

# BAD PLUMBING

## Caused Epidemic of Fever at Normal, Say Directors.

### THE OFFICIAL REPORT

SAYS THE SANITARY CONDITION ARE NOW EXCELLENT.

INSTITUTION WILL OPEN ITS DOORS JAN. 30

The People of Greensboro Assured the Directors of Their Interest in the Welfare of the Institution and of Their Sympathy in the Misfortune That Befell It.

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The Directors of the State Normal and Industrial College adjourned last night after thoroughly canvassing all the facts in regard to the late disastrous epidemic of malarial and typhoid fevers in that institution. The Directors gave special attention to the question as to when the doors of the college should be re-opened to students, and decided that it was best to fix the date for Jan. 30th. The report of the Board, adopted after mature deliberation, is in full as follows:

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The State Normal and Industrial College, being a State institution, the public is interested in and entitled to information relative to the recent epidemic of malarial and typhoid fever, resulting in eleven deaths at the college and three at their homes after the students left the college.

In view of the re-opening of the college on the 30th of January, we, the board of directors, make the following official report of the cause of the epidemic and the remedies applied as a precaution against further trouble.

We have spared neither time nor expense in securing the services of the best medical and sanitary experts in aiding us in tracing the cause and removing the difficulties.

After a thorough investigation, we are satisfied that we have located the cause. We believe that the central well, used to furnish water to the tables in the dining room, as shown by the bacteriologist's analysis, to be the cause.

2. That a leaking plumbing connection between the water closets and the main sewer under the dining room annex created an unsanitary condition there and may have contributed to the contamination of the well located about 125 feet distant.

A thorough examination by ourselves and the sanitary and medical experts fail to fix any other cause, as the entire premises otherwise were found in excellent sanitary condition.

The State board of health and the sanitary experts employed by us make the following recommendations:

1. That the three wells near the college buildings be filled and the city water used.

2. That the entire sewerage system be inspected by competent engineers, and any defects found be remedied; that the dirt adjacent to the leaking sewer-pipes under the dining room annex be removed and the location thoroughly disinfected.

3. That all the buildings, rooms and furniture be disinfected, the walls re-plastered, and inside wood work repainted.

All of the above recommendations have been carried out, or will be before the date of the opening, and submitted to the State Board of Health for inspection and approval, and in addition thereto we are putting in a plant to filter and sterilize the water to be used for drinking purposes.

The mattresses have been burned, and iron bedsteads placed in all of the dormitories in lieu of the wooden ones used. The old bath tubs have been discarded, and modern ones substituted. The water closets have been re-arranged and the whole premises over-hauled and placed in first class sanitary condition.

All of the above work has been done under the supervision and advice of the best experts, including the secretary, the bacteriologist and the engineer of the State Board of Health.

We feel safe in saying that the physical condition of the institution is as near perfect as human skill can make it, and the public need have no apprehension of further trouble, and students can return to their work with assurance that full provision has been made for their comfort and health.

In common with the people of the entire State the members of the board of directors have felt the deepest sympathy for those among the patrons, relatives and friends of the college upon whom the hand of affliction has fallen so heavily. The course pursued by the President and Faculty in all matters relating to the epidemic has our thorough endorsement, and we have never been better satisfied with the work of those administering the affairs of the college. All who have taken the pains to learn the facts as they occurred are unanimous in their praise of the wisdom and affection displayed by the entire management of the institution.

C. H. MEANE, President, J. M. SPAINHOUR, Secretary, I. G. CHATHAM, R. D. GILMER, W. D. TURNER, S. M. GATTIS, J. E. POWELL, L. A. BLAIR, JOHN GRAHAM.

#### SYMPATHY FOR THE SCHOOL.

Greensboro Officials Call on the Board of Directors.

With regard to the attitude of the people of Greensboro toward the school and the management the following from the Evening Telegram of today will be of interest:

The board of directors of the State Normal and Industrial College, which met in this city on the night of the 11th to decide upon a date for re-opening the college and making their official report upon the cause of the deplorable and unfortunate disaster which overtook the institution late in the fall in the shape of a typhoid fever epidemic, finished their labors last night and adjourned. All the members of the board attended

this meeting except two. The decision to re-open the college on January 30th, as announced yesterday, was reached by a unanimous vote. The report of the board, was also adopted unanimously.

