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SPAIN WANTS OUR VESSELS LEAVE CUBA

IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT THE REQUEST WILL EVEN BE CONSIDERED.

Minister Bernarbo Calls Upon the Secretary of State and Assistant Secretary Day Makes a Very Significant Statement. Government Buying Warships in Foreign Ports to Replace Warships Destroyed in Foreign Waters.—The Mayflower Bought and Will Be Converted Into a Torpedo Dispatch Boat.

[Special to Atlanta Journal.]

Washington, March 16.—Spain has protested against our naval display in Cuban waters and has asked what our preparations mean. The protest was the outcome of the first official visit of Senor Polay Bernarbo to the State department since his reception there.

Assistant Secretary of State Day declined to give a definite response to the Spaniard regarding the continued preparation of war vessels in Cuban waters, but in reply to the question as to why we were buying war ships in foreign waters he said, as far as I can learn:

"We are purchasing war vessels in foreign waters to take the place of the battleship that was lost in foreign waters."

No one believes here a moment that Spain's demand that we withdraw our ships from Havana will be met. It has become evident here that the prediction made in these dispatches by Quesada that Spain would try to delay matters further by more promises of autonomy, were well founded. There is now hardly any doubt that the new minister's special mission to this country is to secure our co-operation in a new autonomy scheme for Cuba.

The Spanish minister's request for the United States to withdraw our ships from Havana is based on this plan. The United States is informed that the presence of battleships in Cuban ports is a hindrance to Spain in carrying out her program of perfecting autonomy. The official replies of this country to these requests have not yet been made, but it is thought that they will be such as to propitiate Spain or further jeopardize the interests of the Cuban insurgents.

ANOTHER SHIP BOUGHT.

In pursuance of the expressed determination of the President yesterday to continue preparations for war, Secretary Long has practically closed the deal for another vessel. The vessel in question is the Mayflower, a steam yacht built by Ogden Gillette. Its deck is protected and it is one of three fast yachts in the world. It will be fitted out as a torpedo dispatch boat. This will make three vessels purchased outright by the government in one week. In addition to this Secretary Long has the option on the dynamite throwing gunboat Nichero, which can be closed as soon as hostilities seem inevitable.

The President has endorsed the purchase of the Mayflower and Secretary Long has ordered the boat to proceed to New York at once.

PRESIDENT READY TO ACT.

The President is quoted by a Senator today as saying:

"I would rather see my administration an ignominious failure than that it should be responsible for an unholy war."

This shows that the President, while preparing vigorously for warfare, is praying to avoid one, if possible.

This same Senator said:

"The President will maintain the honor of the country and insist upon full reparation for the Maine disaster, incidental to recognizing the independence of Cuba. I do not think he will be swayed from this, the main issue, but I do expect to see him secure Cuban independence without a war. How, I don't know, nor do I think he does at this time."

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

When the naval appropriation bill is finally reported to the House it will more closely resemble the naval budget of Great Britain than ever before on the score of economy. The appropriations for increase of the

navy have been kept down in recent years, but this time attempts to hold back the committee will prove futile. As the bill stands today it provides for three new battleships, six torpedo boats and six torpedo boat destroyers. The aggregate cost of this great addition to the sea power of the United States will be at least fifteen million dollars.

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RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

A Large Appropriation for This Experiment.

Washington, March 15.—The post-office appropriation bill which came up for consideration in the house today contains an item of \$150,000 for rural free delivery during the next fiscal year.

This is \$100,000 more than the post-office department had available for the same purpose during the present year. In addition to the first named amount the postmaster general may use for the purpose stated a sum equal to the aggregate compensation of postmasters, cost of mail transportation, star route service and mail messenger service that may be discontinued by reason of the establishment of rural free delivery.

Experiments that have been conducted already by the department show that the establishment of rural delivery in which there is a hearty co-operation of the communities interested, the discontinuance of the offices of a number of fourth-class postmasters and of the services of other employes can be effected, so there will be a considerable balance to be added to the general fund of \$150,000 to defray the expenses of free delivery service in which economy cannot be practiced.

Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic Cures Fever In One Day.

Literary Notes.

McClure's Magazine for April will contain four short stories by new writers. It is remarked as significant and discouraging tendency in fiction that all of these new writers look upon life with a decidedly cheerful eye.

The next instalment of C. A. Dana's "Reminiscences" (in the April McClure's) will give Mr. Dana's impressions of Lincoln and the several members of the Lincoln cabinet—particularly Seward and Chase—as Mr. Dana saw them officially and socially, day and night, during the most exciting part of the war. The paper will be illustrated with portraits from the Government Collection of War Photographs.

The April McClure's will contain a series of heroic stories of the Gordon Highlanders, whose gallant assault at Dargai last autumn sent their fame ringing round the earth. Their behavior at Dargai, notwithstanding the praise it has justly brought them, was no new feat for the Gordons—they have been doing just that sort of thing for a hundred years; and the article in McClure's will tell the story of a number of their thrilling achievements. It will be fully illustrated.

Hamlin Garland has written for the April McClure's, "A Romance of Wall Street." It is the true story of the Grant and Ward failure, a most dramatic and pain-stirring event in its day, but now passing rapidly out of remembrance. Mr. Garland, in writing this story, has had access to new material.

In McClure's Magazine for April, Herbert E. Hamblen will relate his autobiography as a passenger engineer, telling of collisions with excursion trains and encounters with train robbers, and also describing how he helped to organize and lead a great strike among railroad men. The article will be illustrated with drawings from life by W. D. Stevens.

Gov. Ellerbe Will Command Our Troops.

HE BELIEVES WAR WITH SPAIN IS ALMOST A CERTAINTY.

Talks Fully About Situation—The Orders He Has Already Issued to the State Volunteer Troop—Other Preparations Being Made.

(The State, 10th.)

At last the Governor of South Carolina comes out unequivocally, says he believes war is inevitable, announces his intention to order out the State troops the moment they are needed, and declares that he will himself lead the soldiers to the front. This is the first time the Governor has spoken and it is thought that he has had some advice.

Last night he gave the press the following interview:

"Governor, what do you think of the prospect of war with Spain?"

"War is a very serious matter and should not at any time be undertaken except for special and sufficient reasons. If, however, the court of inquiry decides that the Spanish government is responsible for the blowing up of the Maine it seems to me that war is inevitable. The dastardly act of taking the lives of 256 unsuspecting American seamen while quietly sleeping in a friendly port should not be treated lightly by any nation of courage. The conservative policy which has been pursued by the administration is to be much commended."

"If war be declared and you are called upon what do you propose to do?"

"I would order out the State troops immediately."

"How many men could you put out on short notice?"

"I have about 5,000 armed and equipped, who would respond to a man and fight a circular saw to protect the honor of the American flag."

"Who would you put in command?"

"If the troops of my State are put in the field I will take command myself. I have ordered Adjutant General Watts to fully equip every company and direct the captains to recruit their companies to the numbers required."

GENERAL STOPPELBEIN OFFERS HIS BRIGADE OF CAVALRY.

Representative J. W. Stokes of South Carolina has received a letter from Gen. Joseph L. Stoppelbein, commanding the First brigade, South Carolina cavalry. After commending Mr. Stokes for his recent speech in Congress in favor of the \$50,000,000 appropriation for the national defense, he adds:

"The people of South Carolina stand ready and willing to shed their blood in defense of the stars and stripes, and if ever our people were united they are today. We know no factional or party lines when the honor of the country is at stake. As you, know, I command the largest body of cavalry in the United States, my command and I are at the services of the President, and while I understand that militia cannot be pressed into service for a longer period than 90 days, I now, through you, formally tender my services to the President in the volunteers for 90 months if need be. The people of South Carolina have implicit confidence in the wisdom of the President at this critical moment and feel that he will do the proper thing."

Mr. Stokes presented General Stoppelbein's letter to the President today after cabinet meeting.

GOV. ELLERBE TELLS WHAT HE MEANS BY TAKING COMMAND.

(The State, 17th.)

