The Times.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina—Fair, increasing cloudiness Thursday; variable winds.

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THE CONVENTION MEETS AT NOON.

Hon. John Goode Will Be Temporary Chairman

MANY ALREADY HERE.

A Large Number of Prominent People Arrived Yesterday.

THE SIGNERS HAD A MEETING.

They Left the Matter of the Plan to the Committee on Resolutions. Gen. Lee Said to Heartily Favor This Movement—Talk of an Effort Being Made to Endorse a Candidate.

The convention of those Democrats who hold to the principle that United States Senators ought to be elected by the direct vote of the people, and who advocate some popular method of making nominations, will meet in the Academy of Music at noon to-day.

At a meeting of the signers of the call, held in Murphy's Hotel last night, it was decided that Hon. John C. Parker, of Southampton, should call the gathering to order. He will announce the temporary organization as follows: Chairman, Hon. John Goode, of Bedford; Secretary, Mr. John S. Barbour, of Culpeper; Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. F. A. Bowry, of Richmond.

Mr. Goode, though getting along in years, has not lost the eloquence that has so often charmed the people of Virginia. He will make a speech that will, no doubt, arouse much enthusiasm.

The meeting of the signers was of brief duration. Colonel William Kean, of Louisa, suggested that it might be well to map out some plan of procedure, or, in other words, to prepare some resolutions to offer. He was told that this matter ought to be left entirely to the Committee on Resolutions that will be elected by the convention. Colonel Kean accepted this suggestion and did not press his point.

MANY DELEGATES ARRIVE.

Nearly all the trains brought to Richmond yesterday persons who will participate in the proceedings of this meeting. Some of those already here are Representatives Jones and Rixey, William A. Anderson, of Rockbridge; John Goode, of Bedford; R. Walton Moore, of Fairfax; Dr. J. F. Bryant, of Southampton; Judge G. T. Garnett, of Mathews; R. D. Yancey, of Lynchburg; Claggett B. Jones, of King and Queen; Lloyd T. Smith, of Northumberland; William Kean, of Louisa; Joseph E. Willard, of Fairfax; William P. Barksdale, of Halifax; J. S. Craig, of Rockbridge; S. Wilkins Matthews, of Accomac; Dr. Charles Smith, of Northampton; E. E. Montague, of Hampton; Judge John G. Dew, of King and Queen; John T. Harris, Jr., of Harrisonburg; W. O. Moore, of Wytheville; Oscar E. Edwards, of Norfolk; John S. Barbour, Culpeper; C. Harding Walker, Heathsville; G. C. Gallegher, Prince William; Epps Hunton, Jr., Fauquier; William A. McAllister, Bath; J. W. Bell, Goshen; G. M. Donelson, Alexandria; W. D. McChesney, Staunton; John W. Montgomery, Deerfield; A. Bell, Culpeper; Alex J. Wedderburn, Fairfax; T. B. Robertson, Fauquier; W. N. Garber, Bridgewater; W. P. Helms, Warrenton; T. J. Dowling, Lancaster; Dr. F. W. Lewis, Lancaster; John S. Daniel, Cape Charles; Robert M. McCandlish, H. L. Smither, and W. W. Woodward, Middlesex; H. Walter Mapp, Accomac; J. W. Hunley, Urbanna; J. Boyd Sears, and A. F. Miller, Mathews; J. D. Odell, New Kent; D. S. Jones, Newport News; M. T. Hughes, Hampton; A. G. Willis and R. B. Yowell, Culpeper; T. O. Gilliam and T. W. Bond, Orange; H. T. Holladay, Rapidan; E. E. Garrett, Leesburg; Thomas G. Elam, Hampton; Frank B. Watkins and H. C. Rice, Charlotte.

A BIG CROWD EXPECTED.

All the districts, except possibly two, were represented in the city last night. These will have delegates here to-day. All the morning trains will bring crowds of people. The attendance will probably surpass in point of numbers the expectations of the most enthusiastic advocates of the meeting. Mr. Jones' prediction of a thousand visitors may be verified. There will be no difficulty in filling the Academy of Music. The visitors and Richmond's seventy-eight delegates will first be provided with seats and whatever space is left will be given to those who do not care to participate in the proceedings, but simply wish to be spectators.

Tickets were given out yesterday evening. No person will be admitted without a card. It is explained that this is necessary in order to make certain that the visiting delegates will get their seats. Richmond could easily fill the hall with those who want to go out of curiosity.

Secretary Garnett distributed the tickets. Delegates will have a few of the paste board slips to give their friends.

The lobby at Murphy's Hotel last night recalled the scenes that always precede the assembling of the regularly called State convention.

