

RICHMOND NEWS LETTER

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Will Likely Be Reorganized -- Mrs. Lacy Makes an Appeal to Governor -- Tyler -- Will See Mrs. McKinley -- Hero of Santiago Will Be Tendered Reception -- Mr. DeJarnett Wants the Office.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Richmond, Va., Jan. 14.—The First Virginia Regiment is in the throes of death, and it cannot last much longer.

Colonel J. Lane Stern, the assistant inspector general, has prepared his report on the condition of the regiment for submission to the Governor, and while he will not make known its contents until the paper has reached the Chief Executive, it is understood that he recommends immediate action on the part of Governor Tyler.

Colonel Stern was sought by a reporter today and asked to throw some light upon his report, but he said that it would be improper for him to discuss it at this time. In reply to a question he said that there was no doubt about the fact that the regiment was far below the standard. He also said that so far as the State was concerned the regiment was useless.

Colonel Stern said that he believed that a new regiment could be formed here after the regiment had been disbanded and that much of its timber could be utilized. ORGANIZATION HAS MONEY. An interesting fact in connection with the disbanding of the regiment, as now proposed, was gleaned in an interview with Governor Tyler.

The organization has considerable money in bank and after its dissolution no one will have the power to draw this money, unless the Governor could reorganize the regiment. In this way only could the money be drawn. Be that as it may, there is a strong probability that the regiment will be disbanded and that Colonel Stern will recommend it. In that event there is no doubt but a new First Regiment will soon appear, and it will be on a much better foundation than the old.

WILL SEE MRS. MCKINLEY. Mrs. Thomas W. Lacy, wife of the young postoffice clerk who was convicted in the United States Court of embezzlement, and is now serving his sentence in the penitentiary at Raleigh, will go to Washington next week and plead with Mrs. McKinley to intercede with the President in behalf of her husband and pardon him. A gentleman who is well acquainted with Mrs. McKinley will accompany Mrs. Lacy to Washington and present her to Mrs. McKinley. Mrs. Lacy was at the Capital yesterday and made a pitiful plea to Governor Tyler to pardon her husband, and pray for her husband's pardon.

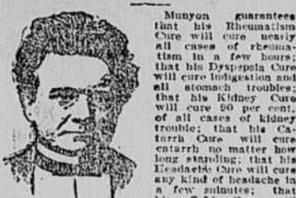
COULD NOT AFFIX HIS NAME. The Governor listened sympathetically to the woman's story, but told her that he could not affix his name until he had taken the matter under consideration. He must first see, he said, whether it would be wise for him to lend his influence in behalf of a man convicted in the United States Court. Lacy was married only a few weeks when he was arrested, and the honeymoon of the young couple was rudely shattered by the trial and conviction of her husband during his trial, and when he was convicted she began at once the work of obtaining the signatures of influential men to a petition for his pardon.

THE HERO OF SANTIAGO. General Joseph Wheeler, the white-haired Southern hero of the Santiago campaign, will be the center of attraction here on Monday night, and all day Tuesday. He will arrive here on Monday at 7:30 p. m., and be met by a committee of distinguished citizens, who will escort him to the Hotel de Ville for supper. Immediately afterwards he will be taken to Lee Camp Hall, where he will present the picture of Major Pelham, a noted Confederate hero, to Lee Camp. Some of the veterans of the war will be present, and the capacity of the hall will not accommodate one-tenth of the persons who wish to do the grand old officer honor on this occasion. After this affair General Wheeler will be tendered a reception at the Governor's mansion.

WILL SEE THE CITY. On Tuesday morning General Wheeler will be taken for a drive about the city and the itinerary will embrace the Soldiers' Home, where a short stop will be made. At 3 o'clock the General will be tendered a reception at the Women's Club. At night General Wheeler will be again received, this time at the Confederate Museum, which will conclude his public appearances while in this city.