The reporter talked with a majority of the directors, and they expressed gratification at the interest manifested by Greensboro people in the welfare of the State Normal and Industrial College. A committee of citizens, on behalf of themselves and the Industrial and Immigration Association, appeared before the directors yesterday and gave token of their interest in the matter. Among them were: Mayor Taylor, R. R. King, C. M. Vanstort, J. W. Scott, Neil Ellington, W. E. Beville, Col. W. H. Osborn, J. M. Hendrix, J. S. Hunter and Capt. J. W. Fry, the latter being president of the Industrial and Immigration Association.

Superintendent Melbane, chairman of the board, addressed the committee, assuring them of the appreciation on the part of the board of their interest and sympathy. Mayor Taylor addressed the board and spoke of the friendly attitude of the entire city toward the Normal College, which has always been regarded as the pride of the city, as well as the State, and of the sincere sorrow felt by reason of the sad experience through which the college has just passed. Willing hands have tendered their services, and the institution was never dearer to the hearts of the people of Greensboro than when in the throes of the disease which has caused many hearts to mourn. The city has taken no official action because it was not believed to be her province to do so, the matter being in the hands of competent men—the board of directors. Mr. R. R. King also made a few similar remarks, and the others in various ways showed their interest.

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# GERMANY HAS HAD ENOUGH, SHE SAYS

## Wants No More Seizures by Great Britain.

### DEMANDS A GUARANTEE

WHILE URGENTLY REQUESTING BUNDESRATH'S RELEASE.

EXPRESSES ASTONISHMENT AT THE DELAY

And Requests England to Define the Meaning of Contraband in a Manner Acceptable to the Nations Not Concerned in the War.

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Berlin, Jan. 13.—The correspondent of the Associated Press interviewed the United States Ambassador, Mr. Andrew D. White, today about the present status of the relations between Germany and the United States. Mr. White said:

"The Samoa question between the United States and Germany, the insurance and sundry minor matters have been happily settled. The main questions which remain are the commercial treaty and the proper inspection of American meats. The former will be mainly considered at Washington. The latter must depend upon the action of the Reichstag. Though the Agrarian party shows bitter hostility to the alleviation of the present arrangement, so oppressive to American interests, it is hoped that the proposal made in President McKinley's message for the appointment of a special commission may be accepted. There is no doubt that the Government, apart from the Agrarians, would be heartily glad to see some such fair settlement."

In the Diet the Government's complete moral defeat during the debate on the dismissal of political officials for voting against the Canal Bill is considered to be of great importance in internal politics as it shows the Conservatives still intend to bitterly oppose the Emperor, especially on the new Canal Bill which does not please the Agrarians, in spite of the fact that it contains enormous improvement projects for the Eastern provinces of Prussia.

The seizures of German steamers by British warships have had the effect of intensifying and generalizing anti-British sentiment in Germany.

Count Von Buelow's speech at the launching of the Hamburg-American Line steamer Deutschland, especially the terms of friendship he devoted to the United States, is much commented on by the German press and with few exceptions approvingly.

Prussia has now begun appointing female factory inspectors. The budget contains appropriations for their salaries, 2,400 marks each.

A test occurred today in Villed, near Frankfurt, in the presence of many officials, of a newly invented smokeless and noiseless powder. The test, however, turned out rather unsatisfactory.

The correspondent of the Associated Press learns from an official source that Germany has addressed a second protest to Great Britain, urgently requesting the release of the German steamer Bundesrath, and expressing astonishment at the undue delay. The protest also demands guarantees from Great Britain against a recurrence of such evident "wrongful and excessive application of a combatant's rights against neutrals."

It also requests Great Britain to define the meaning of contraband in a manner acceptable to the nations not concerned in the war.

An interpellation about the seizures will be introduced the coming Friday in the Reichstag.

### TWO NEWSPAPER MEN SHOT.

Anderson's Emphatic Objection to an Article in the Evening Post.

Denver, Col., Jan. 13.—Frederick G. Bonifis and H. H. Tammann, proprietors of the Evening Post, were both shot in their office at noon today by W. W. Anderson, a prominent local attorney. It is believed that either was mortally injured. Both were able to walk to their homes, but were unable to get into their homes. After the shooting Anderson walked out of the office unmolested, but was arrested. The exact cause of the shooting is not known. Anderson went to the editorial rooms of the Post and entered the office of Bonifis and Tammann. Polly Fry, a well known newspaper woman, was also in the room. It is understood that Anderson objected to something that had appeared in the Post and demanded retraction and that Bonifis and Tammann both attempted to put him out of the office. Then he commenced to shoot.