There were some of the same old familiar faces, though many were missing. The First district people were in the majority. In point of numbers the Third came next and then the Eighth. The Second was there and so were the Sixth, Seventh, Ninth and Tenth. The Fourth and Fifth will be heard from to-day.

TALK ABOUT PLAN.

While the signers did not formally consider any plan, the matter was privately discussed at informal conferences of the leaders in the movement.

The Committee on Resolutions will have some knotty problems to solve. There is no doubt of this.

MOST FAVORED PLAN.

It is becoming apparent that the plan that will be most favored is the one that contemplates organization in every county and city with a view to instructing Legislative candidates when they are nominated. The proposition to ask the State Committee to call a convention is losing ground and many of the wisest men think a general primary is impracticable at this time.

Organization in all the cities and counties is the plan that is generally regarded as the only really practical one.

It is claimed that nearly all the cities and counties will be represented here and the delegates will form a nucleus for the building up of a strong organization that will be widely distributed.

Those who profess to know Representative Jones say he favors a plan very nearly alike to this.

TO TAKE A RECESS.

The convention will convene at noon. One of the signers will call it to order and announce the name of the temporary chairman, who will make a speech. Then some one will move that a Committee on Resolutions be appointed. This body will be composed of the ablest and brainiest men in the gathering. A recess will be taken in order to give the committee time to formulate its report. At the night session this report will be received and discussed. The work will probably be concluded by midnight.

GEN. LEE'S ATTITUDE.

There has been a good deal published concerning the attitude of Gen. Lee's friends toward this movement. Some of them have said they thought he was badly treated in being induced to withdraw just prior to the beginning of this movement. It is stated by those who are in a position to know, that Gen. Lee has been kept fully advised of this movement; that he heartily endorses it and that he has written that if he were not in the army he would be here as a participant. It is further stated by one gentleman that Lee knew in advance of his withdrawal that this movement would be inaugurated.

This makes the situation all the more interesting. The people have been asking who will become the exponent of the principles that will be promulgated by the meeting. Lee may possibly yet become a factor in the fight, provided he shall have an opportunity to return to Virginia and make the fight.

MR. MARTIN'S CALLERS.

Senator Martin spent the day in his rooms in Murphy's. Many of the delegates to the conference called upon him—some simply to pay their respects and to thank him for service he has rendered them as a senator. Others assured him of their hearty support in his race for re-election.

Resolutions that will have no bearing whatever on the method of electing or nominating Senators will be introduced, and under the rules that probably will be adopted they will go to the Committee on Resolutions without debate.

It is said that more than one person has a resolution in his pocket to reaffirm the Chicago platform and to endorse Mr. W. J. Bryan for renomination.

There was some talk in the hotel lobbies of endorsing some person for Senator. The leaders oppose this, but some of the followers advocate it.

Ashland Delegates.

ASHLAND, VA., May 9.—Special.—At a meeting of citizens of Ashland, held in the Town Hall to-night, the following delegates to the May Convention were selected: Professor A. C. Wightman, Rev. I. L. Chestnut, Charles Stebbins, Charles Gunst, J. A. Addison, F. M. Fox, J. L. Saunders, W. S. Brown, Thomas H. Fox, and T. B. Trevillian.

Delegates were authorized to appoint alternates.

WILL HONOR DEWEY.

To be the Recipient of an Unique Autograph Testimonial.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Admiral Dewey, upon his return to the United States, is to be presented with a monster testimonial consisting of autograph letters from nearly every member of President McKinley's Cabinet, Governors of States, and prominent United States senators.

While Admiral Dewey will be the recipient of many honors on his return home, this testimonial will be the first written evidence extended to him of the very widespread sentiment of admiration and gratitude on the part of Americans for the victor of Manila.

WILL STAND TOGETHER.

American and English Plans for Arbitration are Identical.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The United States and Great Britain will stand together in the advocacy of the adoption of a scheme for the settlement of international disputes by arbitration which will be presented to the Disarmament Conference at its meeting in The Hague on the 16th of the present month.

The American delegates, headed by Ambassador White, are equipped with a fairly well-digested plan for the execution of this long-cherished project, while the British delegates are prepared with a plan which is almost identical with the American project.

THE PRESIDENT TAKES HIS EASE.

Enjoying to the Full the Invigorating Air and Mountain Scenery at the Hot Springs.

HOT SPRINGS, VA., May 9.—President McKinley has had a day of thorough rest and comfort at the Hotel Homestead here. Official business did not intrude to disturb him, nor did importunate callers crowd to seek his favor. He spent most of his day in the apartments set aside for his party, or on the wide porches, upon which his windows opened. After a nap and luncheon, he enjoyed a social chat with Secretary of the Treasury Gage, Senator Fairbanks, who came to see the Secretary, and was not aware until his arrival of the President's arrival here, and Mr. John New, of Indianapolis.

