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CONTRACT SECURED

For Overhauling Army Transport Manitoba.

A PRETTY NEAT JOB

Will Cost a Hundred and Twenty five Thousand Dollars. Remarkable Record of the La Grande Duchesse.

The Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company has just secured from the government a large repair contract—the general and thorough overhauling of the big army transport Manitoba, which is now somewhere in West Indian waters, and which has been ordered to Hampton Roads.

The work upon her will begin as soon as she arrives and the job will require about two months. It will include, among other things, the putting in of a number of state rooms for the use of the officers, and other conveniences. The company gets $125,000 for the job, which will be rushed to completion and which will necessitate the putting on of a large force of men.

The Manitoba was originally a freight ship and was a sister to the transport Massachusetts. She has a tonnage of 3,653, and is 450 feet long. The transport was here during the war and took six companies of troops from Old Point to Porto Rico just before the close of hostilities. The government is undertaking to put all of its transports into repair, and this share of the work fell to the Newport News yard.

Some figures have been obtained relative to the consumption of coal by the new Plant Line steamer, La Grande Duchesse, on her recent trial trip to New York. These figures go to show that the record of this ship on that trip, in this particular, was a very remarkable one, and has probably never been surpassed.

The magnificent liner, plunging ahead at a maintained rate of seventeen and a quarter knots an hour, averaged a consumption of coal of only one hundred and fifteen tons a day of twenty-four hours. The significance of these figures will be understood when it is stated that the average for vessels of this class is anywhere from one hundred and thirty to one hundred and seventy-five tons.

The New York Commercial, of yesterday, printed the following, which will be interesting in view of the announcements already made in these columns:

"The Pacific Mail Steamship Line will shortly place an order with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company for two new passenger steamships. It is said that they will be of 10,000 tons displacement and will cost $1,500,000. Negotiations for the building of the vessels are now pending and will likely be closed in a few days.

"Another line contemplating the building of new vessels is the Cromwell. This company has under consideration plans for two modern steamships to be added to its coastwise fleet. The contract will likely be awarded to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company."

The announcement made yesterday to the effect that three valuable contracts had been awarded to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company was received with general satisfaction by the general public. It was the principal topic of discussion yesterday and the people are anxiously awaiting the announcement that the contracts for the two 10,000-ton Pacific Mail steamships which are to be built are signed up.

That these two big ships are to be built here there is no longer any doubt and it is believed that the next few days will see the contracts for these, as well as for the Morgan Line steel tug, formally awarded.

In order to fill the contracts now on hand and those in view, it will be necessary to extend the plant, which will doubtless be done at once. The new crane under which the battleships Missouri and the monitor Arkansas will be built is rapidly nearing completion and it is probable that the keel for the battleship will be laid sometime in January. The keel for the monitor will be laid about the same time.

The new contracts mean more employees at the yard and the next year will doubtless see between 6,000 and 8 000 men on the company's pay rolls. This also means increased population for Newport News and as many of the men who will come here to work will be accompanied by their families it can be readily seen that the signing up of more contracts will stimulate business in every line. Real estate sales will become more numerous, more houses will go up in all sections of the city to accommodate the new comers, the merchants will enjoy more prosperity, more money will be in circulation and, all things considered, Newport News will reap benefits and advantages that will sound the fair name of Newport News far and near and advance the city to a position that under ordinary conditions would take several years to reach.

AT THE HOTELS.

New arrivals at the Hotel Warwick are: C. Hatton, Baltimore; Harry Salter, New York; W. J. Goodman, Toledo, O.; A. T. Johnston, New York; John E. Rollins, New York; H. T. Poske, Baltimore; Allan A. Lowenstein, New York; James Fruhberg, Cincinnati; M. Ottinger, Baltimore.

At the Hotel Ivy: Everly K. Jones, Boston; Jewel Hackborgerer Egypt; Oscar Sarde, Exeter, Ill.; A. D. Ross, W. J. Hitter, West Virginia; George Johnston, Lexington, Va.; Justus Morgan, Beverly, Mass.; Phil McCook and S. N. McCook, Hartford, Conn.; Chas. Smith, Louisville, Ky.; Joshua Phillips, Amityville, Vt.; Charles Abrams, Chestertown, N. Y.; J. M. Branch, Smithfield, Va.

At the Metropolitan: C. T. Brown, Philadelphia; E. G. Root, New York; Dudley Staples, Petersburg; J. T. Rawls, New York; W. H. Adams, Philadelphia.

At the Imperial: George Brooks, Charles Brooks, Newtown, Va.; W. P. Wilson, J. N. Hunnicutt, Virginia.

