

LOVELY MARRIAGE

Afternoon Wedding Yesterday at the First Baptist Church

Two more of Wilmington's popular young people, Miss Mary Florence Hall and Mr. Robert Scott, were wedded yesterday afternoon. The celebration took place in the First Baptist church, and was one of joy and loveliness. The interior of the church was beautifully decorated with pretty carnations, fine ferns, large palms and pot plants, while here and there amidst the artistic decorations were placed large lamps with variegated shades. The soft light from the lamps and the brilliant glare from the church chandeliers made the scene one rich in loveliness. All the floral work was accomplished by the deft hand of Mr. Will Rehder.

The ceremony took place at 6 o'clock, and by that time the edifice was crowded with friends and relatives of the happy couple. As Mendelssohn's ever popular and enchanting wedding march was being rendered by Mr. E. H. Munson, the bride and groom, followed by the bridesmaids and groomsmen, entered the church. The bride then entered leaning upon the arm of her father, Mr. Samuel G. Hall. As the procession moved down the center aisle to the altar, the groom, accompanied by his best man and brother, Mr. Jack Scott, approached from the side aisle, and after the party had grouped itself gracefully around the altar and Mr. Hall had relinquished the arm of his daughter to the groom, Rev. Calvin Blackwell, Ph. D., pastor of the church, impressively performed the marriage service, and as the last vows were spoken the bell hung up in the belfry rang out the joyful tidings.

From the church the party was driven in carriages to the home of Mr. Hall, corner Grace and MacRae streets, where the bride changed her bridal robes for a stylish traveling suit. Directly from the house the party went to the Atlantic Coast Line depot, from where Mr. and Mrs. Scott departed on the 7 o'clock north bound train for a bridal trip of about ten days. The scene at the depot was a jolly one, and rice and congratulations were dervily floating around everywhere. The Messenger wishes to add its congratulations for a long life and one prosperous and felicitous for the happy twain.

After visiting New York, Niagara Falls, Washington and other places of note the couple will return to the city and after the 15th of next month will be at home to their numerous friends on Seventh street, between Chestnut and Grace.

The bride's costume was a handsome gown of white organdie over white silk, while that of her maid of honor was white organdie over blue silk. Both she and her attendant carried a bouquet of large, exquisite white carnations, but one bunch was prettily tied with white ribbon, while blue ribbon adorned the other.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Hall, and an exceedingly popular young lady. The groom is one of our most congenial young citizens and holds a responsible position in the auditor's department of the Atlantic Coast Line. No better evidence of the popularity of these young folks can be found than in the large display of costly and elegant presents they received, attesting the love and esteem of relatives and a large coterie of friends.

DRAMATIC CLUB TO TOUR

A Trip After Lent Now Being Talked About

A tour of the Dramatic Club immediately after the Easter celebration is the latest thing on tap. The management of the club is contemplating such a tour and is now trying to arrange for it, which will be the trip the club was forced to abandon last Easter.

For that tour all arrangements had been perfected, and rehearsals were about to commence when it had to be declared off.

If the club this time makes a tour, which it will very likely do, five cities will embrace its itinerary. Two plays will be produced at each performance, one a curtain raiser. The curtain raiser will be the play of "Comedy and Tragedy," in which piece our theatre goes several seasons ago had the pleasure of seeing the distinguished actress Emily Bancker, now dead.

The company will consist of nine of the club's most talented members, besides a chaplain and a business manager. Several of the troupe will be able to introduce really high class specialties during the progress of the main play, so to speak, which will be a rattling modern comedy.

The management of the club is at present working ardently on the proposed tour, and hopes shortly to announce definitely the success of its efforts.

First Candidate Before the Primary Election

The city election is to take place on Thursday, March 24th, for the election of a board of aldermen. The election will be held under the bill amending the city charter, now pending in the General Assembly, and as the bill provides that the Democratic voters may select by popular vote their candidates for mayor, city clerk and treasurer and chief of police, who are to be subsequently elected by the board of aldermen, the time has come for the candidates to come to the front. In today's Messenger Captain E. G. Parmelee, chief of police, has a card announcing. He states that as the duties of his office as present chief of police are such that he will not be able to make a personal canvass, he leaves his case in the hands of the voters.

Captain Parmelee is the first candidate to come to the front and soon, no doubt, there will be candidates for mayor and city clerk and treasurer.

The primary election will be held in two or three weeks, and there won't be much time for aspirants to loose. The ball will be rolling from now on.