Mr. Ottaway O. Eanes, of Manchester, is dead, aged 86 years. HE SHOT JACK RILEY. William Britton, who shot Jack Riley in a bar-room last week, using a double-barreled shot gun, was sent on to the grand jury to-day in the Police Court. Riley, who was shot in the thigh, has almost recovered. The funeral of Mr. E. B. Christian, president of the Richmond Paper Manufacturing Company, was held this afternoon and was largely attended. A WHEELMEN'S JURY. Miss Carrie H. Wrenn, who has been suing the city for damages for riding into an excavation on the street while a wheel, was given \$150. The jury consisted of six wheelmen and six men who spend a part of their lives dodging wheels and a conscientious belief that they are useless vehicles of locomotion. WANTS THE OFFICE. Mr. J. R. C. DeJarnette, who is after the position of assistant District Attorney, has been hustling this week. He has been oscillating between Washington and Richmond and to-night said that he believed that he would get the job. Mr. DeJarnette is a young Caroline county man. Mr. D. M. Fields and Miss L. M. Evans, of this city, while out driving at Seven Pines last night, were run into by a runaway team. Miss Evans sustained several broken ribs, a broken

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Post Office Robber Shot and Mortally Wounded -- Husband and Wife Again Wanted -- Illness of Mr. Parker -- Personal and Otherwise.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Suffolk, Va., Jan. 14.—While escaping arrest on the charge of robbing a post-office, John Wylie was this morning shot at Basley, N. C., and mortally wounded. At last reports Wylie was bleeding internally, and his doctor said there was no hope. Wylie was plucked in the back by a ball from a 33-calibre gun in the hands of Special Officer L. C. Rountree. He was shot three times.

The postoffice at Basley, which is kept by S. W. Hildebrand, was robbed some days ago. There was then no clue to the robber. That came yesterday, when Jennie Riddick, a colored school teacher, spent a marked half dollar. The coin was identified as one of those stolen from the postoffice. But the coin was innocent of any complicity. She told from whom the coin came. It was John Wylie. An officer found Wylie and ran him in.

It was expected to try Wylie before a justice last night, but owing to the lateness of the hour the hearing was postponed till to-day. The prisoner was tied and put in a store to be guarded. U. S. Marshal Hildebrand, who presided over the trial, then he was relieved by L. C. Rountree. Everything went well till nearly daybreak. Harrell stepped outside a minute. Wylie saw his chance and grasped it. He got up and made his way under the guard's feet to a strident death. Guard Rountree saw his fleeing prisoner and sent him head in pursuit. The lead caught him.

It was attempted to carry Wylie on to Greasville for trial, but the physician in attendance pronounced the wounds fatal, and the proposed examination useless. HUSBAND AND WIFE UNITED AGAIN. After a short period of separation, A. H. Saunders and his wife, Mrs. Virginia Saunders, have made up again, and it is hoped they will live happily ever afterward. The divorce proceedings had been under way, and all differences amicably settled. A few weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, who live near Everett, had a difference of opinion that could not be reconciled. Mrs. Saunders left her husband and went to her parents' home. Proceedings for divorce, asking for a liberal alimony, Judge R. H. Rawles and State's Attorney E. E. Holland were retained by Mrs. Saunders. Mr. Saunders secured the services of Lawyer William S. Holland, of Windsor, Va. The attorneys and principals came together in Suffolk to-day and fixed up everything. By the terms of the agreement all the real and personal property are equally divided between Mr. and Mrs. Saunders.

MRS. PARKER ILL. Hon. John C. Parker, of Franklin, residing here, is suffering with influenza from Southampton county, and author of the present election law, was in Suffolk to-day. Mr. Parker left at 5 o'clock for Richmond, to be with his family and attend to the Dominion Hospital to undergo a surgical operation. MORE ABOUT NEW YORK. The story in to-day's Virginian-Pilot concerning the establishment here of a new bank, caused a discussion of the streets and in the offices. Most people look upon the venture as a good thing for the public and a step forward in the financial progress of the town. But the people want to know more of the details. The following can be stated as facts secured from an authoritative source: A charter for the new bank has been written, and is ready for presentation to Circuit Judge Robert R. Prentiss. There has been no formal meeting of the directors, but it is generally understood that Attorney James H. Moore will be president and Arthur Woodford, formerly of Suffolk, but later of Queenstown, Md., cashier. The capital stock to be named in the charter will not be less than \$25,000 nor more than \$50,000. The promoters could not meet more stock. They don't want to. It would cause the profits to be divided in more parts. The capital stock will be nearly all sold—more than three-fourths of it is gone, and that with little effort. About half of the stock will be owned in Suffolk and Newport, and the other half comes from Norfolk and Southampton county. The bank will be located at first at No. 8 Washington square. It is expected it will be ready for business in 30 or 40 days. There will be six or seven directors.