"THE GIRL I LOVE."

"The Girl I Love," which is another title for "The Wild Cat," was fairly well presented at the Opera House last night by the Peruchi-Beldeni Company, the audience being a small one on account of the wretched weather. The company will play "My Partner" at the matinee this afternoon and will close its engagement here tonight.

Just received a fresh supply of fancy Cream Chocolates and Bon Bons. Finest in the city, at the Newport News Bakery, Thirty-first street and Washington avenue. no 17-tf

P. B. O. D.

An Eventful and Memorable Oyster Roast.

An enjoyable oyster roast and farewell supper was given last evening in honor of the departure of Mr. Paul A. Talbot. Mr. Talbot has been connected with the shipyard draughting office for the past four years and now leaves to accept a more lucrative position with Harland & Hollingsworth of Wilmington, Del. In spite of the inclemency of the weather the members of the P. B. O. D. turned out in force. It had been intended to make the banquet an affair long to be remembered. The "Shipyard Band" had been engaged, but did not appear on account of the rain. Promptly at 8 o'clock the company met on Washington avenue. W. E. Rouse's wagon had been engaged to transport them to the scene of the banquet, Capt. Jim's oyster house, about a mile above the shipyard. Owing to a difficulty with the driver, who refused to take the whole party, the company decided that if one had to walk the whole party should do likewise and it was decided to make the journey on foot.

It was a good-natured assembly that braved the elements and struck out for Capt. Jim's, but when at last, mud bespattered and travel stained, they reached their destination the scene that met their view was well worth the walk.

Deep in a hollow by the beach a large fire had been built and, piled in its center, the luscious bivalves wafted their odor to the rain-soaked company. No time was lost in starting the festival. They had met to give their favorite a merry send-off and they were going to do it. Mr. George Henneffer kept the mirth going and soon the oyster knives were clicking, intermixed with the pop of welcome bottles and merry laughter. There is something pathetic about a P. B. O. D. farewell supper and this one was no exception to the rule. Some one started to sing, "Where is Now the Merry Party?" at which the strain was soon lifted into one of great chorus, and there on the sand, with the waves beating melancholily against the shore, the trees in the background and the fire reflected in their countenances, more than one mind went out to the comrades whom they had met in like fashion at different periods to do honor to in this manner.

Recitations and stories were next in order. Dr. Loeb carried off the honors in this respect. Mr. E. H. Munroe sang some comic songs which would have brought the house down had there been any. Mr. W. H. Clifford followed with the "Elephant On His Hands" from Wang, which was much appreciated.

Mr. P. A. Talbot will carry with him to his new home many happy recollections of his old friends who wished him God speed.

THE FIRST GERMAN.

The Social Season Inaugurated by the Friday Cotillion Club.

The Friday Cotillion Club, recently organized, and composed of the young society folk of Newport News, gave its first german at the Casino last night. It was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the kind in the history of the city, and was in every respect a ready notable society event.

The beautiful hall was elaborately and tastefully decorated with evergreens, chrysanthemums, and bunting, the latter being composed principally of colors which ad been obtained from the British steamship Arlington, now in port. The incandescent lights in the hall were shaded in gaily colored paper, which lent to them a soft, pleasing effect that added to the witchery of the scene.

The dancing was kept up to a late hour.

Among those present were: Mrs. H. B. Bailey ,Mr. and Mrs. James L. Street, Mrs. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Herndon, Mr. and Mrs. Albert McMahon, Mr and Mrs. J. F. Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. Dabney, of Newport News; Misses Madge Jones, Lila and Mary Chisman, Ruth Green and Janie Whiting, all of Hampton; Misses Robinson, Nan Cook, Olivia Willock, Norma Norton, Louise French, Annie Sheild, Clemence Cook, May and Evelyn Garnett, Emma Bruce, Mai Saunders, Machie, Michaux, Fanny Willock, all of Newport News; Messrs. J. Barron Hope, George Lake, McCall Blackinston, L. M. von Schilling, all of Hampton; Messrs. Saunders Sheild, Bernard Nelms, Clifford Branch, J. A. Massie, Manville, Moore, Webb Stringfield, D. H. Burch, Fred Peacock, Harry Truby, Fred Palen, Dr. S. W. Hobson, Fred Sanford, J. L. S. Cook, J. P. Womble, Cosby, Kelley, Goode Cofer, W. H. Salley, Graham, Skinner, R. L. Bolling, Bert Livezey, Dr. Horace Taylor, H. F. Norton, Thomas, Pierce, George Palmer, Harold Bailey, William Bailey, Fred Mayre, Philip Young, Portlock and George Butt, all of Newport News.