A few minutes were given to Secretary Cortelyou and Stenographer Barnes, and later, garbed in a short sack coat and derby hat, he started for a walk with Secretary Gage and Senator Fairbanks.

SHOWS NO FAILING.

As they went along, the President's brisk gait and strong stride, jovial disposition and upright shoulders gave an unimpeachable denial to statements that his health is impaired beyond a necessity for a brief respite from the cares of Presidential life.

The trio climbed a steep incline and then started across the well-kept lawn to the rolling ground, upon which the golf links are located. As they walked they passed a bright-faced "Caddie," who, without knowledge of whom he was addressing, stopped directly before the President and said: "Say, mister, can you gimme de time?" The President drew his watch, and, in a cheerful and kindly tone, replied: "Just 4 o'clock, my boy."

The walk lasted about half an hour. The exercise in the invigorating air was beneficial. The President enjoyed the walk thoroughly and said to his companions that he felt much better for it.

HE IS COMFORTABLE.

The President and Mrs. McKinley, Secretary and Mrs. Gage, and Senator Fairbanks, dined to-night in the President's dining room. His apartments are arranged so that he can be cut off from the rest of the hotel. They are fitted with everything that comfort can desire, and the view from them is one of grand mountain scenery.

As the party arrived at 8 o'clock this morning in a special train over the Chesapeake and Ohio, Secretary Cortelyou, Dr. and Mrs. Rixey and Stenographer Barnes, accompanied the President and Mrs. McKinley.

Secretary Gage, who says his stay has thoroughly rejuvenated him, will return to Washington with Mrs. Gage Saturday night.

WELCOMING THE VETERANS.

Charleston Decked in Holiday Attire.

STARS AND STRIPES

Float Fraternally With the Emblem of the Lost Cause.

MANY DISTINGUISHED MEN.

A Number of the Ex-Confederate Leaders are Already in the City, Reception to the Raleigh To-Day—The Reunion Proper Begins To-Morrow—Auditorium Dedicated.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 9.—In gala dress of bunting and festoons of electric lights, Charleston is to-night welcoming the visitors and delegates to the ninth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans. All day trains have been emptying hundreds of the men who wore the gray and their friends, and the little city which heard the first hostile shot of a war between the States is nobly undertaking the task of caring for a crowd which by to-morrow threatens to tax its every resource.

Facilities for forty thousand persons have been provided, and the prospect is that every cot will be needed.

IN HOLIDAY GARB.

The principal streets are handsomely decorated with bunting, the red, white and red of the "Lost Cause" and the Stars and Stripes mingling fraternally, side by side flutter Old Glory and St. Andrew's Cross, while the white palmetto of South Carolina gleams everywhere from its blue field.

Most of the more distinguished ex-Confederate leaders are already in the city, among them being Generals Gordon, the commander-in-chief of the association; Stephen D. Lee, Wade Hampton, Clement A. Evans, W. Cabell, George P. Harrison and General Harden. General Wheeler will arrive to-morrow.

The reunion proper begins to-morrow, the only official function scheduled for to-day being the reception of the cruiser Raleigh, which was postponed because of the vessel's accident in going aground while coming up to the city this morning.

THE RALEIGH'S RECEPTION.

The cruiser, and her crew, in charge of a committee headed by Major Smythe, who will deliver an address of welcome, if plans satisfactory will be fired from a battery manned by naval reserves and Captain Coghlan and his officers will be entertained at luncheon by the Carolina Yacht Club. Captain Coghlan has been invited to take formal part in the memorial exercises.

To-night the great auditorium erected especially for this occasion was formally dedicated with impressive ceremonies. Its seating capacity of 7,000 persons was taxed to hold the crowd. On the stage were seated all of the distinguished visitors and many of the leading citizens of the city.

A superb choir and orchestra furnished the musical portion of the exercises and addresses were made by Mayor Smythe, General Wade Hampton, Major Theo. G. Barker and Hon. T. W. Bacon. The prayer was made by Rev. Ellison Capers, Bishop of South Carolina, and a Brigadier-General in the Confederate army.

THE OPENING DAY.

To-morrow will be the first day of the Reunion, and the occasion will be also an observance of South Carolina Memorial Day. The parade of the veterans will occur in the afternoon, at the conclusion of which memorial exercises will be held in the Auditorium. General Gordon will preside and deliver an address.

The Memorial address will be made by General George Moorman, of New Orleans, adjutant-general of the Confederacy, and a salute will be fired by veterans of the famous Washington Artillery and Hart's battery.

Probably as a former reunion of the Confederate Veterans has attracted a more general representation from the veterans and a larger crowd of visitors than Charleston promises to have on its hands to-morrow. For several days, visitors have been coming in large numbers, while the committee estimates that 17,000 persons arrived here to-night and sixteen special trains are scheduled to arrive between midnight and to-morrow morning.