Polley-Bisset Nuptials

A quiet but exceedingly pretty home wedding took place yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock at the residence of Mr. E. G. Polley, on Market street, between Ninth and Tenth. Mr. Polley's daughter, Miss Mamie Polley, was united in marriage to Mr. J. E. Bisset, son of our esteemed townsman, Capt. John Bisset.

Mr. and Mrs. Bisset left on the 7 o'clock north bound Atlantic Coast Line train on a tour of the northern cities.

CITY POLITICS

Thirty's Astride Now Over the City Charter. One Set of Citizens Opposed to Some of the Features of the New City Bill. Others Favor It

The citizens of Wilmington are taking a lively interest in the bill now before the general assembly to provide Wilmington a city government. A large meeting of some of our most prominent citizens was held yesterday at the rooms of the Merchants' Association, in the Seaboard Air Line building. We understand that they object to some of the features of the city government bill which passed the house of representatives on Tuesday and that after discussing the matter they appointed a committee to go to Raleigh for the purpose of having the bill held up in the senate until the features they object to can be eliminated. The committee appointed consists of Colonel Walker Taylor and Captain T. D. Meares, and they left last night for Raleigh.

FAVOR THE PRESENT BILL

The bill which passed the house on Tuesday, on the other hand, is satisfactory to another large element of our citizens. Last night the executive committee of the New Hanover Democratic Club, held a meeting in the Smith building. Mr. W. E. Springer, the chairman, presided. Among other things done, the committee endorsed the charter now pending in the general assembly. A resolution was adopted authorizing and instructing the chairman to telegraph to Senators W. J. Davis, J. W. S. Robinson, F. P. Jones, F. A. Hill, Frank A. Daniel, Richard Speight, J. A. Brown and J. A. McIntyre, urging them to use their best efforts to secure the passage of the city bill in its present shape as it passed the house of representatives.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Howard Relief Fire Engine Company Celebrates Its Forty-Third Anniversary

Howard Relief Fire Engine company celebrated its forty-third anniversary last night by giving a ball at Adrian hall. There was a large attendance and the terspsichorean festivities were participated in by five sets of dancers. The Italian harpers furnished the music, and it was a merry and highly enjoyable affair.

The committee managing the ball were Messrs. W. H. Coleman, P. N. Fick, H. T. Duls, George Tienken and H. Mohr who did the functions very clearly and made it pleasant for all. Besides these the popular president of the old company, Mr. Martin Rathgen, was present, and by his courtesy and genial greeting for everybody aided in making the occasion exceedingly pleasant. Mr. Rathgen has been president of the company for ten years and it has never had a president who was more loyal to the company and was more highly esteemed by the members of the organization and its friends.

At midnight Mrs. P. N. Fick served the company and its friends an elegant and sumptuous supper which was enjoyed to the fullest extent. After supper the dancing was resumed and was kept up till three o'clock this morning.

The Value of Good Roads

The value of good roads to the farmers may be judged from the following from yesterday's Charlotte Observer, which says:

"A gentleman in from Steel Creek yesterday reported that it took five horses to pull a two-horse load along the dirt road to the macadam."

Charlotte has some good macadam roads extending into the country and the farmers who live along those good roads can go to market and haul with two horses what in former days required a team of at least four horses.

It may be seen what expense hauling is to farmers who even live a distance from the macadam road, when it is stated that five horses had to be used to draw a two-horse load.

The man who is opposed to good roads knoweth not what he does. Good roads will pay for themselves and if you believe it, ask somebody along the good roads in Mecklenburg.

Washington's Birthday Quietly Observed in the City

The birthday of the illustrious Washington, which was yesterday, was neither marked in Wilmington by public demonstration or social celebration.

The day, however, was quietly observed, the banks, nearly all the public buildings and a large number of stores remained closed during the day, while the students of the different schools were given a holiday to better prepare themselves for the importance of the day and to perpetuate in their minds the birthday of the great revolutionary hero.

Quite a number of sportsmen sought the woods, and a large number took in the fair at New Bern. Somebody along the good roads in Mecklenburg.

One Memorable Social Celebration of Washington's Birthday Last Year was the "Martha Washington" Tea Given by the Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters, but Lent this year prevented a repetition of this brilliant sociable.

"Jim Crow" Car Petitions

A large number of traveling salesmen have already signed the petitions to the general assembly asking for the enactment at once of a "Jim Crow" car law, displayed at The Orton hotel for signatures. Several of the petitions, which are in printed forms, have been forwarded by the management of the hotel to Senator R. B. Glenn, in accordance with instructions sent along with the petitions.