BRIEFS.

Mr. George Crow is ill at his home on Twenty-fourth street.

Mr. T. J. Christian, Jr., leaves this morning for Norfolk on business.

Little Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Quisenberry, is quite sick.

The Young Women's Christian Temperance Union will give a social at the residence of Mrs. E. T. Ivy next Friday evening.

Mrs. Sills and little Madge returned to her home on Chestnut avenue this week, after an absence of several weeks in the country.

The Hebrew Sabbath school is preparing for a Kanukah entertainment to be given about the middle of December.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Atkins, of New York, are at the Chamberlin. They are on their honeymoon and are making a tour of the principal Southern cities.

The building committee of the First Presbyterian church held am eeting at the home of the pastor yesterday and will lay the results of its considerations before the congregation at an important meeting of that body called to be held at the church at 7:30 o'clock Monday night.

Mr. Richard Walsh, who was formerly engaged in business in Newport News and now resides in Bayonne, New Jersey, has added another successful invention to his list. The new one is what is known as Walsh's Telephone Ear Tube for deaf people. Mr. Walsh while here invented several novelties which rewarded him handsomely. The ear tube is said to be his most successful.

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IN COURT CIRCLES

The Jackson-Hewlett Case Monday.

EVIDENCE IN THE CASE

Corporation Court. Contest Over Application for Ordinary Liquor License. Deed for Opera House Property Entered for Record.

The most interesting event in local court circles is the preliminary examination Monday, before 'Squire Jones, of William Jackson and Cornett Hewlett, the two negroes charged with making away with William Walker, whose body was found at the end of Pier No. 8 Thursday afternoon.

No new evidence has been obtained since the autopsy, which was performed by Coroner Gary, and that which is at hand is nearly all circumstantial, though said to be very strong. There is hardly a doubt that both men will be held for the grand jury. Much interest hangs around Hewlett, and a vigorous effort will be made to get him to talk. If Hewlett should not be convicted here, he will be sent over to Portsmouth, where there is a charge of burglary against him.

The Corporation Court was in session only a short time yesterday, the only matter before Judge Barham being the trial of William Denmark, who was charged with refusing to assist an officer when called on and was fined $10 and costs in the Police Court. The case was appealed to this Court, and when it came to trial the defense, represented by Mr. R. M. Lett, waived jury rights, and left the consideration of the case to Judge Barham, who has not yet rendered an opinion.

There are no cases set for trial today and there will probably be no session of the Court, though it is possible that the motion for a new trial in the Hall abduction case may be argued.

Next Tuesday the Court will consider the application of Hoffman Bros. for an ordinary license to sell liquor at No. 3314 Lafayette avenue. They now have a license to sell malt drinks, and the move to make an ordinary out of the place will be hotly contested.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

In the Corporation Court Clerk's office yesterday the deed for the transfer of the Opera House from Mr. George E. Via and wife to Mr. J. S. Darling was entered for record, the consideration being the payment of $8,500 cash and the assumption of four promissory notes amounting to $8,960, payble to Schmelz Brothers, bankers. These notes are secured by a deed of trust on the property.

A deed was also entered transferring from the Old Dominion Land Company to William S. Cooke, one lot, the consideration for which is $300.

INJUNCTION OBTAINED.

Thursday in the Court of Warwick county the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company obtained a temporary injunction against the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company, enjoining the defendants from further proceedings in the matter of condemning land along the line of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway for use of the telegraph line.

The defendants have until December 6 to move for a dissolution of this injunction, and it is expected that some interesting legal proceedings and complications will soon follow in this case.

APPROVED THE BOND.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury W. B. Howell has notified Collector of Customs J. W. Elliott, of his approval of the bond of the Old Dominion Steamship Company as a common carrier of unappraised merchandise.

POLICE COURT.

The following cases were disposed of in the Police Court yesterday:

James McDonald, drunk; fined $2 and costs.

Barney Lear, disorderly conduct; case dismissed.

Edward Holster, disorderly conduct; fined $4 and costs.

JONES VS. HOGAN.

Bennie Jones, the well known local light-weight wrestler, and Jack Honan, of Philadelphia, have completed arrangements for their wrestling bout for a small purse. It will take place at the Warwick Theatre November 28.

Jones and Honan met about two months ago and commenced to talk wrestle at once. It was decided that they should enter a contest, and since that time both men have been training into condition for the match.

Jones is well known in this section, having downed every man who has tackled him. His friends are backing him liberally and already bets are being placed on the result.