WILL CARE FOR ALL.

The private houses of the city have been thrown open with true southern hospitality, the hotels are packed and for the accommodation of the veterans and those who are unable to pay even the moderate tariffs, several large warehouses have been equipped with cots and every convenience, while the eating arrangements are equally complete. Many social functions are in progress in honor of the distinguished visitors.

Among the arrivals to-day was Miss Nannie Randolph Heth, of Washington, who succeeds Miss Winnie Davis as sponsor of the Association, her maids, Miss Caffery, of Louisiana; Miss Peters, of Washington; Miss Wilcox and Miss Alston, of South Carolina.

RICHMONDERS ARRIVE.

They Reach Charleston All Right, After an Enjoyable Trip.

A special received by The Times from Charleston last night states that the Richmonders who left here yesterday for Charleston had arrived and all were having a big time. The trip was made without any unpleasant incident and was greatly enjoyed.

They were joined at Rocky Mount, N. C., by a special delegation from that city to the Reunion.

CRUISER RALEIGH AGROUND.

She Runs on a Sand Bar at Charleston Harbor—No Injury.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 9.—The cruiser Raleigh, which was bound in to be present at the Confederate reunion went aground early this morning about 300 feet outside of the south jetty.

Captain Coghlan declined assistance from all tugs.

Late this afternoon when the tide filled the cruiser was pulled off and proceeded up the harbor to her anchorage. It was stated by her officers that a superficial examination disclosed no injuries to her hull.

The Raleigh was coming in with a coast pilot and the point on which she grounded is known as North Breaker, just outside of the jetty. She went on the shoal broadside and lay easy in perfectly calm water and the tugs had no difficulty in freeing her from her awkward position.

The accident necessitated a postponement of the official reception to the cruiser and this will be carried out to-morrow according to programme.

Book People Meet.

ATLANTA, GA., May 9.—The first session of the American Library Association which is holding its annual convention here was an extremely busy one. Many reports were read and much discussion indulged in. William C. Lane, president of the Association and Librarian of Harvard College, made the opening address. Andrew Carnegie was elected to honorary membership in the Association in recognition of his munificence to educational institutions.

THEY WANT THE EMBALMED BEEF.

Soldiers at Alaska Posts Ask for It.

A TWIN POSTOFFICE

The Order Made for the Consolidation of Winston-Salem.

TO COMMAND THE CHARLESTON.

Captain Pigman Ordered from Duty at Newport News—Three Patents Richmond Men—One of the Waverly Postoffice Robbers Caught—Recent Army Orders—Personal.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Special.—For some unexplained reason the War Department to-day posted a bulletin containing a telegram received by the Commissary-General from Chief Commissary McCain, at Vancouver Barracks, in which he said:

"Rampart City and Circle City, Alaska, ask for 13,790 pounds canned roast beef. They have tried it and apparently like it. Is there objection to sending it?"

The bulletin bore this endorsement:

"The above has been approved by the Secretary of War."

MAY BE THE CLIMATE.

In the comment made on the dispatch to-day some saw in the fact that the canned roast beef was popular in Alaska, evidence that it was unsuited to the needs of men under the tropical sun. Since the Wade Court of Inquiry has given the beef a certificate of character, wonder was expressed at Commissary McCain, asking if there was objection to sending the meat. Perhaps, however, he thought it too delectable a morsel for common every-day soldiers.

The approval of the Secretary of War, too, may have meant several things. Was it the approval of the requisition; of the men because they "apparently like it," or of Commissary McCain for burning this incense before the Secretary of War?

A ROBBER CAUGHT.

The inspection division of the Postoffice Department is very sure that at least one of the men who robbed the postoffice at Waverly Station, in Sussex county, Va., early in April, has been captured. Inspectors Owens and Little took the man in tow at Martinsburg, W. Va., yesterday afternoon, and carried him to Alexandria, Va., where he was locked up. He gave his name as Frank Boden. Identification has not been completed, but will with little doubt be by the last of the week.

RICHMOND INVENTORS.

Three patents were issued to Richmond people to-day. One was to Carl J. Mellin, assignor to the Richmond Locomotive and Machine Works, on an overpass-valve for locomotive engines. The others were to Alphonso R. Allison, assignor to the Universal Stripping Machine Company, of Richmond, on a tobacco-leaf-stemming machine, and Charles E. Buck, assignor to the same concern, on an automatic feeder for tobacco-leaf-stemming machines. Patents were also issued to Christian H. Brunk, of Harrisonburg, Va., on a wire grip; John C. Robinson, Hampton, Va., on a fishing net sinker.