Still Another Dockery Notice

Another one of the Dockery notices was served by the sheriff yesterday on Congressman Bellamy. This one was for taking depositions at Lumber Mills, Robeson county, next Thursday, and was signed by B. F. McLean as counsel for Dockery. There will be quite a number of witnesses from Pike, St. Paul's, Mill Prong and Red Springs.

Before the discovery of One Minute Cough Cure, ministers were greatly disturbed by coughing congregations. No excuse for it now. R. B. Bellamy.

Cruelly Beat His Daughter

A negro man, George Ward, of Harnett township, was fined \$20 and costs yesterday by Justice Fowler for assaulting his own daughter, a small girl.

The evidence showed that Ward most cruelly beat the girl with a switch, inflicting ugly and painful wounds.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS

Washington's Farewell Address and Eulogies on the Late Senator Morrill Occupy Most of the Sessions of Both Houses

SENATE.
Washington, February 22.—Today's session of the senate was devoted to two special orders, the reading of Washington's farewell address, an annual custom of the senate on Washington's birthday, and the pronouncing of eulogies on the late Senator Justin S. Morrill, of Vermont.

An invitation extended by the charge d'affaires of France, M. Thebaud, through Secretary of State Hay, to the members of the senate to attend the memorial funeral services of the late President Faure, of France, to be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock in St. Matthews church, this city, was read.

Senator Cullom moved that the invitation be accepted, but it was pointed out that the invitation was not to the senate as a body, but to individual members, and that any action upon it was unnecessary.

Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, was then introduced and from the vice president's desk read Washington's farewell address in accordance with the resolution of Senator Hoar.

At the conclusion of the reading of the address Senator Ross, of Vermont, called up the resolutions relating to the death of the late Senator Justin S. Morrill, of Vermont, and began his eulogy upon the distinguished statesman.

At the conclusion of Senator Ross' address, Senator Vest, of Missouri, who had served with Senator Morrill for twenty years on the committee on public buildings and grounds, paid to his memory a most beautiful and touching tribute.

The eulogies were concluded at 3:15 o'clock, p. m., and as a further mark of respect, the senate then adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The house today inaugurated the custom which has prevailed for many years in the senate of listening to the reading of Washington's farewell address on Washington's birthday. The address was read at the request of Mr. Bailey, of Texas, the democratic leader.

Two hours were devoted to the naval appropriation bill, but seemingly only the first part of the debate upon the cost of armor plate had been passed. Mr. Boutelle's amendment, fixing the maximum price of armor plate at \$545 per ton, but restricting the provision to the appropriation made in the present bill was ruled to be in order, whereupon another proposition was offered by Mr. Underwood, of Alabama, for the erection of an armor plate plant by the government and appropriating \$4,000,000 for the same.

A point of order against the latter proposition was pending when the consideration of the naval bill was suspended to allow the members of the house to pay tribute to the memory of the late Senator Morrill, of Vermont.

Messrs. Groat and Powers, of Vermont; Walker, of Massachusetts, and Grow, of Pennsylvania, pronounced eulogies and at 4:20 o'clock, as a further mark of respect the house adjourned.

Banquet to Gomez in Matanzas

Matanzas, February 22.—The banquet tendered here to General Maximo Gomez last night was a brilliant affair and well attended. The Junta Patriotica, which had charge of the entertainment, refrained from inviting Spaniards, which displeased the Cuban commander.

The banquet was given in the theatre. The guests numbered 200 and 4,000 spectators were present. The boxes were crowded with ladies belonging to the best of society and the public generally crowded the four tiers of galleries.

General Wilson sat on the right of General Gomez and the Cuban General Betancourt was seated on his left.

A picture of George Washington was prominently displayed on the wall.

General Gomez, during the banquet, gave his seat and gallantly offered some flowers to Mrs. Wilson.

The speeches began at 10 o'clock. Senator Labastida, in the course of his remarks said the authorities at Washington would never govern the country against its will, a remark which was loudly cheered. The house also cheered President McKinley.

Senator Rivero said General Gomez would never leave Cuba. He was to bring his family here from San Domingo and stay always in Cuba.

The speaker referred glowingly to Washington and was loudly cheered.

Senator Julio Ortiz, president of the junta, welcomed General Gomez to Matanzas.