Honan, who comes from Philadelphia, is one of the engineers on the sewer system. This will be his first match in Newport News.

GREAT SACHEM'S VISIT.

Mr. C. W. Adams, great sachem of Improved Order of Red Men of Virginia, visited Calumet Tribe No. 87, of Norfolk, Thursday night.

This is one of the largest secret and beneficial orders in Norfolk. The Red Men are making very substantial progress throughout the State.

W. J. PARKER'S WIFE FOUND.

Mrs. Parker, wife of Mr. William J. Parker, of this city, the Manchester lady who was reported to have mysteriously disappeared from her home, is at Drewry's Bluff, which was once her home, on a visit there to friends.

Mr. Parker, the husband of this lady, has work here and becoming lonely, Mrs. Parker decided last Friday to go out to Drewry's Bluff to see her old home and to visit friends. Captain Parker, her father-in-law, was at Drewry's Bluff yesterday and saw her. She told him she did not care to return to the city yet, and would remain there some days longer.

Mrs. Parker lost one of her children several years ago, and since then she has not seemed the same person, often complaining of being lonely and downhearted.

CHIEF ENGINEER GALT.

Chief Engineer Robert Galt, of the navy, is at Williamsburg on a brief visit to his family. He came direct from Manila, and was on the Charleston when she captured a Spanish gunboat. Lieutenant Galt gives a vivid description of the capture of the Spaniard, along with many interesting details of his official career in the far Eeast.

The Lieutenant is well known here and is a brother of Assistant Constructor Galt.

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WAR INVESTIGATION.

Commission Hears More Testimony as to Camp and Hospital Conditions.

(By Telegraph.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—The War Investigating Commisison met here today and examined a number of witnesses. Dr. Charles R. Greenleaf, Chief Surgeon of the troops in the field on General Miles' staff, was the first one called. His testimony covered the doings of the army both in this country and in Cuba. Dr. Greenleaf said that the water at Camp Alger was poor and the country malarious. He would not have selected this site for a camp. In his opinion Camp Miami, Fla., was fitted only for a quarantine hospital and should not have been used as a camp for 10,000 men awaiting transportation to Cuba. He described conditions at Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point, which he considered an ideal camp for its purpose.

The witness told of his landing supplies at Siboney. He captured some pontoons and took the law into his own hands. They had been lying in the harbor two weeks. He unloaded them in thirty-six hours.

In replying to a question, Dr. Greenleaf said he supposed Dr. Pope had authority from General Shafter sufficient to enable him to unload the supplies at Siboney as he (Greenleaf) had done.

"There is no doubt," said Dr. Conner, "that somebody was dreadfully at fault. Can't you help us to find out who it was?"

Dr. Greenleaf said he could not.

TRANSPORTS OVERCROWDED.

He said the transports leaving Tampa for Cuba were dreadfully overcrowded.

David J. Goss, a private of the Seventy-first New York, summed up his testimony as follows:

"It was all pretty rough. Nothing went right. It was some one's incompetency, but I don't know whose."

Richard W. Henry, private Company B, Seventy-first New York, who was taken sick after the surrender of Santiago, testifying to his experience at the detention hospital at Montauk Point, said:

"I suppose they forgot us. We did not get anything to eat until the next day, when an orderly gave us some soup. A surgeon visited us at noon. He made a cursory examination of us and said that he would send us medicine immediately. The medicine did not reach us until late that night."

DR. DONALDSON TESTIFIES.

Dr. Frank Donaldson, who joined Col. Roosevelt's regiment in Cuba on July 8, and who was stricken with yellow fever on July 24, followed Mr. Henry on the witness stand. Asked by Dr. Conner as to the condition of the hospitals, he replied:

"I do not wish to criticise Dr. Lagarde, whom I greatly admire, but they were entirely swamped. There was an insufficient supply of medical stores, nurses and stewards. The majority of the stewards were of a most undesirable character and should never have been selected for such service.

Regarding medical supplies, Dr. Donaldson said there were supplies, but they could not be reached.

General Wilson and General Beaver asked Dr. Donaldson several questions based upon newspaper clippings detailing "outrages on the soldiers at Camp Wikoff.

Dr. Donaldson declared them all untrue and said that several statements made were "absolute lies."

Relative to the statement that Captain C. R. Wurden, of the Seventh Regiment, died of starvation, the witness said:

REFUTES THE ALLEGATION.

"I, myself, attended Captain Wurden and he got all the attention possible. I made broth myself and other delicacies were found for him."

James S. Sowers, of Company K, Seventy-first Regiment, served from the time the company went into camp at Camp Black until mustered out last week. He complained that the coffee was poor and that the volunteers were not located as well as the regulars.