Pay-Director T. T. Casewell was to-day ordered to Norfolk as general storekeeper to relieve Pay-Inspector E. Putnam, who was ordered to New York on the same duty.

TO COMMAND THE CHARLESTON.

Captain G. W. Pigman was ordered from duty as inspector of ordnance at Newport News to the command of the Charleston, which has just left the dry dock at Hong Kong for Avery.

Musician Ben F. Bales, Battery F, Sixth United States Artillery, now in the hands of the civil authorities at Newport News, will be dishonorably discharged from the service by the commanding officer at Fort Monroe, Va.

These discharges have been granted: Acting Hospital Steward Charles T. Weir, Josiah Simpson Hospital; Privates Joseph P. Duquest, Ernest R. Frick, Richard H. Sells and Henry A. Simpkins, Fort Monroe.

THE TWIN POSTOFFICES.

The long-expected order for the consolidation of the postoffices at Winston and Salem, N. C., was published in to-day's "Bulletin," and directs that the name of the consolidated offices shall be "Winston-Salem." The order is to become effective July 1st next, when letter-carrier service will also begin. The question of postmastership and the location of the office are yet unsettled, but it will be disposed of very soon.

William F. Ganzert, of Richmond, and Miss Mazie C. Tate, of Gordonsville, were married here yesterday by the Rev. Byron Sunderland.

A marriage license was also issued to John Minor Hogan and Miss Gay Ryland Redford, both of Richmond.

A new postoffice was established to-day at Otis, Nelson county, Va., with J. O. Martin, postmaster.

G. W. Reed has been appointed postmaster at Spurlock, Floyd county, Va.

HOTEL REGISTERS.

Metropolitan—Dr. J. M. Winfree, W. E. Grant, C. E. Straus, Richmond; Miss Bullfount, Hampton; C. W. Porter, Jr., W. H. Fitzgerald, W. B. Brown, H. G. Whittet, Richmond; Conrad Cowndar, Berryville; F. B. Whitney, Clarke county; Charles H. Slack, Bristol.

Raleigh—N. T. Barton, Winchester; E. A. Humphrey, Goldsboro; T. W. Brander, C. R. Capps and W. G. Johnson, of Virginia; H. M. Emerson, of North Carolina.

A site was selecte to-day on Fort Myer Heights, adjacent to the Military road leading from Washington to Arlington, for the proposed equestrian statue of Robert E. Lee.

An order was issued at the Postoffice Department to-day for the establishment of free delivery service at Fredericksburg in September.

GEN. HENRY SAILS.

The Retiring Governor of Porto Rico Started for Home Yesterday.

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, May 9.—Major-General Guy V. Henry, the retiring Governor-General of Porto Rico, left for the United States to-day on board the United States transport McPherson. His departure was attended with lively and affecting demonstrations.

Brigadier-General Davis, the new Military Governor of the Island, and his entire staff were present.

The McPherson left the harbor amid the booming of guns, the women on shore waving their handkerchiefs, and, in not a few cases, shedding tears of genuine regret.

FILIPINOS FIRE FROM TRENCHES.

Major Diggles and a Private Wounded.

SOME DARING DEEDS.

Many Unchronicled Acts of Bravery by Our Boys at the Front.

CAPTAIN CLAY'S FEARLESSNESS.

He Brought New Honor to His Family Name—Lieutenant Gregg was Another Hero Without Fear. Killed by a Sharpshooter. The Last Missing Steamer Recovered.

MANILA, May 9—6:35 P. M.—A reconnoitering party from Major Lawton's command and which consisted of two companies of the Minnesota regiment and two companies of the Oregon regiment, under command of Major Diggles, of the Minnesota regiment, advanced yesterday to a point near San Miguel, which is about twelve miles north of Baliuag.

There the Americans were met with a volley from a force of insurgents behind a trench. Major Diggles was wounded.

IN THE HEAD.

Major Diggles was wounded in the head and a private soldier was also wounded. Major Diggles and the private together with ten typhoid patients were brought by special train to Manila to-day.

The Don Jose, the last of the missing steamers under the American flag which were detained by the insurgents since the beginning of the war was found by the gunboat Manila at Batangas and arrived here to-day.

MANILA, April 2—(via SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.)—Instances of personal bravery have been quite as numerous in the American army in the Philippines as during the Cuban campaign, but the correspondents have not had opportunity to chronicle these deeds of daring in the Orient, because of the thickness of the country penetrated.

Many heroic acts were also unheard of for days after their occurrence.

CAPTAIN CLAY.

One soldier who has well illustrated the quality of the American is Captain Charles Clay, of the Seventeenth Infantry. Captain Clay is a native of Lexington, Ky., and a grand-son of Henry Clay.