### GEORGE GOULD IS IN IT.

Has \$250,000 in the Mill to be Built at Gastonia.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 13.—The Observer tomorrow will say: "Intelligence was received here last night that George Gould, the New York millionaire, has become a stockholder in the Lenoir Cotton Mills at Gastonia, the amount of \$250,000, and that a check for this amount has been received in Gastonia. It is also stated that another subscription of \$150,000 from a Northern capitalist has been sent the promoters of the new mill. These new subscriptions, it is believed, will raise the capital stock of the mill to \$1,400,000. Contracts for some of the buildings and machinery were given yesterday."

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### Bank Cashier Missing.

Adel, Ga., Jan. 13.—W. L. Warnell, cashier of the Bank of Adel, has been missing for two or three days. His friends cannot explain his disappearance, but incline to the belief that he is temporarily insane. His accounts are said to be all right and the bank is doing business as usual. Meanwhile an examiner is checking up the missing cashier's books.

### A GOLD MEDAL TO LIEUT. BLUE.

From the Women of South Carolina For Distinguished Courage.

New York, Jan. 13.—Lieutenant Victor Blue of the United States Navy was honored today on board the battleship Massachusetts at the Navy Yard by the women of South Carolina, the Lieutenant's native States, for his heroic work on land and water during the war with Spain. Ex-Governor Hugh S. Thompson, of South Carolina, presented the Lieutenant with a gold medal on one side of which bore the inscription: "Explorator Fortissimus in Porto Schlegue Heroicus." On the reverse side the words "The Women of South Carolina to Lieutenant Victor Blue in high appreciation of his courage, enterprise and distinguished services in the Santiago campaign, 1898."

Among those present were Rear Admiral J. W. Philip and Mrs. Philip, Captain and Mrs. Train, Commander and Mrs. Niles, Captain and Miss Wildes, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Caroline Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Thompson, Miss Thack, Mrs. John P. Thomas, Jr., Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. W. E. Minchin, Tennessee; Miss Thompson, Charleston, S. C.; Miss Clark, Alabama; Mrs. Zackary, Mrs. Will Richards, Miss Helen Ward, Miss Falconer, Mrs. Doremus, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Olcott and Mrs. Blue.

After the presentation ceremonies, Captain Train and the other officers of the Massachusetts, entertained the visitors in the officers' mess room, where a luncheon was served.

### The Ship Subsidy Bill.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The Senate committee on Commerce today resumed its hearing on the Hanna-Payne Shipping Subsidy Bill. Thomas Clyde, of the Clyde steamship line said that his company, on the day the bill became a law, would sign a contract for the construction of two vessels to cost in the aggregate about 1,000,000. President Munson, of the Munson Steamship line, had stated that his company would place at least 100,000 tons of shipping that was now under foreign flags under the American flag. He had no doubt that other lines would do the same thing.

E. B. Thurber representing the United States Export Association said the universal belief among American manufacturers and shippers was that this country would have a merchant marine to export American products.

Chairman Fry announced that up in the Northwest considerable opposition to the pending measure had developed.

### RACE FOR SLINGERSFONTEIN.

The New Zealanders Win and the Boers Retire.

Rensburg, Cape Colony, Jan. 9.—(Thursday)—A strong force of British troops advanced this morning under cover of a brisk artillery fire and encamped at Slingersfontein, on the Boer's eastern flank. The Boer patrols retired, but subsequently a body of Boers attempted to seize the position, threatening communication between the British encampment and Rensburg. The New Zealanders, with a brilliant dash, frustrated the attempt. They raced and seized the position first and fired volleys at the enemy who retired in the direction of Colsoburg.

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### Resolution For Round Bale Lost.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 13.—The Cotton States Association of Commissioners of Agriculture concluded their work today and adjourned. The day for holding the next convention at Raleigh will be arranged by Commissioner Patterson. A resolution was adopted recommending that the "Cotton Exchanges in concert of action, fix and adopt uniform classification of cotton, such as will correspond, if possible, with the cotton classification of Liverpool and the principal cotton markets of Europe."

A resolution by the Arkansas Commissioner, Colonel Hill, favoring the round bale, was defeated, the convention declining to commit itself. Colonel Hill's resolution, however, in so far as it appealed for the improved methods in handling cotton was adopted.

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# BRITISH SEIZE SLINGERSFONTEIN

## Winning Close Race Against the Boers.

### GEN. FRENCH'S OBJECT

TO CONTROL THE TWO ORANGE RIVER BRIDGES.