Asked by General Beaver to explain what he meant when he said that the volunteer officers took care of themselves while the regular officers took care of their men, he said:

"When we arrived home at Montauk Point, there was nothing for us to eat until the next day. When the Tenth regulars arrived there was a wagon load of bread and meat waiting for them. Our officers said that they had nothing to do with the rations."

Mrs. Mary Manson, of West Fifty-first street, was the last witness of the day. She had been at Camp Wikoff in charge of a division of the Woman's Relief Association. She said the men at Camp Wikoff had suffered greatly and had been ill treated. When General Dodge told her that the men had testified that they were not badly treated and had not been neglected at Camp Wikoff, Mrs. Manson declared that if they so testified they had said what was untrue.

Shortly before 5 o'clock the hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

INFORMATION SUPPLIED.

(By Telegraph.)

HAVANA, Nov. 18.—The Spanish Evacuation Commissioners today delivered to the American commissioners a note covering information requested on points affecting the administration of the island. After its receipt Generals Wade and Butler and Admiral Sampson held a private conference at the Trocha Hotel, at the close of which a long cable message was sent to Washington.

The strictest reserve is maintained regarding its contents. Of late Havana has been almost overrun with Americans who have arrived here without means of support, but in hopes of getting lucrative employment. Scores of them are now begging on the streets of the city.

The Spanish transport Isle de Panay will sail tomorrow for Spain with 600 sick soldiers on board and sixty members of the Guardia Civile, who recently arrived here from Manzanilo, and 200 members of the local force.

TO SELL C. & O. CANAL.

(By Telegraph.)

BALTIMORE, Nov. 18.—The board of public works today decided to sell all the interests of the State of Maryland in the famous Chesapeake and Ohio canal. This interest has cost the State in one way or another about $25,000,000, but its present value is intermediate, as it is now in the hands of receivers. It is understood that today's action was taken for the purpose of enabling the Baltimore and Ohio reorganization managers to obtain a title to the property and to use it in connection with the present system. The canal extends from Georgetown, D. C., to Cumberland, Md.

COL. BRYAN STILL A SICK MAN.

(By Telegraph.)

LINCOLN, NEB., Nov. 18.—Colonel W. J. Bryan's health does not mend as rapidly as he hoped it would and today, on recommendation of his physicians, he was granted another additional ten days leave, which permits him to remain in Lincoln until December 4th. Colonel Bryan complains of lack of usual strength and vigor.

AUCTION SALE
today at 2 P. M., on the premises, the Braxton Office Building, on Washington avenue, near Twenty-eighth street.
no 19-1t POWELL BROS. & KING.

ELEVEN MEET DEATH

Frightful Accident on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

MANY BODIES MANGLED

While Evading One Train the Gang of Workmen are Struck by Another. The Engineer's Graphic Description of the Scene.

(By Telegraph.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—In the gloom of smoke, storm and fog that darkened the rails of the Pennsylvania railroad early this morning, between Jersey City and Harrison, a belated suburban train dashed into a gang of workmen, killing eleven and injuring four. Five others had remarkable escapes. All the victims lived in Jersey City. They were:

DEAD.

BODOSKI, FRANK, aged 48.
COLASURDO, GIUSEPPI, 31; single.
DOHERTY, THOMAS, 47; single.
FLANNIGAN, THOMAS, single.
FAGGEA, JOSEPH, 48, single.
LAWLESS, MICHAEL, 31; single.
LUCCI, NICOLA, 34; single.
LUDOWSKI, FRANK, 21; single.
PUGGO, ANGELO, 25; single.
SLUMINSKI, FRANK, 30.
STINZIANO, GIUSEPPI, 23; single.

LIST OF THE INJURED.

Following is a list of the injured:

Hoffman, Lawrence; went home.
Miller, Michael; went home.
Swazkowski, Frank; St. Francis Hospital; will die.
Wangdon, John; St. Francis Hospital.

The accident happened about two and a half miles west of Jersey City, just beyond the Hackensack river bridge.

At that point there are four tracks, two devoted to passenger and two to freight traffic.

At the north are the shops and tracks of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad. Foreman Quirk saw that the fog might mean danger, so he sent ahead two men, Lawless and Doherty, to give warning of approaching trains. Lawless was to go west and Doherty east and were to cover all of the tracks. They were to shout warnings at the approach of trains. The passenger tracks were kept busy with incoming suburban trains, and the dense smoke and steam from these trains helped to make the atmosphere more murky.

FATAL JUMP.

