

A Russian physician examined a number of students with regard to their health as affected by smoking. Of the smokers 16.09 per cent. were found to have some affection of the respiratory tract, while only 10.69 of the non-smokers were thus affected.

Famine and pestilence are raging in Russia again, on a scale far more serious than in India a year ago. Those who charged the Indian woes against the British government will please take notice, says the New York Tribune.

There are floating stories occasionally of frog farms here and there, but all apocryphal. Forest and Stream says, if by farming be meant the artificial propagation of frogs as fishes are propagated in hatcheries, and reared through the successive stages from the eggs to maturity.

One of Germany's leading statisticians has come to the conclusion that in order to live long it is necessary to be married. Out of every seventy men who reach the age of sixty he finds that forty-eight are married men and only twenty-two bachelors.

The United States supreme court recently decided a case that may have a marked influence toward the discouragement of suicide. It was confronted with the question whether the heirs of a sane man, who had committed suicide, could recover on an insurance policy taken out by the man upon his own life.

It is said that nations move by cycles. A great many people also move bicycles nowadays.

CRISIS IN CUBA'S CAUSE.

Army and Navy of the United States Prepare For Emergencies.

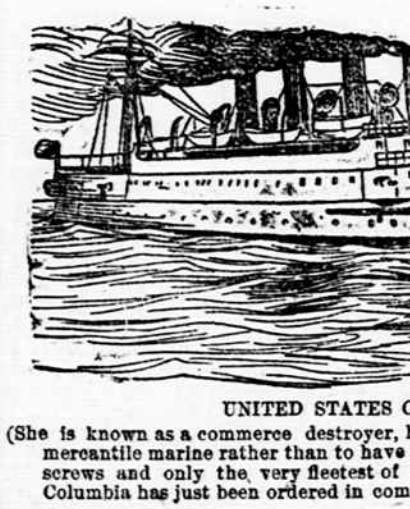
ALGER'S SIGNIFICANT ORDER.

The Cruiser Columbia Put in Commission—Moving Up the Army—The Whole Regular Force to Come to the Atlantic Seaboard—New Recruits Recruited For the Artillery—Rushing Supplies.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Secretary Alger on Friday issued the first official order from the War Department looking to hostilities with Spain. It creates the Department of the Gulf, with headquarters at Atlanta, and Brigadier-General William M. Graham is to command it.

The most significant clause in the order is the following: Eighth—A department is hereby established, to be known as the Department of the Gulf, to consist of the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga.

The records of the Department of the Missouri will be transferred to the Department of the Gulf.



UNITED STATES CRUISER COLUMBIA.

(She is known as a commerce destroyer, her mission being to prey upon an enemy's mercantile marine rather than to have a place in the fighting line. She has triple screws and only the very fleetest of the ocean greyhounds can escape her. The Columbia has just been ordered in commission.)

Major-General John R. Brooks is assigned to the command of the Department of the Lakes, and Brigadier-General William M. Graham to the command of the Department of the Gulf.

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More important than anything that has yet been arranged under the direction of Secretary Alger are orders in course of preparation providing for a general movement of regular cavalry and artillery to the Atlantic seaboard.

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2000 MEN FOR THE NAVY.

A Board of Officers to Establish Recruiting Stations in the South and West.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—In line with the general preparations for the anticipated emergency was the action taken by Secretary Long in appointing a Board of Officers to establish recruiting stations in the South and West and to personally enlist as many seamen and machinists as they can secure.

Our Minister to Persia Weds.

Miss Grace Aspinwall Bowen, a daughter of the late Henry C. and Lucy Aspinwall Tappan Bowen, of Willow street, Brooklyn, and Professor Arthur Sherburne Hardy, United States Minister to Persia, were married Thursday in Athens, Greece.

Queen Victoria Starts.

Queen Victoria started from Windsor, England, for Portsmouth on her way to the coast.

discretion given the President in the emergency appropriation measure. If they succeed in their effort to obtain 2000 more recruits...

NO SHIPS SOLD TO SPAIN.

Neither Has She Been Able to Secure a Loan of \$40,000,000.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—According to the advices received by the State and Navy Departments from their agents abroad, Spain has not succeeded in purchasing a single warship built or building in any European country.

GOVERNMENT CROP ESTIMATES.

Wheat Reserves in Farmers' Hands Heavier Than Last Year.

The consolidated returns of the different crop reporting agencies of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, made up to March 1 show the wheat reserves in farmers' hands on that date to have been the equivalent of 229 per cent. of last year's crop.