Prospective President James L. McLenore said this afternoon: "We expect to do a safe, legitimate business without making any special fight against the Farmers' Bank. We hope

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look across the harbor to Old Point and Newport News, have been thrown open to our people and the traveling public. We can but admire the business enterprise of our new citizens, Sylvanus Stokes, and it is our duty to support the man who has shown his faith in the city's bright future by taking \$50,000 of the stock of this new hotel and then rented it from the company for \$21,000 a year.

The prosperous firm of Watt, Retlow & Clay have, within the last few years, clearly demonstrated to us that a great apartment store, where nearly every article of the household is bought cheap, for cash, pays handsome profits on the money invested; and the firms of Miller, Rhodes & Co., and Levy Bros. are now following them along the road that leads to the palace of the merchant king.

Our city has begun work on the new postoffice building. Our Public Library is growing gradually, and the courteous treatment that we all receive at the hand of our Librarian, Mr. Saegert, encourages us to drink often at this fountain of knowledge. New public buildings are everywhere being sprung up daily in Ghent, Park Place and other sections, beautifying our city like the flowers that blossom on the borders of a well-kept garden.

Possessing a water supply that is pure and ample, a sewerage system that is perfect, fine hospitals, good doctors and a plenty of them, we need have no fear for the present or future health of our city.

With honest judges to hold the scales of justice, with a fire department that cannot be surpassed in the State, and a police force that we need not be afraid to compare with that of any city, our lawful rights are protected, our homes are safe, and our women, the fairest of Virginia's daughters, go forth upon the streets alone, without fear of molestation.

Our citizens are progressive, and are edited by men of unimpeachable characters. We have a good theatre, the famous old Virginia Club, the handsome new Country Club, several beach clubs, and many other places of social enjoyment, music and laughter. And our happy and contented people can at almost any hour, with little expense, enjoy the surf and bright scenes at Ocean View, Old Point and Virginia Beach.

Our city is surrounded by thousands of acres of the finest trucking land in the world, and the best-known methods, and covered with a network of spurs and sidings form ten railroads, which, with hundreds of small craft that sail upon our river and harbor, convey to our very doors the rich harvests that bring to us yearly, millions of dollars from the markets of the North.

We have regular steam-boat lines to Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Providence in the North, to the Cities of the Sound, Charleston, Savannah and other points in the South, to Liverpool, Hamburg, Glasgow, Rotterdam, Dublin, Bremen and other European ports; and will soon have regular lines to our newly-acquired possessions. We have a harbor that has been lee-bound but once in the memory of man, covering 800 acres of deep anchorage, and traversed by a channel that will have bear in safety any ship that furrows the mighty deep, from our navy yard to where the majestic James kisses the

lips of the queenly Elizabeth, and with the child, Nassau, between them, pass across the Roads and throw their selves into the strong embrace of the father of waters. We do double duty at "The Hub" during the winter months. We have an excellent Weather Bureau service, the careful observer of which informs us of the comparative moisture more than that of any other station along the Atlantic seaboard and that our rainfall has been so distributed by a wise Providence as to be admirably adapted to the needs of our great trucking farms.

The Queen of Tidewater Virginia knows nothing of the wild fury of the parching winds that sweep across the Western plains. She is a stranger to that hot, dry, blinding sun, and the cold that bleaches the countenances of her brothers in the North. Her children sleep sweetly in the cool sea breezes of summer and inhale the warm breath of the Gulf Stream in winter.