Suddenly about 8:30 o'clock there was a shout from Lawless, who was the advance guard of the gang. "Train on No. 3," he cried.

It was an eastbound freight train that came along slowly, leaving behind it a heavy pall of smoke. The men who were scattered along the track jumped out of the way. Almost all of them jumped over to track No. 1, the eastbound passenger track. The heavy smoke enveloped them.

Lawless, too, had jumped across to track No. 1, keeping all the time a sharp lookout.

Suddenly there was a rumble of wheels and the shriek of a whistle.

The Millstone local, delayed by fog, was coming along at the rate of forty miles an hour.

Lawless was struck and thrown thirty feet away, mangled and bleeding.

On went the train. Engineer Vannostrand had scarcely noticed the man's body flying through the air when the engine struck Doherty. Then it ploughed into the mass of cowering men, who stood huddled on the track.

"It was an awful sight," said the engineer later. "There was a mass of legs and arms and heads flying through the air. I was drenched with blood. I knew that something terrible had happened and put on the air brakes as fast as posible."

When the train came to a standstill the passengers rushed out. The track was drenched in blood. The meadows and the track looked like a battlefield covered with bodies.

Women fainted and men turned away in horror. Of the nineteen men, nine were dead and six wounded.

Some one telephoned quickly to Jersey City. Many of the bodies, still writhing in mortal agony, were placed on the train and borne to the city. Two of the wounded men died on the way.

A relief train brought back the others.

ILLINOIS RACE WAR.

Numerous Encounters Between Negroes and Striking Miners.

(By Telegraph.)

PANA, ILL., Nov. 18.—Desultory firing in every section of the city continued throughout the night. The terrorized citizens huddled in groups which were guarded by heads of families heavily armed. Quite a number of families left the city and spent the day in the country with friends.

C. A. Heath, an ex-railroad man, whose home is in Flatham, a negro district, was fired upon by the blacks and himself and family were driven to shelter in the country. The blacks claimed shots were fired at their homes from Heath's yard, a statement which he denies. Members of Troop B were kept on the alert all night, but accomplished little.

A colored union miner reported to the police that a white man had been killed in the Flatham district. Officers Smith and Lee, accompanied by the negro, started for the scene. They were met by Captain Butler, the militia commander, who told the officers that it was unsafe for them to enter the Flatham district. Captain Butler refused to send a guard to accompany the officers.

NEGROES WITH WINCHESTERS.

In the Springside last night, Ed. Jones, a white non-union miner, is reported to have been shot in the back and dangerously wounded.

A report reached here today that 75 negroes with Winchesters had lined up in Springdale to clean out the whites of that section. Captain Butler at once sent troops to the scene.

The town has been kept in a state of terror all evening by numerous encounters between negroes and striking miners. Both are heavily armed and use their ammunition freely. About 7 o'clock Deputy Sheriff Sid Watts, who was returning from the Springdale mine, where he had been on duty, was shot from ambush. The bullet took effect in his right arm, which had to be amputated. A number of residences have been pierced by bullets and those who are able to do so have sent their families to the country. The principal streets are patrolled by soldiers. Captain Butler had a long conversation by telephone with Governor Tanner this evening, and it is said more troops will be here tomorrow.

RAISE SUNKEN SHIPS.

Dewey Contracts for the Recovery of Three of the Submerged Fleet.

(By Telegraph.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The United States navy will soon possess more than a sprinkling of foreign built warships.

Admiral Dewey has informed the Navy Department that he has contracted with a Hong Kong firm of wreckers to raise three of the Spanish war vessels sunk in the battle of Manila last May Day. The cost of raising the ships and putting them in thorough repair will be $500,000. The vessels to be raised are gunboats of a large type and, in the opinion of Chief Constructor Hichborn they will be the very best kind of craft for the protection of the interests of the United States among the Philippines and along the Asiatic coast. They are the sister ships Isla de Cuba and Isla de Luzon and the Don Juan de Austria.

The first two vessels are of 1,040 tons, 200 feet long, 30 feet beam, by 11 feet 6 inches draft. They are of steel, with twin screws, good protective decks and have an effective battery composed of six 4.7 Hontoria guns, four 6-pounders, two 1-pounder Nordenfelds and two 5.2-inch Nordenfelds and three torpedo tubes. Their speed is placed at 15.9 knots under forced draft.

BUILT BY ARMSTRONGS.

The Austria is a little larger, her tonnage being 1,152, length, 210 feet, 32 feet beam, and 12.6 draft. She was built in Cartagena in 1887. The other two vessels were built by Sir William Armstrong at Elliwick, in 1886. The Austria's armament is four 4.7-inch Hontoria guns, four 6-pounders, one machine gun and two torpedo tubes.

