# AN AIR OF SUSPENSE

### PERVADES OFFICIAL CIRCLES AT WASHINGTON

The Vesuvius on Her Way to the Capital. Denial That She Carries the Court's Report-The Stars and Stripes Raised Over the Amazonas-Movements of Warships and Troops-The Court Still in Session. Spain's Military Strength-War Preferred to Paying Indemnity.

Washington, March 18.-An air of suspense was noticeable in the navy department today, due to the approach of the time for the delivery of the report of the court of inquiry. It is not known just when the document will come to Washington. All that is known definitely is that the president has suggested that the report be made as soon as possible, and, in consequence, it is expected to reach this city in the course of two or three days. The cabinet today talked over the matter and the time stated was the general opinion of the members when they had heard all that Secretary Long had to report on the subject. There is an impression that Lieutenant Commander Marix will bring the document, though it is within Admiral Sicard's power to choose any other officer. A cabinet officer expressed the belief that the report will require careful consideration on the part of the president and his cabinet before being given to the public, which would seem to postpone pubfication to some time about the middle of next week, although nothing is certain on that point.

MOVEMENTS IN THE NAVY. The new naval policy embodied in the creation of another squadron to rendezvous at Hampton Roads was also discussed at the cabinet meeting at length today and received unanimous approval. In fact, some surprise was expressed at the delay on the part of the navy department in taking some such step to ensure the protection of more coast ports along the north Atlantic, the gathering of a uselessly surplus fleet at Key West being regarded as in the nature of putting all of our eggs in one basket.

divide his crew with the Amazonas and | the war department. sail at the earliest possible moment for the United States, convoying the new ship. Beyond the Amazonas, her sister ship, the Abreuall, and the Mayflower, no purchases of ships have been made by the navy department. A number of steamships owned in the United States are being offered to the department and it is probable that some of these will be purchased. Secretary Long takes the view that, failing to secure the torpedo boat destroyers he wants, the best plan is for him to equip some of these speedy boats with torpedo tubes and light batteries and improvise torpedo boats. The mavy department is convinced that the Spanish government has not acquired possession of the Varese, the Italian armored cruiser. It would not, however, be a matter of deep concern if the report were true. The department itself had the vessel in mind as a possible ac quisition, but abandoned the idea upon learning that she could not be made ready for service in less than three or four months, which practically put her out of consideration as an emergency purchase.

The gunboat Newport reported her arrival by cable to the navy department from Greytown. She will bring back to the United States the Nicaraguan canal commission and then will be attached at once to the North Atlantic squadron.

Some idea of the activity prevailing in naval circles is given by the statement that the pay-roll of the construction department, only one of several department in the Mare island navyyard, for March will be \$80,000. This great expenditure per month, it is said, was not equalled during the late war. The amount paid for the May flower was about \$400,000.

Recruiting is going on apace at al stations for the army and navy. The Marblehead is at Tampa. The little Bancroft on her way across the ocean, reported by cable her arrival today at Horta, Fayal. She appears to be making about as good time as her larger consort, the Helena. The Samoset arrived at Key West today, as did the Montgomery, while the Detroit sailed from that port for Tortugas. The Machias has arrived at Boston, where she will have slight repairs

No official notice of the stoppage of the Spanish torpedo boat flotilla at the Canary islands and their turning back from that point has reached our government as yet, so that any assumption that the movements of that flotilla have influenced the navy department to withdraw the fleet at Key West is said to be purely without basis of fact. The navy department by no means has suspended its efforts to obtain possession of desirable warships abroad and in no direction is there visible any relaxation of the steadily pursued purpose of the navy and war departments to provide for the defense of the country against hostile attack.

#### TO RUSH BILL TO INCREASE ARMY.

Senator Hawley, of Connecticut, said today that it was the intention to get through congress as speedily as possible the three battalion military bill which was introduced at the suggestion of the department in both houses yesterday for strengthening the military arm of the service and providing for its increase to 104,000 men if necessary. THE STARS AND STRIPES OVER

THE AMAZONAS.