The Cuban commander answered, thanked his hosts and referred feelingly to the dark days of the revolution. He said his gratitude at the welcome accorded him could not express the deep feelings of his heart. He made no references to politics and was so hoarse he could hardly articulate.

General Gomez has been ill for several days past and looks tired out. The banquet was over at 11 o'clock. General Gomez was cheered as he departed.

"Give me a liver regulator and I can regulate the world," said a genius. The druggist handed him a bottle of DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little Pills—R. R. Bellamy.

Germany's Attitude Toward Samoa

Berlin, February 21.—The Cologne Gazette today, in an implied article, sharply criticises the recently published letter addressed by Chief Justice Chambers, of Samoa, to his brother. The paper says: "The facts of the situation are that Matafua received five-sixths and Malletto, Tano, one-sixth of the votes cast. The election was conducted in strict accordance with Samoan customs."

Fritchard Friends for Ewart

Washington, February 21.—Senator Fritchard, of North Carolina, today made a plea in an implied article of the senate for the confirmation of the nomination of Judge Ewart as judge of the Western district of that state. He took up the various charges against Judge Ewart and made reply to them, quoting liberally from the testimony. There were several interruptions by Senators Hoar, Telfer, Spooner and Butler. No time was fixed for a vote.

A Victim of the Lawrence Disaster

Savannah, Ga., February 21.—Edward Rosch, chief engineer of the ill fated steamer William Lawrence, died tonight at St. Joseph's infirmary from the exposure and cold he suffered in the wreck. His body will be taken to Baltimore.

THE VIRGINIA BANKERS

Held Their Annual Meeting and Listen to an Address by Secretary of the Treasury Gage

Richmond, Va., February 22.—The feature of the annual meeting of the Virginia Bankers Association today was the address of Secretary of the Treasury Gage. Judge Christian, president of the clearing house association of Richmond, in the address of welcome congratulated the association upon the presence of Mr. Gage.

"While" he said, "we disagree with him upon nearly every political question, the people of Virginia are not so hide-bound as not to extend to him the heartiest and most cordial welcome."

Judge Christian went on to say that the bankers were willing to sit at the feet of the secretary and learn of him. They wanted, he said, only one standard of value, and that fixed and unchangeable. He closed by repudiating the allegation that the south is a "rotten borough" in any respect.

Mr. Alexander Hamilton of Petersburg, responded on behalf of the visitors.

Mr. Gage in his address, followed very much the line of his last annual report. He argued against the green-back and the features of the present financial system that tended to congest money in the great centers of population. In conclusion he said:

"Some who oppose the ideas here enunciated charge me with speaking from the bankers' standpoint. As a banker, I have never had any personal interest in the question, because as a bank officer I have never issued a note to circulate as money. The reason for not doing so was the fact, already described, that it was an unprofitable tie up of capital and, in the large centers, where my life as a banker has been passed, all the credit facilities needed by that community were substantially supplied through book account, checks, drafts and bills of exchange. That reform will come I have no doubt. The revolutionary movement to which all the improvements in society can be traced, was violently interrupted by the intervention of government paper money, and the prohibition of bank note issues. That we will eventually return to a larger liberty on the part of the individual, acting alone or associated with others, I think certain. This reform, however, will come slowly. The dissemination of the knowledge of the truth must precede it, and each in his place may help it forward, not by words of heat, and passion, but by calm and patient testimony to the truth."

More Stormy Scenes in Spanish Cortes

Madrid, February 22.—The meeting of the bureau this evening to appoint a committee to examine the bill for the cession of the Philippine resulted in only a nominal ministerial success. Although the ministerial candidates chosen were four and the opposition candidates were only three, yet on a division, the opposition will muster ninety-two votes as against forty-eight ministerial unionists. The opposition will, therefore, submit a counter measure. The republican motion in favor of summoning the constituent assembly led to a stormy debate in the chamber of deputies.

Professor Salmeron, the republican leader, made a fierce attack on the government.

Senator Sagasta replying said: "We lost the colonies but we have avoided civil war. When you were in power greater calamities occurred. The United States drove us to war, for which no regime is blamable and no regime could make a nation weakened by two colonial rebellions, strong."

"I will oppose reaction with all my force. I am incapable of destroying the nation's liberties. It is the republicans alone who endanger the liberties of the country by breaking the law."

The result of the debate in the chamber upon the motion of Senator Silveira, leader of the conservatives, censuring the government for "indifference to the country's troubles" was the withdrawal of the resolution.

