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This Date in History—March 29

- 1461—Battle of Towton and frightful slaughter of defeated Lancastrians by victorious Yorkists; 30,000 slain. Towton ended the civil war, and the defeated king, Henry VI, escaped with Queen Margaret to Scotland.
1746—Carlo Maria Bonaparte, father of Napoleon, born; died 1785.
1790—Nicholas Jean de Dieu Soult, Bonaparte's marshal and duke of Dalmatia, born in Guemnes; died 1851.
1773—Emmanuel Swedenborg, celebrated naturalist, mathematician and theosophist, died; born 1688. Swedenborg was born at Stockholm, the son of a chaplain. The service of the state occupied his time chiefly until he reached the age of 35. To speculations in philosophy he devoted the remainder of his life, or about 30 years.
1814—Ex-Empress Josephine died in Malmaison, near Paris; born 1763.
1870—Dr. Carl Friedrich Neumann, German historian and orientalist, died.
1871—Louise, queen of Sweden, died; born 1819.
1872—General Humphrey Marshall died at Louisville; born 1812.
1887—General Roswell Ripley, a West Point soldier distinguished in the Confederate service, died in New York; born 1828.
1891—Howard Crosby, clergyman, died in New York city; born there 1836.

The Washington Post of Saturday had a big head, "Official Verdict Shows American Sailors Were Murdered." Considering the official verdict was not made public and that the Post had waged war heretofore chiefly on scave heads, the above is startling.

In the midst of the turmoil at Madrid of preparations for war the twelve-year-old king of Spain has just undergone, in the presence of his mother, of his relatives, and of the principal dignitaries of the court and realm, an examination in mathematics in which, according to the solemn official announcement of the affair in the Royal Gazette, he achieved a "remarkable success." The little king will need all his arithmetical knowledge to make revenues meet his expenses if he ever comes to the throne.

To judge from President McKinley's mild message he and the amiable queen regent of Spain have no other design or desire than to shake hands across the bloody chasm. When one reads that our president does not permit himself "to doubt the sense of justice of the Spanish nation will dictate the course of action suggested by the honor of and the friendly relations between the two governments," the wonder suggests itself that we should be spending so many million dollars preparing for war.

Our confidence in the Spanish "sense of justice," and our "friendly relations" with Spain, are of a very long suffering variety. When she shot down in cold blood a large number of our citizens in 1872—the passengers and crew of the Virginius—we accepted her evocical apology and a small indemnity and the friendly relations continued. We got together some ships at Key West and blustered a little, but finally subsided to a money consideration. Within the last two years many American citizens have been imprisoned in Havana and subjected to cruel treatment, under which at least two have died. This also has not disturbed our friendly relations. We now see hundreds of thousands of women, children and helpless old men herded in pens like sheep destined for slaughter, but not devoted to so merciful a fate, for they achieve their only hope, death, through starvation or the slow ravages of disease. Owing to our "friendly relations" with Spain, which has

chosen this method of waging war in Cuba, we turn a deaf ear to the Cuban cry for help, and remain unshaken in our confidence in the Spanish "sense of justice." Though one of our battleships has been destroyed by Spanish treachery and more than two hundred of its crew murdered still our politeness toward this friendly nation is uncrumpled, and we are sure, from its well known sense of justice, that it can do nothing objectionable from the standpoint of a friendly American administration.

TOPICS OF TODAY.

"Why are certain democratic papers in the state so anxious about the confirmation of Judge Ewart?" asks the Caucasian. Well, we don't know, unless it is that he is so bitterly opposed to Marion Butler. There must be something good in the man whom Butler hates and fears.—Wilmington Review.

Spanish loyalists in Havana cheerfully contribute \$30,000 or \$40,000 towards the purchase of a warship for presentation to the government at Madrid, but they give little or nothing to feed the 175,000 starving Cubans who are being supported by American charity. The cries of the famishing women and children throughout the island fall upon heedless ears in the gay capital, whose inhabitants dance and sing and throng in merry droves to their Sunday bull fights, supremely indifferent to the appalling scenes of suffering and death which lie beyond the city walls. There will surely come a fearful reckoning for all this inhumanity and crime, and when it comes the standards of Spain will fall into the dust of humiliation beneath the blows of retributive justice.—New York Mail and Express.

The April Current Literature is an exceptional number. The frontispiece is a picture of that most promising of our younger verse-writers, Clarence Urry, whose work is taken up by F. M. Hopkins in his monthly consideration of "American Poets of Today." "Our Relations With Spain" and other interesting original articles (among them an exposure of certain recently discovered cases of plagiarism) are followed by the usual departments, full of carefully selected matter from English and American books and daily, weekly and monthly publications. "Obituary Verses From Books and Magazines," "Newspaper Verse," "Chalk Verse," "Society Verse," "Dialect Verse," "Minor Key," and "Treasure Trove," etc.—and special "readings" chosen from the new books of Stanley Weyman, Marion Crawford, and Sarah Grand, of "Heavenly Twins" fame. A charming little story of Andre Theuriet's, translated for Current Literature, appears in this number.

BINGHAM SCHOOL SUIT.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Lewis Gray and Mrs. William Bingham are in the city and by counsel will move Hon. W. A. Hoke to dissolve the temporary injunction recently obtained against them by Major Robert Bingham.