The corn in farmers' hands, as estimated, aggregated 73,000,000 bushels, or 41.1 per cent. of last year's crop, against 1,161,000,000 bushels, or 51 per cent. on hand on March 1, 1897, and 1,072,000,000 bushels, or 49.8 per cent. on March 1, 1895.

MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS.

Miantonomoh and Katahdin in Commission—The Flying Squadron.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn. (Special).—The placing of the monitor Miantonomoh and the harbor defense ram Katahdin in commission at the League Island Navy Yard will be followed by the addition to the effective fighting force of the navy of the commerce destroyer Minneapolis and Columbia, also at this station.

CONSULS' LIFE IN CUBA HARD.

None Has Resigned and One Has Applied For Sick Leave.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—It is realized at the State Department that the lot of the American Consuls in Cuba is a very hard one; it has been difficult for many months and is no better now.

Minister Bernado Arrives.

The new Spanish minister, Senor Polo y Bernado, arrived at Washington and was met at the depot by Senor du Bose, the Spanish charge, and the other Spanish officials, who gave him a cordial welcome and escorted him to the legation.

Man and Wife Die Together.

Mrs. John L. Driscoll was found dead in her room at the Chamber of Commerce Building at Nashville, Tenn., while her dead husband was seated in a chair near her.

To Contest Hanna's Election.

Mayor Robert E. McKisson, of Cleveland, Ohio, announced that he would contest the election of Senator Hanna when the latter attempted to take his seat for the long term.

England Our Friend.

Queen Victoria, through the British Ambassador, has sent a message to the President expressing her gratification at his conservative action.

Girl Murders Her Father.

Sadie Storer, sixteen years old, is in jail at Huntsville, Ark., together with her sweetheart and mother, charged with the murder of her father.

For General Miles' Promotion.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The Senate Committee on Military Affairs decided to recommend the passage of the bill authorizing the revival of the grade of Lieutenant General of the Army.

Signalling With Night Rockets.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Special).—On orders from Washington the men of the Vesuvius and the Florida Naval Reserves here had a long practice signalling with the new rocket pieces.

Spain Has Money at Last.

LONDON, England (By Cable).—Information that has been received at the American Embassy here induces the belief that the amount raised by Spain for the purchase of warships, etc., is \$60,000,000, which sum has been deposited in a London bank.

Coal Rushed to Key West.

CLEVELAND, Ohio (Special).—The Government has ordered 250,000 tons of coal from this point for immediate delivery at Key West. Special trains and large barges, will be employed to hasten matters.

Craze For Maine Relics.

HAVANA, Cuba (By Cable).—The craze for relics of the Maine is so great that men have been stationed on the wreck to prevent the theft of divers' findings needed as evidence for the Court of Inquiry.

GENERAL W. S. ROSECRANS DEAD.

His Distinguished Services in the Civil War Made Him Famous.

General William S. Rosecrans died near Redondo, Cal., Friday, passing away peacefully in the presence of his son and daughter, Carl and Anna Rosecrans, and several friends of the family.

He leaves a large ranch devoted to wheat and fruit, on which he had lived in comfort for years. Besides two children at his bedside he leaves another daughter, Mrs. O'Toole, of Helena, Montana.

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The trial of Sheriff Martin and his deputies began on Tuesday, February 1, and continued for five weeks, about one hundred and fifty witnesses being called by the Commonwealth and the defense.

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LATTIMER MURDER TRIAL.

Sheriff Martin and Deputies Acquitted of Killing the Strikers.

THE VERDICT QUICKLY REACHED.

Only One Ballot Taken by the Jury—Other Indictments For Killing Strikers Pending Against the Sheriff and His Deputies—The Case Has Been Bitterly Fought—The Trial's Cost to the County.

WILKESBARRE, Penn. (Special).—The jury in the case of Sheriff Martin and his deputies, charged with killing the strikers at Lattimer on September 10, returned a verdict of not guilty, long before the time for court to open there was a big crowd waiting to gain admission to the courtroom, and the doors were thrown open there was a wild rush, but only a limited number were admitted.

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THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Washington Items.

The President sent these nominations to the Senate: United States District Judges—Edward R. Meek, for the Northern District of Texas; Edmund Waddill, Jr., for the Eastern District of Virginia; Marsball, for the District of South Carolina—Lawson D. Melton, Secretary of Legation at Santiago, Chile—Henry J. Lenderink, of Iowa.

The Senate in executive session rejected the nomination of Henry S. Williams to be Postmaster at Aberdeen, South Dakota.

House Committee on Elections No. 3 has agreed by a strict party vote to make a report in favor of seating ex-Representative Josiah Patterson, who contested the seat of Mr. Carmack, from the Tenth Tennessee District.