Besides these vessels there is already in the United States navy the New Orleans, the Albany, the Topeka, the Manley, the Somers, the Alvarado, the Leyte and the Sandoval, all of foreign build, some captured and some purchased during the last war.

The work of raising the three Spanish vessels in Manila Bay will be conducted under the supervision of Naval Constructor Capps.

CAPTAIN BOLD IS HE,

Rescues His Ship From Court Officers and Escapes to Sea.

(By Telegraph.)

QUEENSTOWN, 18.—Something in the nature of a sensation has been caused here by the extraordinary conduct of Captain Johnston, commander of the British steamer Briardene, which arrived here on October 21st from New York, extensively damaged by severe weather, during which she was almost submerged for ten days.

Since that time the Briardene has been repairing for a passage west. The Briardene was arrested this morning by a marshal of the admiralty court, for debt, and a bailiff was placed on board of her. The captain determined to defy the court and started for Delaware Breakwater. But the pilot, who was on board, refused to navigate the ship out of the harbor with the result that the captain attempted to do so and grounded the Briardene off Haul Bow line. Two hours later she was floated off.

In the meanwhile the admiralty court officials communicated with the admiral in charge of this station and the latter sent a steam pinnace to intercept the Briardene. The pinnace met the Briardene as the latter was passing out of Queenstown harbor at full speed and ordered her to stop.

The captain of the steamer paid no attention to the summons, but continued on his way to sea as fast as the engines of the Briardene could drive her, with the little pinnace following in pursuit.

The chase was watched by excited crowds ashore. Off Spike Island the Briardene had completely outdistanced the pinnace and the latter gave up the pursuit.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Proceedings of the Third Day's Session, Conference Brotherhood Meets.

(By Telegraph.)

PORTSMOUTH, VA., Nov. 18.—The third day's session of the Virginia M. E. Conference was held with a downpour of rain to dampen the ardor of this great body of Methodists, but considerable business was transacted and the fervor characteristic of Methodist conferences was not one whit abated.

A feature of the day was an address by Rev. Young J. Allen, D. D., LL. D., missionary to China, which was most interesting and instructive.

Fraternal greetings were sent to the Western North Carolina Conference, now in session at Winston

Charles W. Cooper, Richmond, L. H. Early, Lynchburg; H. W. Dunkley, Danville, and J. E. Brooks, Eastern Shore, were elected local deacons.

Conference accepted an invitation to visit the Chautauqua grounds, at Virginia Beach Monday. An effort will be made to secure the establishment of annual camp meetings there.

The annual meeting of the Conference Brotherhood was held at 2:30 P. M., with the president, Rev. J. J. Lafferty, D. D., in the chair. The following officers were elected:

President, Dr. Lafferty; vice-president, Rev. R. A. Compton; secretary-treasurer, Rev. W. P. Wright, vice Rev. George C. Vanderslice, deceased; assistant secretary, Rev. John F. Bosman.

The society has a balance to its credit of $2,500, $2,000 of which is permanently invested, and the interest alone is used for conferences.

Miss Mary Bruce addressed the conference on home mission work.

Bishop Granberry preached a semi-centennial sermon tonight to a large audience.

MANY INJURED.

Two Accidents on the Rail With Serious Results.

WILTON, IA., Nov. 18.—Twenty-two men were more or less injured in two railway wrecks near here today during a heavy fog. In a head-on freight collision on the Rock Island at Moscow, Brakeman Donahue was fatally hurt. Brakeman Marshall Miller had a leg broken. Three other trainmen were seriously injured. Donahue did not long survive.

Just after the Moscow accident, a construction train, which left here to clear the wreck, was struck by the fast mail train. The crew of the mail train failed to see the signal displayed at Wilton to stop. The construction train had on board about twenty men, including section men and citizens of Wilton, going to the scene of the Moscow wreck. Of this number, seventeen were more or less seriously injured, but none was killed.

To the Children Large and Small.

This is to notify you that I have rented the store next to Adams' Racket Store on Washington avenue for your special benefit, and on December 1st, will be on hand with the grandest lot of toys this city has ever seen. Nobody will have to go or send elsewhere for Xmas presents this year. Wait and see. SANTA CLAUS.

Have your Wheel re-enameled, $1 and up, at Newport News Cycle Co. 11-1tf

REIGN OF ANARCHY

Brigands Levying Tribute in Porto Rico.