Gravesend, England, March 18.-The cruiser Amazonas, built by the 'Arm-

strongs for Brazil and purchased by the United States, was formally transferred from the Brazilian flag to the stars and stripes shortly after 11 o'clock this morning. The ceremony was simple and dignified, and to the Brazilian officers it was somewhat pathetic. Lieutenant Commander Colwell, Unit-

ed States naval attachee, accompanied by Ensign Roberts, Assistant Engineer McMorris and Consul General Osborne, by Commander Corres. Lieutenant Commander Colwell, saluting Commander Corres, said: "Captain, I half of the United States."

Commander Corres replied through an interpreter, saying: "In handing over the ship I desire to say that it is done with the sincere friendship of

Lieutenant Commander Colwell, saluting, replied: "In behalf of the United States, I thank you for the sen-

In the centre of a circle of officers of both nations, Lieutenant Commander Colwell then faced the Brazilian flag flying from the cruiser's stern, and as the officers bared their heads, the flag of Brazil was hauled down at 11:19 o'clock a. m., after which, facing about with their heads still uncovered, Old

Glory was run up at the main. The United States cruiser San Francisco arrived here at 3:30 o'clock p. m. Passing the Amazonas, after saluting Tilbury fort, the band played "The Star Spangled Banner," with the crew standing at "attention."

Commander Howell, who was received by Lieutenant Commander Colwell the moment the San Francisco reached her moorings, ordered 600 tons of coal for the San Francisco and 300 tons for the Amazonas, which is coaling and is expected to complete that work on Monday, when she will go to Hole Haven to take on board her ammunition, which is waiting for her there. Thence the Amazonas sails, presumably for Key West, the San Francisco going to New York. Commander Nazro takes command of the Amazonas, and seven other officers of the San Francisco will acompany him. Stokers and some seamen will be shipped here.

### TROOPS ON THE MOVE.

'Atlanta, Ga., March 18.—Battery I. First regiment of artillery, en route from Fortress Monroe to Mobile, passed through Atlanta this evening.

Jaskson, Miss., March 18.-Battery B., Fourth artillery, passed through this city on a special train at 8:30 o'clock tonight, bound for New Orleans. The battery was from Fort Riley, Kas. Savannah, Ga., March 18.-Battery F., First artillery, arrived here from Fortress Monroe tonight and was sent at once to Tybee island to man the guns on the heavy fortifications in progress there.

Batter F. of light artillery, from Fort Riley, Kansas, will arrive tomorrow and go into camp near the city.

PLACING TORPEDOES. A government force is at work planting the harbor with submarine mines an torpedoes off Fort Pulaski at the mouth of Savannah river. Three inland steamers owned and operated by The San Francisco reported her ar- W. T. Gibson were tendered the governrival from Lisbon at Gravesend today. ment today for this purpose. The Under his orders the commander will tender was made through inquiry from

THE COURT STILL IN SESSION.

Kev West, Fla., March 18.-The court of inquiry is diligently continuing its sessions on board the battleship Iowa, and, judging from statements made by members, it is quite problamatical how many more days will pass before the public learns its conclusions.

By the courtesy of Rear Admiral Sicard the correspondent of the Associated Press was today enabled to escape the rigor of the recent rule forbidding correspondents to go on board warships and was the first civilian to interview the members of the court of inquiry since they secreted themselves on Wednesday on the Iowa. Captain Sampson received the correspondent on the poop of the splendid ship he commands. In the admiral's cabin below were Capitain Chadwick, Lieutenant Commander Potter, and Judge Advocate Marix. They had been in session since 10 o'clock this morning with the ship's writer acting as clerk.

"The court is still hard at work," said Captain Sampson. "I have just left my conferees. It is utterly impossible to say when our report will be ready. If I surmised the date and you reported it, I am afraid something might occur that would defeat the expectation and only serve to disappoint the anxious public. When the report is ready, it will not be for us to make the anouncement. Washington, I presume, will do that."