Secretary Alger summoned to Washington representatives from army posts all over the country to confer on the proposition for mobilizing 100,000 troops in the South Atlantic and Gulf States.

The President nominated William J. Calhoun, of Illinois, to be an Interstate Commerce Commissioner.

Orders have been issued for the cruiser Brooklyn to hurry to Hampton Roads, where she will be joined by the commerce destroyer Minneapolis and Columbia.

In reply to a request by Spain for information concerning the nature of Captain Crowinshield's recent trip to the West Indies, President McKinley promptly denied that the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation had been in communication with the insurgents.

Preparations to meet an emergency were actively continued in Washington, although the relations between this country and Spain were considered as assuming a less threatening shape.

Mrs. J. C. Wilmerding, Jr., a great-granddaughter of Commodore Vanderbilt, has been adjudged insane in New York City, and taken to Bloomingdale Asylum.

A fierce gale did \$200,000 damage to the shipping and docks at San Francisco.

Governor Leedy, of Kansas, has issued an address attacking the United States Supreme Court on account of its decision in the Nebraska maximum rate case.

George Jackson, a motorman, was killed and William Jackson, a conductor, injured in a collision between a passenger trolley car and a construction car at Red Bank, N. J.

A bitter warlike is being waged between the general transportation companies operating tramways and toll-road wagons on the Chilkoot and White Passes. The existence of the smaller companies is involved.

Edward Price, an aged resident of Taunton, Mass., committed suicide by hanging on the front steps of the house where he resided. Price, who was eighty years old, was a victim of senility and was insane.

It is said he determined to commit suicide rather than become a public charge.

Chung Hoo, a wealthy Chinaman from New York, was found dead in bed in a Chinese lodging house at Seattle, Wash. The cause of death was consumption. He had \$1600 in drafts and a small amount of cash on his person.

John Wanamaker announced his consent to be the candidate for Governor of the Business Men's Republican League of Pennsylvania.

Senor Luis Polo y Bernado, the new Spanish Minister to Washington, arrived at New York on the Kaur Wilhelm II. He declared that he was glad to come back to the United States.

The Cuban Junta received from General Lopez Reola his report of the four days' battle beginning on February 21 near Najassa, which is to the effect that the insurgents won a brilliant victory.

At Millerville, Penn., Roy Gohrig, of Milton, shot and severely wounded his own son, Will E. Davis, of St. Clair, and then killed himself. Both were students of Pierce's Business College, Philadelphia, and the affair was caused by a dispute over a young woman in Millerville.

John Town Collector Ernst, of Chicago, required Vice-President Fagan, of the First National Bank to pay instantly \$35,273.21 disputed taxes, under a decision of the Supreme Court, on penalty of having his doors closed. The money was paid under protest. Other banks were similarly dealt with.

Henry Southgate, son of a Protestant Episcopal bishop, was sent to jail in New York City by Magistrate Flammer because he could not pay \$6 a week for his wife's support.

Dr. A. S. Draper has declined the place of City Superintendent of Schools of New York City.

Judge Woodward in his charge at the close of the Lattimer murder trial at Wilkesbarre, Penn., defined the rights and authority of the Sheriff, the power of the posse comitatus, and the rights of citizens as regards refusing to work and inducing others to join them in the refusal.

It is understood at Albany, N. Y., that the Ellsworth Newspaper bill has been abandoned on account of the Governor's opposition.

Martin Kopka, a New York butcher, hid himself in his refrigerator, after removing the meat, and imbedded death through a gas tube. His body was almost frozen when found.

Enlistments are still going ahead at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Two hundred men were ordered for examination, and the unloading of big guns from Washington continued.

The Nebraska Populists may call an extra session of the Legislature to pass a maximum freight rate law, instead of the one declared unconstitutional.

William O. Hutchins, one of the best-known manufacturing jewelers in the East, was shot and killed by a burglar at Providence, R. I.

The cruiser Montgomery left Key West, Fla., to replace the Fern at Havana. The latter vessel is to be used in carrying relief supplies to Matanzas and Sagua. Anchorage has been provided for the Montgomery by moving the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XII. to the position recently held by the Fern.

Foreign.

England's naval appropriation, \$113,800,000, is the largest in her history.

George Muller, of London, England, the philanthropist, is dead. George Muller, the founder of the Orphan Home, Ashley-down, Bristol, was born near Halberstadt, Prussia, September 27, 1805.

Better prices were shown in the markets of London because of the belief that the preparations for defense made by the United States would be a guarantee of a peaceful settlement of present difficulties.

The Budget Committee of the German Reichstag unanimously passed the entire ship-building programme included in the estimates for 1898.

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