The Westminster Kennel Club's Bench Show

New York, February 21.—The twenty-fourth annual bench show of the Westminster Kennel Club opened in Madison Square garden this morning with an extraordinary list of entries, including J. Pierpont Morgan's famous collies, the \$2,500 fox terrier Go Bang, and the English champion bull dog Ivel Rustic. One thousand five hundred dogs from all over the country joined voices, terriers, hounds and mastiffs making fine display. The notable names in the list of exhibitors, J. P. Morgan's collies had no rivals in their class, but Richard Croker had to be content with a third prize for a Saint Bernard entry, Frank J. Gould taking first. The dogs on show are said to be worth more money than those at any previous exhibition.

All the space in the vast garden is needed for the hundreds of cages and the throngs of people who are studying the fine points of their canine occupants.

Inspecting Canned Beef

Savannah, February 22.—Major J. W. Ruthers has just completed the inspection of 600,000 pounds of canned beef in the army warehouse here, and 2,500 pounds, less than 1/4 of 1 per cent. was condemned. This beef is to be sent to Cuba on the supply ship Comal next week. With this cargo of the Comal, 7,000,000 rations will have been sent to Cuba.

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Gone Mad From Sufferings While Ship-Wrecked

Savannah, Ga., February 22.—Robert A. Beale, second officer of the steamer William M. Lawrence, which was wrecked on the South Carolina coast during the blizzard of last week, has gone crazy from his intense sufferings in the open boat during the storm. Beale's home is in Baltimore and he has been sent there in the hope that treatment at a private sanitarium may restore his reason.

There were seven men in the boat with Beale. Of the number Chief Engineer Roach is dead; one sailor will lose one or both feet; two other sailors will lose their toes and Beale has gone mad from his sufferings from cold.

To Build Barracks for Troops in Havana

Havana, February 22.—Major General Brooke, the governor general, approves the plans for erecting plain, wooden barracks for troops, which will remain here during the hot weather. A building for each company, 150 by 30 feet, with double roof and having for the sides of the house panels on horizontal piquets so as to swing completely open, with a kitchen separate, but connected by a covered way, will cost per company \$5,000. Some of the troops will occupy the Spanish masonry barracks. General Carpenter has just found one, capable of accommodating 3,000 men at Ciego de Avila, on the Moron trocha.

Federal Injunction Against State Court Judgment

Richmond, Va., February 22.—A bill was filed in the United States court here today by Mr. Charles Price, of North Carolina, representing Coler & Co., of New York, asking for an injunction upon the corporate authorities of Wilkes county, North Carolina, restraining them from disposing of the interest on the bonds issued by the county in aid of the building of the Northwestern North Carolina railway. Circuit Judge Goff granted the injunction and will hear the motion to make it permanent at Asheville in March. This bill is filed to validate the county bonds declared unconstitutional by the supreme court of North Carolina, some months ago.

Precautions Against Riots in Paris Today

Paris, February 22.—The police this morning seized in this city 10,000 medals bearing the head of the duke of Orleans, and five moulds for striking them.

In view of a possible demonstration tomorrow upon the occasion of the funeral of the late President Faure, the prefect of police has ordered the seizure of all seditious emblems, the arrest of their wearers, the dispersal of all street gatherings and the arrest of anybody raising insulting cries against the president, members of parliament or other state officers.

France's New President

Paris, February 21.—General Devout, duke of Auerstaedt, grand chancellor of the Legion of Honor, today invested President Loubet with the grand cordon of the Legion of Honor, in the presence of all the cabinet ministers. The ministers met today with M. Loubet presiding. The president communicated to them the message to parliament which will be read in the chamber of deputies this afternoon. The council ordered that all the public offices, schools and the bourse be closed on the day of the late President Faure's funeral.

Disquieting News From Egypt

London, February 22.—According to a special dispatch from Cairo, the disquieting news has been received here that the Khalifa, at the head of a greatly augmented force is marching on the Nile.

It was announced on February 20th, from Omdurman that the Duke and Duchess of Connaught had arrived there on the previous evening, had reviewed the troops, had visited the tomb of the Mahdi, and had inspected the Khalifa's house and gardens and the palace at Khatoum.

The Pawnee Break—Down at Sea

New York, February 22.—The Clyde Line steamer Pawnee, from Boston for Charleston and Jacksonville, was towed into port today by the Cromwell Liner, Hudson. The Pawnee sailed from Boston February 18th. On the 21st at 7 o'clock, a. m., the machinery broke down and she was unable to proceed. Distress signals were set and at 11 o'clock, a. m., the Hudson, from New Orleans, came to her assistance and brought her to this port for repairs.