If a preliminary report has been sent to Washington, Captain Sampson ap-

#### parently knew nothing of it. TAKING ON AMMUNITION.

In the course of the afternoon while the court continued in session, without once coming out of the cabin, large quantities of ammunition were taken on board. The same thing took place on the New York. Both ships are now better supplied with ammunition than they have been at any time before. At 4 o'clock this afternoon the regular hour during previous sessions of the court for adjournment, Captain Chadwick and Lieutenant Potter entered a gig and were rowed to the New York. Judge Advocate Marix is staying on board the Iowa. The court will resume its sessions tomorrow.

## UNUSUAL PRECAUTIONS.

Unusual precautions are observed on the New York and the Iowa, double harbor watches being enforced. Every craft that passes on its way into the harbor is submitted to the closest scrunity of search lights. Both vessels are ready to pull out at fifteen minutes' notice, and special attention is being given to the instruction of the sailors in small arms and firing prac-

Tomorrow the court will devote considerable time to the preparations of diagrams showing parts of the Maine as found after the explosion.

The United States cruiser Montgomery arrived here this morning from Havana, and the Detroit and Nashville sailed this morning for the Tortugas islands with provisions and ammunition for the fleet. From the Tortugas the Detroit will proceed to Port Tampa to load ammunition.

The Morgan Line steamer Arkansas arrived here this morning from 'Havana with Senator Money and Congressmen Amos J. Cummings and Alden Smith on board.

The Montgomery is, with the excepwarship in harbor.

The topedo boat Foote arrived this afternoon from Charleston by way of Jacksonville. Madrid, March 18.-The Imparcial

today says: "The instructions sent to the torpedo flotilla to remain at the Canary islands are due to the government's desire that the squadron should be escorted to Cuba by a cruiser and for no other reason."

WEYLER DENIES THE LETTER. General Weyler denies the authentic- the graves of the dead of the Maine ity of the letter published in The New decorated with many flowers, while York Journal yesterday in which the from the central place of sepulture arrived on board shortly before 11 former captain general of Cuba is al- waves a long streamer of red and yelo'clock a. m. The chief officers of the leged to have said that the United low, with an inscription showing that coastguard and a number of customs States would have not dared to send a the decoration and flowers were placed officers, all in uniform, were received warship to Havana while he was in there by the sailors of the Austrian command there, as "they knew the ter- warship Donau, "In memory of our un rible punishment that awaited them,", fortunate fellow sailors of the United adding that he had Havana harbor States ship Maine." have here a contract of sale of which "well prepared from such an emer-! One Spanish and four American you are to witness and whereby this ves gency," having "rapidly finished the divers have been working on the wreck sel is to be transferred to me, in be- work that Martinez Campos carelessly today.

## OVER-WROUGHT NERVES OF WOMEN.

Extracts From Letters Received by Mrs. Pinkham.

"I am so nervous and wretched." "I feel as if I should fly." How familiar these expressions are. Little things annoy you and make you irritable. You can't sleep, you are unable to lift ordinary burdens, and



feel miserable. You have backache and pains low down in the side, pain in top of head, later on at base of the brain.

Such a condition points unerringly to serious uterine trouble. If you had written to Mrs. Pinkham when you first experienced impaired vitality, you would have been spared these hours of

awful suffering.

Happiness will be gone out of your life forever, my sister, unless you act promptly. Procure Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once, and begin its use, then write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., if there is anything about your case you do not understand. You need not be afraid to tell her the

things you could not explain to the doctor, your letter is seen only by women and is absolutely confidential. Mrs. Pinkham's vast experience with such troubles enables her to tell you just what is best for you, and she will charge you nothing for her advice. MRS. JENNIE BIERLY, Youngdale,

Pa., writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:-Will you kindly allow me the pleasure of expressing my gratitude for the wonderful relief I have experienced by taking your Vegetable Compound. I suffered for a long time with nervous prostration, backache, headache, loss of appetite, a heavy bearing-down feeling, also burning pains in the groins. I could not sleep, was tired all the time, had no ambition. Life was a burden to me. The pains I suffered at times of menstruation were something dreadful. I thought there was no cure for it. I saw your advertisement in the paper, and my husband advised me to try your medicine. I took five bottles, and now I am well and happy. Your medicine saved my life."