Governor Ellerbe's war pronouncement declaring his intention to take the field and protect the State from invasion should it become necessary was widely discussed in the city yesterday. Especially was this true among the men who take the most interests in such things and who have already signed their intention of volunteering should hostilities between this country and Spain begin.

While many do not see how, under the laws on the subject, the Governor would have the right or authority to take such action, his posi-

tion met with general favor. South Carolina was the first State to secede from the Union, and the first State in which a shot was fired in the Civil War, and it was gratifying to many that in the present war scarce her Governor should be the first to declare his intention of fighting should it be necessary.

Governor Ellerbe yesterday further explained what he meant by taking command of the State troops.

He knew, he said, that in event of a war he would have no authority to march at the head of the State troops beyond the borders of South Carolina; nor would he, but it must be borne in mind that this State has a considerable sea coast, which being near the seat of war would be more exposed than that of almost any other State with the exception of Florida. Should the Spanish fleet appear off some of our seaports and bombard them or attempt to land small detachments of troops at undefended points for the purpose of ravaging and harassing the surrounding country, then he would take command of the troops. Only in such contingencies as these and to protect the State itself would Governor Ellerbe take charge as commander-in-chief.

The Governor is taking measures to protect Port Royal by the placing of torpedoes and submarine mines in that harbor. Should a Spanish gunboat then attempt to enter the harbor it would experience the same fate as the Maine.

Dozens of letters of injury are received daily both by the Governor and the Adjutant General. Questions about war and how the writer may become a soldier are asked. A large proportion contain offers of services.

HIG GUNS BOUGHT IN EUROPE.

Secretary Alger Orders His Agent in London to Close Contract for Thirty-Two Six-Inch Rapid Fire Guns.

Washington, March 16.—Secretary Alger obtained from President McKinley today the executive approval for an allotment of \$2,500,000 out of the \$50,000,000 national defense appropriation for the immediate use of the ordnance department of the army.

A cablegram was sent to the agent of the ordnance department in London instructing him to close the contract for the purchase of thirty-two six-inch rapid fire guns, for which preliminary arrangements were made some days ago. It is expected that the formalities of the contract will be completed and the shipment of the guns will begin tomorrow.

The department has not definitely decided where the guns shall be mounted, but most of them will probably be used to complete the armament of points on the Southern coast, where heavy sea guns cannot readily be placed in position. A. W. B.

LIPSCOMB WINS.

Carrying Three of the Five Columbia Wards.

[Special Greenville News.]

Columbia, S. C., March 15.—By a majority of 257, as now figured, Col. T. J. Lipscomb has just been nominated mayor of Columbia. The voting was heavy.

Lipscomb carried three wards; in Ward 4 the vote being 327 against 72 for Sloan.

The railroad vote was for Lipscomb and the factory vote was largely for Sloan.

The council, except one, was named in the first democratic primary.

COURT AT KEY WEST.

Members Arrived There on the Mangrove.

Key West, March 16.—The United States lighthouse tender Mangrove arrived here this morning from Havana, having on board the members of the United States naval court of inquiry appointed to inquire into the loss of the battleship Maine.

The torpedo boat Porter sailed this morning for the Portuguese Islands with mail for the fleet.

Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. W. E. Pelham.

TILLMAN ON GOLD BUGS.

He Tells the Maryland Democrats Plain Truths About Their Condition.

[Baltimore Herald, 11th.]

"There is one thing," said Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, of South Carolina, while addressing a large and enthusiastic audience at Raine's Hall last night under the auspices of the Democratic Committee of '98, "for which we can join hands with our gold-bug friends, and that is in defense of the national honor."

"It is gratifying to me that I was able to do consistently a few days ago in the United States Senate an act in which Democrats, Populists, Republicans, goldbugs and silver men all joined together enthusiastically, and that was in voting an appropriation for national defenses. (Great applause.) It illustrates, to my mind, that there is one thing that we all can join together in, and that is defending the American flag. When it comes to our national honor we know no party or faction." (Enthusiastic applause and cries of "Yes, we are right!")