Mrs. Gray is the daughter of Mrs. Bingham, the widow of Col. William Bingham, who was the author of so many Latin text books, including "Bingham's Latin Grammar" and who conducted the Bingham school for many years in Orange county. The heirs of Col. William Bingham have no desire to remove Major Bingham's school from Asheville, but, in conducting the Bingham school at Mebane in Orange county, where it has flourished for about a hundred years, they claim that they have the right to use their father's name in the prosecution of their business or the name of the Bingham school which was left them as an inheritance.

The case will excite much interest throughout the state. Asheville patronizes both of the Bingham schools, Jerré Cooke, Rufus Woodcock and Walter Bostic being at present in Orange county on the old grounds. R. O. Burton and R. T. Gray, of Raleigh, and Hon. F. S. Blair represent the Bingham school of Mebane.

ZEB VANCE CLUB.

The rain last night kept many persons away from the Zeb Vance club, however, there was a good attendance.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. Bourne, was absent, and many democrats were called on, a number of whom cheerfully responded. Interesting talks were made by W. P. Brown, Hilliers Morris, W. H. Young, Dick Weaver and Mr. Hartsell. J. H. Woody, R. D. Sherrill, Mark Roberts and Messrs. Allen, Chappell and Alexander replied to calls by brief remarks.

Max Carter spoke of the Maine disaster and was loudly applauded. V. H. Brooks announced that a meeting of democrats would be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the end of the bridge near the old depot and urged that there be a full attendance. The meeting is called for the purpose of forming a democratic organization in that locality.

President Luther requested a large attendance at the next meeting of the club as election of officers would occur. He said he hoped there would be no "out and dried" ticket, but that the club would elect its best men.

Twenty new members were received making a total enrollment of 1,000.

TO THE PUBLIC.

I hereby announce myself a democratic candidate for the office of chief of police, subject, however, to the action of the nominating convention, if another is chosen he will receive my hearty support.

R. L. FITZPATRICK.

Wang, April 1.

TO TEST THE NEW ORLEANS.

London, March 28.—Initial cruise of the United States cruiser, the New Orleans, formerly "Brazilian Amazonas," will be in the nature of a test of her engines and her seaworthiness. New Orleans left today in company with cruiser San Francisco, but not being as fast the new boat will not be pushed to her speed limit. Both cruisers will be in New York Tuesday.

THIRTEEN YEAR OLD LETTER.

New York, March 28.—Col. Fred Grant went to Washington today with a letter addressed to the president by General Grant in 1865, endorsed by Sherman requesting the appointment of his grandson, Ulisses S. Grant, to West Point.

CINCINNATI STILL FLOODED.

Cincinnati, March 28.—The flood continues. Central station is flooded and the loss to the railroads is estimated at seven-million dollars. The only train entering the depot are the C. and O.

TO REMOVE AMERICANS.

Key West, March 28.—It is understood that the Mangrove is waiting at Havana to take away Americans in case of trouble.

DISEASES OF THE SKIN

A practical Talk by Dr. John Hey Williams.

Mr. John Hey Williams delivered a practical talk yesterday afternoon before the members of the Paidology Club on the "Communicable Diseases of the Skin." He apologized for the unpleasant features connected with his subject, and spoke of the wideness of its field.

"It will suffice today," he said, "to speak in a general way of that class of diseases of the skin that are communicable, as being the ones with which our schools are the most intimately concerned."

He spoke of the diseases caused from filth, and the two classes of parasites that were sure to appear with a lack of proper attention to the cleanliness of the body. He traced the conditions which were favorable to their cultivation and pointed out the best methods to hinder their growth. He spoke also of the vegetable parasites and of the ring worm, and showed how disease of this sort were often carried from one person to another by the use of the same comb or brush. In closing Dr. Williams said:

"As true as it is that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, so it is that absolute cleanliness is a bar to the spread of any or all of these troubles."

"In view of the freedom of contact that obtains with young America it behooves us to see that every safeguard is thrown around our little ones. It is quite impossible to supervise the preliminary toilet of the youngsters of our public schools, but it is quite possible to require of them that they should present themselves with freshly washed hands, necks and faces and with well groomed heads. I shall strenuously advocate the introduction into our public schools of commodious lavatories with a sufficient supply of individual towels and soap to secure to all the children at least a minimum amount of cleanliness."

"The floors of the school rooms should be scrubbed at least twice a week with a strong antiseptic and anti-parasitic solution. The old-fashioned strong soap and hot water would fill a useful purpose and meet the cardinal approval of the teachers of our schools."

SPANISH OFFICER INVESTIGATING.

Havana, March 28.—A Spanish officer, wearing the uniform of a Havana custom house official, spent yesterday on board the Mangrove prying into closets and doing expert secret work for his government. He left only on the vigorous protest of Lee to Blanco.

RUSSIAN FLAG HOISTED.

Peking, March 28.—Chinese garrisons were withdrawn today from Port Arthur and Ta Lien Wan. Russian troops were landed and the Russian flag hoisted over both places.

ORDERS FOR SEA SERVICE.

Chicago, March 28.—The revenue cutter Calumet received orders today from Washington to prepare immediately for sea service.

AT THE NAVAL ACADEMY.

Anapolis, March 28.—Howitzer and torpedo drill has relegated text books to the back ground at the naval academy.

MRS. PARNELL DEAD.

London, March 28.—Mrs. Parnell, mother of the great leader, died yesterday from burns received while igniting a fire.

SALISBURY GOES TO RIVERA.

London, March 28.—Salisbury started for Rivera today in search of health.

New Orleans, March 28.—The fight between Kid McCoy and Jack Bonner scheduled for tonight was declared off because of the threat of the authorities to call out troops if necessary to prevent it. Bonner was arrested, but McCoy escaped.

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