A Million Women Have Been Benefited by Mrs. Pinkham's Advice and Medicine

de Los Santos Guzman, to whom Wey- fied as yet. One is the bady of a man ler's alleged letter was said to have apparently about forty, of medium been addressed, denies that he ever re- height with his right forearm tattooed cived such a letter. Francisco Diaz, in a design of two hearts over lapping the newspaper reporter who is alleged and pierced by two daggers, with a to have given the letter to a Jorunal red tinged clover leaf above the hearts. correspondent, denies all knowledge of

New Orleans, March 18.-The crew of the filibuster Dauntless, seventeen in States navy today.

INGTON.

Washington, March 18 .- The report that the Vesuvius had been silghted early in the day coming through the Virginia capes headed for Washington, gave rise to the rumbr that she was bringing the report of the naval board of inquiry to Washington. This however, could not be confirmed from any official source. At the navy department it was admitted that the Vesuvfus was bound for Washington, but

it was explained that she was coming merely for repairs to her armament and it was denied that she had on board any member of the naval board or that she was carrying the report of that body. The Vesuvius did not reach Washington tonight, but it was reported at the navy-yard that she anchored off the government proving grounds at Indian Head about 8 o'clock, where she was met by the big navy-yard tug Triton, which returned to the yard about 9 o'clock p. m. It was denied that the Triton brought any one from the Vesuvius to Washington.

Secretary Long went to bed at 9 o'clock, with strict orders not to be disturbed, and Assistant Secretary of State Day spent the evening at the theatre, stopping for a few minutes only at the White house, where he had a talk with the president in the presence of the other members of the fam-

THE SPANISH FLOTILLA.

The navy department has the follownow halted at the Canary islands: Tor- disbanded during the time or war. It pedo boat destroyers Terror, Furor and Pluton, each of 380 tons and a speed of twenty-eight knots. Torpedo boats Azon, 127 tons, 25 knots; Ragor, 120 tons, 22 knots; Ariste, 128 tons, 25 knots and Cuidad de Cadiz, 120 tons, 22 knots. WHAT SENATOR GALLINGER SAW

IN CUBA.

Senator Gallinger was at the capitol today for the first time since his return from Cuba. When requested to make a statement as to his observations on the condition of affairs on that island, he responded: "You can sign my name to any picture you may draw of utter wretchedness, destitution and hellishness in that country. The condition of affairs, so far as I had opportunity to observe it and I was only in Havana and Matanzas, is simply indescribable. With reference to Cuba, as there might arise at Washthe military aspect of affairs in Cuba, I saw nothing which impressed me with the idea that Spain knows much about modern warfare. The soldiers I saw are not drilled as our soldiers are. Indeed, they lack every element of soldiery bearing, whatever may be said of their merits as fighters. The drills ICAN SOUTHERN STATES." that I witnessed were a travesty on modern ideas. While they were under- the cetral and western provinces havgoing their evolutions the soldiers were ing been pacified, General Blanco is talking to each other and smoking as about starting on extensive operations, freely and unconcernedly as they with eighty battalions and large volwould do in their mess rooms. Natural- unteer forces to destroy the insurgent ly there was much talk about the power in eastern Cuba. General Blan-Maine disaster, and so far as I could co will direct his efforts especially to ascertain from my conversation with demolish what is described as "the Americans and with those not entirely more or less embryonic organizations under the influence of the Spaniards, which enabled the rebels to maintain the opinion was universal that the Maine had been destroyed by an ex- government is exceedingly hopeful of ternal agency, and almost every per- early results from General Blanco's son with whom I discussed the subject plan of large operations in the east of in Cuba expects that the findings of the island. tion of the torpedo boats, the only the American court of inquiry will substantiate this view."

Havana, March 18.-Circulars have been sent to the alcades of about 200 towns in Cuba, notifying them of the new methods of relief, and also setting forth that corn meal amounting to one pound per day per capita weald be the first supply sent.

GRAVES OF THE VICTIMS DECO-RATED.