RIOT, ROBBERY, RAPINE

Lawlessness Rife Throughout the Island. United States Troops Guilty of Gross Misconduct. Gen. Brooke Instructed to Quell Disturbances.

(By Telegraph.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The cabinet session today was devoted, to a large extent, to the consideration of complaints that have reached the War Department, alleging that a state of practical anarchy prevails in Porto Rico. These complaints asserted that the lawless elements in Porto Rico are committing depredations of the gravest character and that the seriousness of the situation is increased by reason of the fact that United States troops stationed in the island likely have been guilty of gross misconduct. The cabinet took cognizance of the reports and on adjournment Secretary Alger, at the instance of the President, cabled General Brooke inquiring as to the accuracy of the complaints.

BRIGANDS PILLAGING.

The most serious allegations are against brigands and lawless elements in the smaller towns away from the coast. It is said that, taking advantage of the unsettled state of the country, due to the transfer of the government from Spain to the United States, bands of men have organized for robbery and rapine, burning houses and plantations and levying tribute upon the people wherever possible. In one case, it is said that they made a raid on a small town of about 15,000 inhabitants, fifteen miles from the nearest troops and burned and destroyed property to a considerable value. General Brooke, at San Juan, has been instructed to use the foot strength of the military forces at his command for the suppression of rioting and the restoration of peace and order in the land.

MESSAGE FROM DEWEY.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—News of a mixed character came to the Navy Department today from Admiral Dewey, touching the situation in the Philippine Islands. The Admiral sent two of his warships, the Charleston and the Concord, some time ago to the island of Luzon to ascertain whether there are was any truth in the reports that the insurgents had expended their activities in that direction. Today he cables as follows:

"MANILA, November 18, 1898.

"Charleston and Concord arrived today from Daly. Close reports that the whole island, except Iloilo, which is defended by 800 Spanish troops. All foreign citizens there beg for American protection. The island of Negros has declared independence and entreats American protection.

(Signed) "DEWEY."

Glass is commander of the Charleston. So far nothing has been done by the administration toward curbing the insurgents.

SITUATION PRECARIOUS.

The situation is now realized to be critical. So far as the Spaniards are concerned they can perhaps be left to take care of themselves, but the foreign residents at Iloilo are differently regarded. The difficulty in the situation is that, with the best intentions to intervene to protect the Europeans and other foreigners and to save the city of Iloilo, the second in importance in the Philippine group, from looting, the United States forces appear to be stopped, under the rules of war, from moving from their positions.

Such is the construction placed upon the clause in the protocol relating to a suspension of hostilities. The immediate effect of this state of affairs may be to hasten action on the part of the Paris conference, for it is only by the determination of that tribunal that the United States can come to the relief of the beleagured Spaniards in Iloilo and at other points.

It is said to be a fact, however, that a total disagreement at Paris may result in speedier action than if the Commissioners agreed upon the main principles of the Philippine cession, for, in such a case, several additional sessions would probably be required in order to arrange the details of the treaty. It is now thought to be certain that the Commission at the meeting next Monday or Tuesday will do one of two things, that is, either agree to the cession of the Philippines or note a disagreement and dissolve the meeting, for the administration is not disposed to further tolerate delay and has so instructed the United States Commissioners.

A VERBOSE STATEMENT.

The later sent a long cablegram today in cipher. The deciphering took the entire day and there were wild rumors touching the nature of its contents. As a matter of fact, it was nothing more than an extremely verbose statement of the Spanish side of the case relating to the Philippines. There was a renewal of the attempt to take issue with the American contention as to the meaning of the protocol clause relative to the disposition of the Philippines and much quibbling, accompanied by quotations from French, Spanish and other European languages in the effort to demonstrate to Americans just what the English word might mean.

The Americans will take no notice of this sort of hair-splitting plea, but at tomorrow's meeting will call upon the Spanish Commissioners to make answer to the American proposition to cede the Philippines, probably allowing until Monday or Tuesday only for a final and responsive answer on that point.

EASTERN FIELD TRIALS.

(By Telegraph.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nov. 18.—A special to the Observer from Newton, N. C., says:

"For three days the weather has been so bad as to practically suspend the eastern field trials. The only progress made was yesterday afternoon, when the first series of the all-age stake was concluded. The second series will be run tomorrow, if the weather permits, in the following order: Young Jingo and Tick Boy; Uncle B and Pin Money; Minnie's Girl and Sport McAllister; Joe Cummings and Why Not; Pearl R and Cotton Grove Dick. It has been so rainy for several days that a number of the sportsmen have given up hopes of better weather and left for their homes. Still others have just arrived and expect some amusement."

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