Senator Tillman's address was a characteristic one, and bristled with denunciations, which highly pleased the audience present. Maj. John L. Yelot, of Baltimore County, presided, and opened the meeting with a clever little speech, in which he defined the theories of free silver. When Senator Tillman came to the front of the stage he was greeted with long and loud applause. He said, in part:

"You have heard much abuse of me through the capitalistic press, and no doubt think me a strange article. But the people often love me for the enemies they have made. I have received a little free advertising from the goldbug dailies. But what of that? If you trace back our country's history you will find that we were other public men entitled to the recollection of the American people who were also abused by an opposition press. Jefferson was the target of the abuse of plutocratic papers, and so was Jackson, and so was Lincoln. But, although they were denounced by newspapers, the people rallied to their support. You are also ignorant of me as I am in reality, as well as you are of the true merit of free silver, because you have not a single newspaper in this city to advocate free silver, and that stands for Democratic principles. You are blindfolded, because you are kept in ignorance by the goldbug press. They keep you in ignorance and then ask you to vote their ticket intelligently. I am before you as the apostle of the only Democracy."

"I am the apostle of the new Democracy and of that party which has issued a new Declaration of Independence. You must study the financial questions of the hour and enlighten yourselves if you would be free. Sophistry and falsehood is your daily food as furnished in the daily press. In 1896 the Democracy of Maryland, as ruled by your bosses, contented itself with adopting a gold standard plan for an agent a delegation to the Chicago Convention. But when William Jennings Bryan was nominated by that convention the course of some of your leaders was not an honest one, and you were stabbed in the house of your friends. Last summer you did poorly because the party straddled. All things were all things to all men. And you were defeated, as you deserved to be."

"No man is fit to lead a people unless he is disposed to be honest with his followers. The question of the hour is whether the people or money shall rule. It is plutocracy or Democracy or genuine Republicanism. The opponents of free silver want our dollars and cheap men. They denounce the new Democracy as anarchy."

"And yet the condition of the working people of this country today is a more galling servitude than that of the black slaves of antebellum days. The negroes of the old South were better off than the miners of Pennsylvania today. The so-called Cleveland idea of Do-

mocracy means five white slaves for every black one that used to exist. You have been bamboozled by the politicians for years, because the leaders of both parties erred and settled all policies beforehand. It made no difference which party triumphed—goldbugism survived. The leaders of the Democracy of Maryland now say to you that a fight can never be won on the Chicago platform. They are afraid to say anything. I at I tell you that with a rejuvenated party, with new leaders, and that equality of opportunity and of money which the Chicago platform sets forth that men will rally round your standard in this State. I believe that with a square, honest fight, on a free silver platform last year the present Legislature would have been Democratic. (Applause.)

"Your great dailies all say that silver is dishonest. Well, why don't they prosper? Why don't they get the good times come back? Where are they going? (A voice, "Out West.") Oh! no: they are not out West; they are just nowhere. (Laughter and applause.) Why did wheat go up? Simply because the European crops failed."

"Wheat went up because the Europeans needed our wheat, and we, having more than we wanted, could sell it to them. Next year, when the European crops are all right, we shall see another condition of things. In fact, the law of supply and demand governs wheat, as well as all products. The laws of supply and demand govern money, don't they? (A voice, "Of course.") I say they do also, but the goldbugs say they don't. Those people contend that you can't make a silver dollar out of a gold dollar. No, of course not, because they legislated all the value of the silver dollar. They made it a commodity, and not money. I do not, however, class all of the goldbugs as our enemies. Some of them are greedy, and the balance are ignorant. Some are wealthy, and the rest are poor as Democrats. (Applause and laughter.) How long are you men of Maryland going to listen to bosses? We are going to win out in 1900, and we want old Maryland back in the Democratic column. Your bosses want the offices. They don't want anything else. That is why they are afraid of what they call our idealism. Are you going to stay away from us and listen to the bosses or not? What is money? A creation of law. It has three functions—it is a measure of value; it determines the price of other things, and it is a legal tender for taxes and debts. And yet the newspapers tell you that gold is the only standard of value. What is intrinsic value, anyhow? It is that which is properly necessary to man's convenience and life. The goldbugs say that law has nothing to do with making a dollar a dollar, and yet in 1873, they by law, unmade the silver dollar as a standard of value. Such is the inconsistency of their arguments. McKinley will not dare to sign a coinage bill to present without pressing the button and calling up Wall Street. (Laughter.) Well, that is what they elected him for. They knew that if Bryan was elected they could not control him, and that is the reason that Mark Hanna could milk \$16,000,000 out of the national banks to defeat him."