And this is not all. We have a street car service as good as any city in the North or South, and can feel with the iron fingers of the eight great-trunk lines that center here, the pulse of nearly every city and section that lies east of the Mississippi. When we contemplate the enormous revenue that comes to us from our lumber, coal, cotton, peanut, fish, oyster and rapidly increasing wholesale and jobbing trades, from our cotton mills and warehouses, our flouring mills, home brewery, shipyards, foundries, machine shops, fertilizer plants, crescenting works, furniture, carriage and barrel factories and other business enterprises, none under way and maturing, the most promising of which is our large new silk factory, we can but rejoice in the thought that if commerce is king, our harbor is destined to be the portal and our city the minor chamber of his royal palace.

There are a few things that I desire to mention, which, in my humble judgment, are holding back our city and State. I blush to have to suggest to you the fact that capital at home and in the North has lost some of the old time faith it once had in the sound judgment of Virginia's law maker. Our tax on mortgages that raise the rent our people have to pay, is too high. The high tax on cotton bolls helps to hold up our rate of discount higher than in Northern cities, and the laws that allowed preferences in assignments have injured the credit of our merchants and driven timid capital from our doors. Our whole people have never been awakened to the true sense of our great natural and acquired advantages, and do not talk enough at home about our city's prosperity. Our population has out-grown our city's accommodations. We need apartment houses for young men and small families. We need a great many more good, plain houses, in refined localities where honest men, earning moderate salaries, can afford to pay the rent and not have to carry their families to Portsmouth and Backley V. lives. With our lumber manufactured at our very doors we can build houses cheap than Baltimore, Washington, Richmond or Atlanta. And our architects have shown themselves to be as true, sturdy and as skilful in designing as those of any city. We need a park house where our criminals can be made to earn their own bread. We need another park somewhere down on the water, with bath houses that are open to all for the summer, and for the winter. We need great public baths like those that once adorned the

cities of Athens and Rome. For cleanliness means health, and health means hope, happiness, enterprise and determination to succeed, and when the virtues dwell in the hearts of a united citizenship, we can trample under our feet any obstacle that may be thrown across the pathway of our city's progress.

Whenever I travel through the upper sections of our State I hear people talking on all sides about our magnificent harbor, our splendid trucking lands, and the growth, prosperity and destiny of our city. I come back here, meet scores of people and rarely hear a subject mentioned, I believe I did hear a gentleman say down on the street the other day: "Norfolk's got a nice harbor, but I am not sure he had hardly gotten the words out of his mouth when a bystander from across the river spoke up and said: 'Well, I don't know, you must remember that half of this harbor belongs to Portsmouth.'"

A short time ago a firm of mine, representing a Northern firm, was in our city, anxious to purchase our recent issue of 4 per cent. bonds. He had about decided to make an offer that would have secured the bonds by a small margin. But before putting his bid he left my office and went down to talk the matter over with one of our distinguished bankers, who I am sure had no more interest in this deal than you or I. And this was what he heard: "Why, sir, nobody is going to be fool enough to give any such price as that for Norfolk city 4's." My friend came back, changed his bid, lost the bonds, and Norfolk lost the market. But when we read the full history of this transaction, we should shout with joy, for the credit of our city was written higher than ever before upon the boards of the great financiers of the North, when it was announced that Motley Dew, I & Co., one of our own firms who bought the whole issue at 101.33, and still higher was it written when they were afterwards sold for 103.

My fellow citizens, we have a little sister across yonder, at the mouth of the James, whose people talk a different language. From the time you get there until you leave you hear on every side, "Newport News is going ahead; property is advancing; lots are selling; buildings are going up." And when we look around their city we can but be impressed with the idea that we are hearing the truth. Our association has been chartered to promote and advance the business interest of the whole section of country known as Tidewater Virginia. But our first duty is to guard the welfare of the cities that cluster here about the three arms of the Elizabeth. I for one believe that this can be more speedily and successfully accomplished by centralizing all our forces in a new corporation to be known as "Greater Norfolk."

Our highest duty as citizens is to exert ourselves to fill and inspire the hearts and minds of our fellow citizens with the feeling and thought that Norfolk, which has within the last fifteen years changed her color and become beyond all peradventure, a "White Man's City," is the finest home in the world, not only for the reason that we would be telling them the truth, but because when these foundations of hope and energy are flowing the joyous streams will find their own way into the outer world and sleeping millions of idle capital will be awakened by their happy murmur, and arising will follow them to their source.