Visitors to the Colon cemetery find

This afternoon two bodies were re-

Havana, March 18 .- Don Francisco covered, but neither has been identi-

SPAIN'S MILITARY STRENGTH. Washington March 18. - Seventy thousand men is the number of Spanish soldiers who have been killed all, finding their occupation gone by the wounded and otherwise in capacitated seizure of the boat joined the United for duty during the present war in Cuba. These figures have been re-THE VESUVIUS GOES TO WASH- ceived in this city recently from reliable sources and are said to be as nearly authentic as it is impossible to obtain them without recourse to the records kept by the Spanish government. From the same source considerable other information bearing on the military strength of Spain and her dependencies is obtained. The present force of Spain in Cuba is as follows: Regulars, 135,000 Of this number it is estimated that 80,000 of them are effective for military purposes. There are about 30,000 members in what is known as the volunteer army. These are mostly in the province of Havana and are largely in the nature of home guards, corresponding to our state militia. There are 55,000 men who are not effective for military duty from various causes. The strength of the Spanish army at home and including her nearby possessions is 100,000 men which in times of demand for additional soldiers may be increased as follows: Firse reserve 50,000; second reserve 160,000 men, all of whom are instructed in military tactics, and a second reserve which is not instructed of 300,000 men, making in all a grand to-

tal of 610,000 men. Since these figures were received here recent drafts of 15,-000 men to strengthen the army in Cuba leaves only 85,000 men of Spain's regular army now in the peninsula, the Balearic islands, the Spanish posessions in North Africa and the Canary islands. In the Phillipine islands she has an army of 32,000 men which includes about 15,000 native troops, ing list of the Spanish torpedo flotilla Several regiments of the latter were is said that they are of little use to the Spanish government. In Porto Rico there are 5,000 Spanish troops which, in the event of hostilities could be sup-

> plemented by 4,000 volunteers. WAR RATHER THAN PAY INDEM-

NITY. Vienna, March 18.-The Neue Freie Presse publishes an interview with a Spanish statesman, evidently the Marquis de Hoyos ,the Spanish ambassador, who is represented as saying: Spain would rather have war with the United States than pay compesacourse she would forfeit her honor through admission of guilt, which would erase her name from the list of civilized nations.

"It could not be England's interests to see the Spaniards expelled from they, in the event of war, would assist ington an inclination to declare Canada's independence.

"IF DURING A WAR THE UNITED STATES SHOULD INCITE THE PHILIPPINES TO REVOLT SPAIN COULD REVENGE HERSELF BY RAISING REVOLTS IN THE AMER-

Madrid, March 18.-It is asserted that the appearance of a government." The It is understood that the report of

the Spanish naval court upon the Maine disaster will be delayed until the American report is published. Senor Sagasta, the premier, says the fourney of the torpedo squadron now at the Canaries to Havana has not been indefinitely postponed. The tone of the press is more hopeful, but financial circles are still uneasy.

## Why?

Why is the average doctor seldom inclined to leave well enough alone? Why is the editor whoe njoys good health always in a critical condition? Why do they say streams run dry when everybody knows they run wet

Why isn't the sound in a man's head when his wife hits him with a broomstick a sort of marriage ring? Why is it a man can't walk slow

when they do run?

fast enough to catch a street car?

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Postoffice Appropration Bill Passed. Unsuccessful Fight Against the Southern MaiSubsidy - Free Entry of War Sug-

Washington, March 19.-The house today passed the postoffice appropriation bill, which has been under consideration since Wednesday. The main points of attack today were the appropriations of \$30,000,000 for railway transportation of mails and \$171,000 for special facilities between New York and New Orleans and \$25,000 for special facilities from Kansas City to Newton, Kas. These items annually attract more or less a contest. This year the opposition seemed to be less intent. All efforts to reduce the appropriation for railroad transportation signally failed and the vote on the southern mail subsidy was 77 to 98 against striking out. By neat parliamentary maneuvering the opponents of the subsidy were prevented from getting a direct vote on a motion to re-

commit with instructions. At the opening of the session of the house today Mr. Dingley, the floor leader of the majority, offered the bill reported from the ways and means committee, providing for the free entry into this country of guns, ammunition and other naval supplies and war material purchased abroad until January 1, 1899. He explained that the committee had unanimously reported the bill. It was asked for by the secretaries of war and navy. The bill was passed without division.