Children and adults tormented by burn, scalds, injuries, coughs or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using Dr. Williams' Witch Hazel Salve. It is the great "Pain Remedy."

Sale of Cuba Not Prohibited.

Madrid March 16.—A semi-official agency today publishes the following announcement:

It is useless to talk of the sale of Cuba. The question could not be arranged except by parliament, and it is impossible that any Spanish chamber would agree to sell the island at any price.

On the morning of Feb. 29, 1895, I was sick with rheumatism, and lay in bed until May 21st, when I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first application of it relieved me almost entirely from the pain and the second a good complete relief. In a short time I was able to be up and about again.—A. T. MORSEAU, Louisville, Ky. Sold by W. E. Pelham.

An Old Reporter's Close Call.

[Newspaperdom.]

"You know I have been in the newspaper business a long time and I was never known to skirk, not even during a riot or a blizzard," says an old-timer, in the St. Louis Republican. "Well, I came very near tossing up the pencil a few nights ago. It was very cold and I had to call on Bishop—in reference to some church matters. Taking the car down town, I soon reached the street on which the bishop lived. It was just striking the hour of 12. But I had to see the bishop. Well, sir, I hunted for the number in the dark for some time. Not finding it, I waited to see if I could meet some straggler who lived in the neighborhood. Pretty soon a young fellow came a nicely dressed young fellow in a rather mellow condition I asked him if he lived in the neighborhood, and he said, 'Yes.' The truth is the young man was more other than the bishop's son. He told me in a semi-articulate way that he would go up to his father's room and speak with him about the matter in question."

"Reaching the outer door he unlocked it and asked me to walk in. I stepped in, he opened the second door, and I went into the house. Both doors were now locked. The gas had been turned off. We hunted for a match in vain. Well, the young fellow left me in the darkness, uttering a drowsy promise to return soon. I heard him stagger up the stairs all right. He went back several paces until I could detect his footsteps no more. He failed to return. I believe he fell asleep and forgot all about me. I stood there for about fifteen minutes, not knowing what to do."

I made a modest noise. No result. A more decided noise. The same result. I began to walk about, purposely bumping against the furniture. Then something happened. I heard a hoarse voice shout: "Throw up your hands or you are a dead man!"

Up went my hands like a shot. Whiz, bang, bang—three bullets rattled over my head. I thought my time was up.

Do you know, it seems as if I lived my whole life over in the few minutes I was standing there. When the gas was lighted the first person I saw was a big burly negro.

The sloos brought the bishop out in his gown, and his young son with him. Explanations followed. The house had been robbed a few nights before, and the negro had been placed in the basement to watch. He fell asleep. My walking about aroused him. He came upstairs, and seeing my shining hat, which I had forgotten to take off, he banged away at it. I secured the interview; bought a new hat the next day, and would never to wait in a dark hall, no matter who owned the house."

Something Worth Reading.

Everything done to advance humanity, to encourage home industry or to forward home enterprises with a reflex benefit upon the community, and every individual embraced in the radius of this limit is more or less benefited by it. If we would build up our town let us invest our money here. Our merchants are up to date in everything. Give your patronage to them and they will respond to your demands, be they ever so fastidious or extravagant. We deem this a pertinent subject, as the time is rapidly approaching when they will buy up their spring stock. We are in favor of sustaining home first and then afterwards. Encourage especially the merchants who invest in your county paper. This is the most direct channel through which wealth and prosperity is to flow. Nothing affords a better avenue to success in the upbuilding of a town or county as the home newspaper.

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady. A 45-cent bottle can be had at the corner of One Minute Cough Cure, which is the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. W. E. Pelham.