Quai de la Megisserie. Many arrests were made, but the persons arrested were quickly liberated.

There was a riotous demonstration on the boulevard Sebastopol at 6 o'clock this evening. The rioters smashed the windows of the Jewish store, over which were the names of "Levy and Dreyfus."

During the disturbance a shot from a revolver was fired.

VIRGINIA POSTMASTERS.

(By Telegraph.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Fourth class postmasters have been appointed for Virginia as follows:

Gatewood, Thomas H. Gordon; Hollywood, Isabella Beasley; Nasbie, Wade P. Kenady; Reads Wharf, E. M. Morley; Shack Mills, D. R. Crakes.

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