Mr. Henry, democrat, of Mississippi claimed the floor on a question of perconal privilege and sent to the clerk's desk, for the purpose or having it read to the house, a quotation from an interview with the Spanish ambassador at Vienna, contained in an Associated Press despatch, in which the ambassador said that if the United States, in the event of war, should incite the Philippines to revolt Spain could revenge herself by raising revolts in the American southern states.

Before the reading of the interview was concluded Mr. Dingley made the point that it did not constitute a question of privilege.

"It contains a reflection against a portion of the people of the United States, which I desire to repel," said

But the speaker held that he had not presented a question of privilege and he was taken off the floor. The paragraph of the postoffice ap-

propriation bill appropriating \$171,238 for special mail facilities from New York and Washington to Atlanta and New Orleans precipitated the annual fight against this appropriation. Mr. Pearson, of North Carolina, supported the appropriation and when Mr.

Skinner attempted to interrupt him, Mr. Pearson declined to yield, saying that he declined to yield to one who formerly supported the appropriation but who had changed his position without any apparent reason. This angered Mr. Skinner and he be came so persistent in his efforts to interrupt Mr. Pearson that the chair-

man of the committee of the whole sev-

eral times compelled him to take his sealt At last Mr. Pearson yielded to his persistence and Mr. Skinner declared that he had never supported this proposition. He considered it robbery of the treasury. He said that the Atlantic Coast Line today furnished | the same service it did when it received

the subsidy. Mr. Pearson expressed his regret if he had misstated his colleague's position, but he said the general impression was that Mr. Skinner had former-

ly supported this appropriation. A few moments afterward Mr. Barlow, populist, of California, bitterly assailed Mr. Simpson for supporting a subsidy. The house seemed to enjoy the scoring of the populist leader. After disposing of the bill, the house at 6 o'clock p. m. adjourned.

#### Spain Gets Cold Comfort from Balance of Europe

(Copyrighted by Associated Press.) Berlin, March 19.-In spite of denials the queen-regent of Spain has repeatedly and strongly appealed to the emperor of Austria to exert his influence with the monarchs of Europe, particularly Emperor William, to secure their efforts to restroe amicable relations between the United States and Spain. The queen laid special stress on the necessity of maintaining the peace of Europe and securing an entrente of the European monarchs against republican, aggressive America and on the affinity of her dynasty with the Hapsburgs. It is understood that Emperor Francis Joseph, while replying to the queen cautiously and conservatively, has actually written to Emperor Wiltion for the Maine, for by the latter liam, endeavoring to elicit a reply fife Silver pledging the latter to promise to tender his good services in trying to maintain peace. More recently Spain approached Germany and Austria with the view of obtaining assurance that

Spain in some way or the other. The Spanish ambassador here had a conference on Wednesday last with the minister for foreign affairs, Baron von Buelow, when the latter assured him that while Germany earnestly desired the main tenance of peace, she certainly would not pledge herself to anything but the strictest neutrality. Spain is believed to have received the same answer from Vienna and Paris.

#### Cadet Washington at Home (Special to The Messenger.)

Goldsboro, N. C., March 19.-Naval Cadet Eugene Pope Washington, late of the United States battleship Maine, arrived at his home in this city today from Key West, to spend a short time with his parents, Colonel and Mrs. J A. Washington.

Georgia Philosophy \*\*\* The runners in the political race say

that these are times that try men's War gives even the humblest citizen

a chance to come to the front. It is said that war is needed to thin out the population. And yet, there is nothing slow about the doctors. When the office seeks the man it has

to use a searchlight to find him. If indemnity is accepted for the Maine it should go to the sinking fund.

The weather prophets are all at sea when they tackle the war cloud. Some military titles seem to run in the blood—as fast as their original owners ran in the war.-Atlanta Constitution.