Youthful Postoffice Robbers

Savannah, Ga., February 22.—Deputy United States Marshal White brought in from Bullock county yesterday two exceptional criminals. They are negro children aged 8 and 11 years. The charge against them is burglary of a federal building. They broke into the postoffice at Blinn, by a second story window and rifled the cash drawer.

Volunteer Officers Acquitted

Anniston, Ala., February 22.—Lieutenant Scott, charged with assaulting with intent to murder Colonel Colson both of the late Fourth Kentucky, was acquitted on preliminary trial today. The charges against Lieutenants Mackey and Phelps, of the Fourth Wisconsin were withdrawn. Colonel Colson is still confined to his room by his wound.

The Ohio prohibition convention has nominated Dr. J. W. Balford, for governor. A full state ticket was named.

TAXATION EXEMPTION

In Favor of Educational and Religious Institutions to be Withdrawn Where Funds are Invested in Trust Stock or Securities

(introduced by Mr. Thompson.)
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED "AN ACT WITHDRAWING EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION WHERE FUNDS ARE INVESTED IN TRUST STOCK OR SECURITIES."

The general assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Whereas, Exemption from taxation wherever granted to an educational institution or religious or benevolent association is in effect a grant out of the public funds annually of the amount of taxation which would otherwise be collected upon the property of such institution, body or association, and such exemptions are entirely optional with the legislature and may be modified or withdrawn at will, and

Whereas, The ownership of stock in a trust or combination by the laws of this state is a felony and punishable as such; now therefore, any exemption from taxation now in force as to the property of any educational institution, religious body, or benevolent association is hereby withdrawn as to any such institution, body or association any part of whose property or endowment shall comprise any stocks, bonds, or securities of any trust or combination which is illegal under the laws of this state or of the United States.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the tax lists in each township where there is any educational institution, religious body or benevolent association which claims exemption from taxation to summon the president or other chief officer of the institution, body or association to such institution when any reputable tax payer shall lay information that he believes the endowment or other property of such institution, body or association comprises in whole or in part stock, bonds or other securities of any trust or other illegal organization and if the charge is found to be true shall list the entire property of such offending institution, body or association for double taxation as in case of all other unlisted property.

Sec. 2. Whenever any educational institution, religious body or benevolent association shall own any stocks, bonds or other securities of any trust or other organization which is illegal under the laws of this state such institution, body or association shall list its entire property for taxation, and on failure to do so it shall be liable for double taxation like the owners of other unlisted property and the president or other chief officer of such institution, body or association failing to list its entire property for taxation when it is the owner, in law or in equity, of any stocks, bonds or securities of any trust or other illegal organization shall be individually guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined not less than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not less than four months for each offense.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Advance in Wages Ordered

Reading, February 21.—George F. Baer, president of the Reading Iron Company, tonight ordered a voluntary advance in wages of its 2,000 employees, beginning March 1st. The amount has not yet been determined.

Acocello Sails for Europe

Halifax, February 21.—From the fact that the name of F. Acocello appears at the foot of the list of cabin passengers on the steamer Labrador, which sailed for Liverpool this morning, it is confidently asserted that the chief agent of the Philippines has left this country for Europe.

An Express Car Robbed

Cherryville, Kas., February 21.—An express car on the Coffeyville Line, a branch of the Santa Fe railroad, was robbed today in this city of a large amount of currency and money orders while Express Messenger Cooper was eating.

Epidemic of Influenza in Europe

London, February 21.—An epidemic of influenza has prevailed in the greater part of Europe for some time past. In this country a mild type of influenza is very prevalent.

The celebration of Washington's birthday by the American colony here has been abandoned in consequence of the epidemic.

Count d'Almenas Challenged

Madrid, February 22.—General Linars, who was in command of the Spanish troops at Santiago at the time of the capitulation, has challenged Count d'Almenas to a duel on account of the attacks which the count made upon him on Monday and yesterday in the senate.

Disabled Schooners

Delaware Break Water, February 22.—The schooners Eliza A. Scribner, from Jacksonville, and the Marion Reppard, from Savannah, were towed into harbor by tugs Asa W. Hughes and Atkins Hughes. These vessels were dragged dangerously near the point of Cape Henlopen in the ice.