BELIEVED ROBERTS HAS REINFORCED HIM

It is Thought That General Buller is Planning Simultaneous Movements Against the Boers at All Points Within His Sphere of Operations.

London, Jan. 14.—(Sunday 4 p. m.)—The veil concerning the theatre of war from the anxious eyes of Great Britain and the rest of the world is still unlifted. It is impossible to doubt that this absolute closing of all the channels of information is due to the censorship, the strictness of which has been redoubled since the land of Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener, concerning whom nothing has transpired since the announcement of their arrival at Cape Town four days ago.

The War Office stated at midnight that no further news from the front had been received and none from any other source has come to hand during the night. As usual when news is scarce, the rumor mongers have been busy. The latest story floated was that intelligence had reached the headquarters of the Boers that General Buller had again sustained a serious defeat. Inquiry at Wellington Barracks showed that while such a rumor had reached there, it was neither official nor in any form deserving of credence.

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# SCOTT SAYS THEIR THREATS ARE WIND

## Taylor Will Vacate if Legislature Unseats Him.

### AND THIS SEEMS LIKELY

KENTUCKY AIR IS ATHLETIC WITH SPECULATION.

THE CONTEST PROCEEDINGS ILLEGAL

So Taylor's Attorneys Claim, and Say That the Legislature's Decision is Adverse to Him It Should Not be Binding.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 13.—The action in the contests for Governor of the State offices and the question of what is going to happen when the result is declared, are tonight fruitful in the most extravagant speculation of the adherents of the contest, the Republican incumbents of the State offices, carry out the line of procedure they are threatened by refusing to vacate even if the Legislature decides in favor of the Democratic contestants, the attitude will be serious, and if the statements of some of the men high in the councils of the State are to be credited, this is what they propose to do. K. J. Hamilton, Secretary of the Republican State Central Committee, said today that the talk of holding an anti-Gobel convention here next week was purely an invention, but he predicted that several thousand anti-Gobel men from all parts of the State would be here to protest by their presence against unseating Taylor and Marshall, and to sustain them if the Legislature votes to turn them out. He denied that any of those now here are soldiers in citizens clothes as charged by the Gobel Democrats. James A. Drew Scott, one of the attorneys for the contestants in minor State contests, said tonight:

"The importation of soldiers and things here for the purpose of intimidating the Legislature will not work. They are bluffing and no trouble will occur. As for their threats that they will hold on in spite of the decision by the Legislature they may do this for a few days, but the courts would recognize the regular State government, and if Mr. Taylor does not then give in, he will submit himself to prosecution and all the penalties against usurpation which I have no idea he will want to encounter."

Most of the Democratic leaders outside with Mr. Scott, Ex-Governor Bradley and all of the Republican leaders hold that the contest proceedings are being conducted in an arbitrary manner without regard to the law and that for these reasons the decision, if adverse to Taylor, should not be binding on him. They file a bill of specifications as to their objections to the trial of contests and the reasons why the proceedings are all illegal. The sum total of these, according to Governor Taylor's attorneys, brings the case within some of the prohibitions of the fourteenth amendment to the Federal Constitution.

The Republican State Committee, through its officers and the organization formed by disaffected Democrats during the recent campaign, has issued statements reviewing the political campaign and calling upon its constituents for their support. The appeal issued by the "Honest Democrats" says:

"The Democratic party has been put in the position of an enemy to the peace, and a menace to popular institutions with a record of unparalleled outrages during the past year. We are about to enter upon a national campaign and the probable leader in this campaign has made himself the associate and supporter of the men who were repudiated at the polls. He is to return next week to Kentucky, and the competitors in driving from office men who have been elected. The future is dark with threatened danger of the gravest character."

### Wreck's Name Still Unknown.

St. Johns, N. E., Jan. 13.—The name of the vessel wrecked and on fire on a reef in St. Mary's Bay, is still unknown. The weather conditions were rough today and the fisher folk were unable to board her. She is wholly submerged and her hull is badly battered. There is a noticeable improvement in the weather tonight, however, and it is believed that it will be possible to get full news tomorrow.

A watch has been maintained along the cliff ever since the people got there and fires are kept burning at night and flags waving by day as a signal to any boat's crew which may have escaped. It is not considered likely, however, that any succeeded in getting away from the wreck.

Berries were erected today at likely points to lower men down tomorrow to recover the bodies washed up, and it is possible to discover the name of the vessel from the wreckage.

Divers will be sent from here if