The words of a weak woman often enough for a streetcar to catch him or carry more weight than the muscles of a strong man.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

Three gold mines are now being worked in Granville county.

Increased demand for the product of the Salisbury hosiery mills necessitates the employment of a night force.

Representative Skinner is to introduce a bill to erect a life saving station at Ocracoke Inlet. Superintendent Kimball

Washington Messenger: Robert Gibbs, of Far Creek, Hyde county, while under the influence of liquor, walked off the dock near D. R. Willis' store this morning about 3 o'clock and was drowned. Gibbs was engaged in the fish business. Charlotte News: The tablet to be erected by the young people of Tyron Street

Baptist church in memory of the late Dr. T. H. Pritchard will probably be put in place by the first of April. It is to be placed to the left of the pulpit as one enters the church Greensboro Telegram: The growth of the Five Cents Savings bank in this city

must necessarily be most gratifying to the management. At the close of business yesterday the net deposits amounted to \$89,755.87. The business has been more than doubled in the past two years. A special to The Raleigh News and Observer says that in Halifax county last Saturday Charles D. Mills took the

horse from the plow, put his 6-year-old

son upon his back, and started for din-

ner. The horse ran away, throwing the child. The little boy's clothes caught in the hook of the traces and he was dragged to death. The horse ran to the house with the bleeding remains. Morganton Farmer's Friend: That dead Indian doctor and the poor little Red Riding Hood that accompanied him in his wanderings under Table Rock have reached the yellow journals, and there is no telling the mischief done this county in the minds of ignorant people, who

devour the garbage dished out daily by those miscalled newspapers. There was just enough truth in the tale to hang a lie that would stick. Tuckaseige Democrat: We are sorry to chronicle a very painful and serious accident to Mrs. C. B. Aden, which occurred at Mr. Aden's house a mile from this place. She went to move a kettle of boiling water when a board in the floor upon which she was standing broke and she was precipitated to the cellar

below and the whole of the boiling contents of the kettle emptied over her body. Dr. J. H. Wolff regards her burns as Murphy Scout: The first tare seed that the eyes of the reporter ever beheld was shown us last week by Mr. Jas. M. Barnett, of our town, who sent all the way to Oregon for them. He spent several years in that section, and tells us the farmers out there use the tares for feed; that stock and cartie will quiet eating shelled oats for it, they are so fond of it. Mr. Barnett has turned over the tare seed to Mr. Abe Harshaw,

who will give it a thorough test, Tare is easily cultivated and the yield is phe-Greensboro Record: The final chapter of one of life's disappointing romances was brought to a close at the depot today when J. W. Collins came in on 36 with Mrs. Nannie B. Myers and delivered her to her husband, who had come down from Reidsville to meet them. Mr. Collins traced Mrs. Myers to Greenville and persuaded her to return to her home, and when last mentioned Crumpton, the lady's paramour, had landed in a Charlotte jail, while Collins and Mrs. Myers had got as far as Charlotte, where they became stranded with only \$1.12 between

them. Mr. Myers had been notified to

come to Greensboro from Reidsville this

morning, and joining her on the noon train they returned home together. Mr. John T. Britt, editor of The Oxford Public Ledger, is in Washington as private secretary of Congressman Kitchin. Writing to his paper this week, Mr. Britt says: "We have learned, from a source which is entitled to more credence than ordinary rumors, that Senator Butler intends to play what he thinks a very shrewd game on the democrats in the nomination of officers this summen Briefly outlined his plan is this: He will call his convention at the same time and place as the democratic convention. Then he will make certain overtures for fusion, and along certain lines only. He will probably offer fusion on congressional lines, the terms of which will be that the populists retain three congressmen (Fowler, Strowd and Shuford) and allow the democrats the other six. He may or may

# Suicide of a Sea Captain

not offer fusion for members of the legis-

lature or county officers.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 19.-Captain Nielson, of the Norwegian bark Brilliant, now in port, committed suicide today, by shooting himself in the head. Worry over business matters is the supposed cause.

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