He brought new honor to the family name in Cuba where, during the hottest action of the Santiago field, when his men were lying behind cover for a shelter from a shower of bullets, he marched back and forth in front of his company as erect and cool as though on dress parade, nor would he yield to the appeals of the men that he find shelter.

"The Captain never forgot for a second that he was a Clay," one of them explained.

IN THE NECK.

When General Hale was assigned to a brigade in the Philippines, he appointed Captain Clay to the position of adjutant. On the first day of MacArthur's advance, Captain Clay, riding erect as usual, received a bullet through the neck. He lay six hours in the jungle before he was discovered and as the wound was a dangerous one at best, his life was despaired of.

His only thought when he was brought into the hospital was that his family should be informed that he was but slightly injured. He is now, however, well on the road to complete recovery.

LIEUT. GREGG.

Among those officers who have fallen, no one will be longer or more loyally remembered by his comrades than Lieutenant Gregg, of the Fourth Infantry. No man in the army had more than he to make life worth living, friends, success in his profession, vitality and physical strength that made him the impersonation of an athlete and soldier.

His fearlessness and confidence in his powers contributed to his death. In the beginning of the hot fight at Mariquina, which General Hale conducted with such skill that it was worthy of more attention than the overshadowing importance of MacArthur's advance permitted, Gregg was near his chief.

The horse he rode had just been shot from under him. He was taking off the saddle when a man warned him that the shot had been fired by a sharp-shooter in a tree near by.

SHARP-SHOOTER.

Refusing to take cover, as most of the men were doing the Lieutenant stepped forward and standing erect, uncased his field glasses to look at the tree.

Just as he raised them to his eyes, a puff of smoke was seen in the tree. Gregg put his hand to his breast and fell forward, killed instantly.

GOMEZ WANTS STANDING ARMY.

The Cuban General Trying to Arrange for a Good Job for Himself.

HAVANA, May 9.—General Maximo Gomez is trying to persuade Governor-General Brooke that a Cuban standing army of 15,000 men is a necessary adjunct to the proper government of the Island. His views he has presented in writing, but without eliciting as yet any reply.

The proposition is not likely to receive much consideration at headquarters, where considerable surprise was occasioned by this magnificent project, which, if adopted, Gomez doubtless believes would be placed under his personal control.

The growing conviction that there is no need of rural guards, except in the wilder portions of the provinces of Santiago and Puerto Principe, is confirmed by the investigations of Captain Hickey, of the Governor-General's staff, who returned yesterday from a two-thousand-mile trip through the provinces east of Havana, which has occupied two months.

Captain Hickey, in carefully written reports to General Brooke, asserts that, with the exception of a few in Santiago province, he found no traces of bandits.

"Political feeling in the country districts," he declared, "is far less intense than in Havana, where the malcontents are gathered. Most of the Cubans of the provinces favor ultimate independence, but they are willing to have the American military occupation continue for a year at least as they recognize that the Island revenues are expended honestly upon betterments.

The rules to be followed in the payment of the Cuban troops were published to-day.

Thomas R. Dawley, proprietor of The Times of Cuba, has been arrested and locked up in a libel action brought against him by Charles Curwen, formerly a bookkeeper in his employ, whom he had accused of robbing him.

Mr. Dawley, if necessary, will edit his paper from jail, but probably his friends will furnish the bail bond of $500 without delay.

El Reconcentrado to-day violently attacks General Brooke's judicial nominees, declaring that they are all docile tools of the military administration.

ON THEIR MERITS.

Americans Underbid English Firms on the Goktick Viaduct.

LONDON, May 9.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day as to whether the Indian government had given the order for the Goktick viaduct in Burmah to an American firm, and why British manufacturers had not been asked to make a tender, the Secretary of State for India, Lord George Hamilton, replied that the Indian government had nothing to do with the contract. It was given, he said, by the Burmah Railway Company, which invited six English and two American firms to make a tender. Four of the former refused to bid, and the most favorable English tender received, required three years for completion of the work at a cost of £116,000, while the best American tender proposed to complete the work in one year at a cost of £99,125. The company had, under these circumstances, accepted the tender of the American company.

Lord George Hamilton added that the Indian railways always gave preference to British manufacturers, but he was sorry to say that this was not the first contract in which there was a marked difference in the price and time of delivery between British and American tenders.

DEWEY WILL ATTEND.

Accepts an Invitation to the G. A. R. Encampment if He Can Come.

PHILADELPHIA, May 9.—Admiral Dewey has expressed his intention of attending the thirty-third annual encampment of the G. A. R. in this city next September if he can possibly get away. He will be the guest of Naval Post, No. 400, and will be asked to preside over the naval veterans' convention, which will be held in Independence Hall at that time. The following cablegram has been received from Admiral Dewey on the subject:

"If the exigencies of the service permit you may confidently account on my being with you in the fall to attend your convention. GEORGE DEWEY."

A committee of G. A. R. and naval veterans conferred with Mayor Ashbridge to-day, and will go to Washington on Tuesday to arrange with Secretary Long for a big naval demonstration during the encampment.

In anticipation of Admiral Dewey being here, arrangements are already under consideration toward making his presence a national event.

TO MAKE HAVANA CIGARS.

A Company Capitalized Whibe Will Control Many of the Factories.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The Havana Commercial Company is now fully organized with a capitalization of $20,000,000, of which $7,500,000 is preferred and $12,500,000 is common stock. The officers of the company are H. B. Hollins, president; Francisco Garcia, vice-president and resident director in Havana; Ferdinand Hirsch, managing director and Ford Huntington, secretary and treasurer.

The business of the company at present is confined to the manufacture and export of Havana cigars and cigarettes and Cuban leaf tobacco.

It has acquired the following cigars factories and brands: Pedro Murias, Manuel Garcia, La Flor De Indian, La Africana, Afinguesmd La Vencedora, La Carolina, El Siboney, (cigarettes); Rosa Aromatic, Villar Y Villar, Flor De Cuba and Flor De Murias.

In addition to these the company will also acquire the business of Francisco Garcia, Brother & Company, one of the oldest and largest houses engaged in the purchase and sale of tobacco. The purchase of La Commercial Company was completed to-day.

A MONUMENT TO ROBERT E. LEE.

A Site Selected Near His Old Home for an Equestrian Statue of the Southland's Hero.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Definite steps were taken to-day by persons interested in the selection of a site near the old homestead of General Robert E. Lee, for an equestrian statue of the great Confederate leader. The matter has been under consideration for some time, and to-day a company composed largely of Southerners visited the proposed site which will be transferred to a monument association that was organized this afternoon.

NEAR ARLINGTON.

The site which is about one hundred feet square is on Fort Myer Heights just east of the new court house of Alexandria county, and commands a fine view of the National Capitol, while the historic Potomac river, which divided North and South nearly forty years ago can be seen far below the Long Bridge. It was donated by Mr. K. Trimmer, of Pennsylvania. The military road to the National cemetery at Arlington passes along just at the base of the hill on which the site is located. The officers of the association are: President, Mrs. Florence Vance; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. D. Stephenson, Mrs. Rush Smith, Mrs. Albert Akers, Miss Miller, and Miss Virginia Miller; Secretary, Miss Nina Stephenson; Treasurer, Mrs. Edward Gadsden.

Steps will now be taken toward securing a charter in the District of Columbia.

THE VETERANS INFORMED.

It was decided to send a telegram regarding the proceedings to the Confederate Veterans' reunion, which begins its sessions at Charleston to-morrow morning. It reads as follows:

General John B. Gordon and Comrades:

Your heartfelt congratulations to convention of veterans. We announce the organization of the Robert E. Lee Monument Association of the District of Columbia, the purpose of which is to erect an equestrian statue of our chieftain at Fort Myer Heights, Alexandria county, Va.

(Signed) ROBT. E. LEE MONUMENT ASSOCIATION.

Mrs. Florence Vance, Miss Nina Stephenson, secretary.

It is said conference associations throughout the country will come to the aid of the local body, as it is intended to make the erection of the monument a national affair.

Mr. Trimmer, in replying to words of thanks from those interested in the project, stated that although a northern man, he had come to admire General Lee, and was willing to contribute to his memory as to that of any other American.

Safety Fuse Tested.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The Gatham Safety Fuse was tested by Major Heath, of the Ordnance Department at Sandy Hook to-day.

A 15-inch smooth-bore Roman gun, charged with 100 pounds of smokeless powder and filled with wet sand and a case containing 80 pounds of guncotton to which was attached a Gatham fuse was buried in eighteen feet of sand and exploded by means of electricity. The gun was shattered, but portions of the guncotton were found unexploded. The officers believe the test was successful.

New Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The President has appointed the following postmasters:

Virginia—Blacksburg, Wm. C. Elliott.

North Carolina—Plymouth, Mrs. Emily W. Fagan.

WILL CONTROL WORLD'S STEEL.

Eight Hundred Million Dollar Combine.

WILL OWN THEM ALL.

To Absorb All Iron and Steel Concerns Now Independent.

THE WORLD TO BE THEIR MARKET

They Can Obtain Business No Other Trust Can Command—They Will Furnish Rails and Steel Plates for European Nations with No Fear of Foreign Competition.

CHICAGO, May 9.—The Tribune will say to-morrow: Representatives of two big corporations which rumor has associated with the proposed eight hundred million dollar combination of iron and steel industries, declared to-night material progress had been made during the day. The plan already exploited to a considerable degree is to absorb mines, mills, railroads and factories. The two representatives in question said the following corporations, giving the capital stock of each, were to be included.

THE COMPANIES.

The Carnegie Company, $25,000,000; Federal Steel Company, $100,000,000; American Steel and Wire Company, $90,000,000; National Steel Company, $59,000,000; American Tin Plate Company, $30,000,000; Republic Steel Company, $50,000,000; American Steel Hoop Company, $32,000,000.

The figures given for the Carnegie companies are less than the accepted estimates of the amount invested. It is said if the great trust is formed the Carnegie concerns will represent no less than $200,000,000 of its capital. The Federal Steel Company has an authorized capital of $200,000,000, but only one-half of it will be taken, it is said.

One thing it is proposed the trust shall do, the representatives say, is to take in the iron and steel plants of importance which are still independent concerns. None of these is large when compared with the trust's, but they are considerable industries. The largest of them are Jones & Laughlin Company, Pittsburg, capital $10,000,000; Cambria Steel Company, capital $5,000,000; Scranton Steel Company, capital $3,000,000.

THE WORLD THEIR MARKET.

Several of the promoters assembled at the office of John W. Gates, president of the American Steel and Wire Company, during the day. They said satisfactory results were not far off. Several asserted that the consolidation could obtain business that none of the trusts is able to control. It will undertake to capture the business of European concerns, they contended, and furnish rails and steel plates for European railways and warships. No foreign company, they assert is big enough to be a formidable competitor.

EMBALMED HAMBURGER.

The Pure Food Committee Brings Out Some Startling Testimony.

CHICAGO, May 9.—Freezine, preservatine, freeze 'em, Rosaline and Laktone, are things few people know of, but that they take these adulterations into their stomachs, was stated by Prof. A. S. Mitchell, analytical chemist of the Wisconsin Dairy and Food Commission to the Senatorial Committee on pure food investigating to-day.

Prof. Mitchell gave the committee some important information as a result, Senator Miller has had several manufacturers subpoenaed and they will be called on to-morrow probably to tell the committee something about these compounds. The use of antiseptics as preservatives, said Prof. Mitchell, has become alarmingly great. They are used as coloring and to stop the development of germs in dairy products; also in chopped meats, buck oysters, fish, hams and possibly corned beef.

"This 'freezine' I have found to be nothing less than almost pure formaldahyde," narrated the expert. "This is a chemical that acts disastrously on the tissues of the stomach, and I can only surmise the results when milk diluted with it is used constantly by a family. Where butter is placed in vats filled with this stuff the porous commodity takes up no small amount of the liquid, with a result that can only be conjectured."

The Professor proceeded to tell of his experiments with a fluid sold extensively to butchers for the purpose of making their hamburger steaks last and keep up a healthy appearance. "This liquid contains a great percentage of what is known as sulphide of soda with a complement of coloring matter," he continued. "It is styled an antiseptic, and in certain respects it is. This must be borne in mind, however, that where fermentation and waste are arrested the digestive properties are consequently destroyed."

Dr. Wiley, the government expert, who examined the antiseptic without going on the stand, said he identified it as practically the same chemical which was used during his experience at a medical college to preserve cadavers, and was now occasionally put to service in disinfecting houses where smallpox patients resided.

Mr. Haskell's Denial.

TOLEDO, O., May 9.—Charles N. Haskell, whom Attorney-General Monette accused of being a party to offering him a bribe to drop the prosecution of the Standard Oil Cases, said to the Associated Press reporter to-day that he absolutely had nothing to do with offering a bribe to anyone. He stated that he was in no way connected with the Standard Oil Company and does not know Mr. Monette or Charles B. Squire, his alleged briber.

Pickpockets at Work.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 9.—Pickpockets are getting in their work on the way to the Charleston reunion. Captain Arthur A. Spitzer, formerly adjutant-general of the United Confederate Veterans, was at this place robbed of all his money, and his railway ticket to-day. Another loss is that of J. A. Brown, of this county, of $35.

The Charleston Leaves Hong Kong.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The cruiser Charleston sailed yesterday from Hong Kong for Aparri, a port on the northern coast of the Island of Luzon. The purpose of the visit to this place is not explained in a cablegram from Hong Kong.

A Reception for Dewey.

NEW YORK, May 9.—At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen to-day an enthusiastic resolution calling for an official reception to Admiral Dewey upon his arrival in the city was adopted unanimously.

Major Logan's Post.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Major John A. Logan, assistant adjutant-general United States Volunteers, now in this city on leave of absence, has been ordered to Atlanta, Ga., for duty as adjutant-general of the Department of the Gulf.