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This Date In History—March 30.

- 1810—John Creason Travvino, engineer, famous on isthmus of Panama, born in Philadelphia; died 1883.
1856—The treaty of Paris ended the Crimean war; the principal clauses were the evacuation of conquered territory, the neutralization of the Black sea and the admission of Turkey to the system of Europe.
1868—Gordon Cumming, famous "lion hunter," died; born 1808.
1870—Fifteenth amendment proclaimed.
1884—Jane Austen, American novelist, died in Boston; born 1834.
1885—Anson G. Hesing, noted German editor in Chicago, died; born 1832. Mrs. Paran Stevens, social leader in New York and Newport, died.
1887—Ex-Governor Thomas Slay of Alabama died at Greensboro. Rabbi Aaron Wise died in New York city; born 1844.

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Now President McKinley has "congress on his hands."

The war is on—between the administration and congress.

It would appear that McKinley's one object all along has been to preserve the Sagasta dynasty.

In the light of the president's message, the hasty preparations for war look, as the Madrid paper, El Liberal, characterizes them, "childish."

First the administration professed to believe in "accident," now it professes to believe in Spain's "sense of justice." The latter belief has about as much foundation as the former had.

The United States has always come out second best in a diplomatic game with Spain. This fact is a strong argument in the hands of those who oppose entering into such a game at present.

It is said that David B. Hill bet a friend \$500 to \$50,000 that the senate would take a month before passing the \$50,000,000 appropriation bill. Many an acute politician has been unable to estimate the force of popular feeling. That, in fact, is a notable weakness of machine politicians.

During these exciting times the Gazette is the paper upon which the reading public in Asheville and Western North Carolina can rely upon for full and accurate news.

No other paper supplying late and complete news can reach this section, and the Gazette feels the responsibility of its position and can be depended upon to furnish the news that everybody is eager to see.

The large majorities by which the Sagasta government has just been endorsed in Spain are due no doubt to the firm stand it has taken toward the United States. The announcement that intervention by the United States in Cuba would not be tolerated and that Spain would stand by the report of the Spanish board of inquiry, and the sending of the flotilla to this side of the water were popular assurances with the Spanish people. The Sagasta government has at least enough sagacity to stand in with its own people.

The Maine report based on the evidence on which it was, was decidedly a 'cheat-out' by the time it reached congress; the only fresh thing in connection with it was the president's naive expression of faith in Spanish "sense of justice."

It would be a fine thing if Spain would free Cuba, detect and punish the murderers of our sailors, offer reparation for the destruction of the Maine and for the imprisonment and death of American citizens, without bloodshed, all because of Spain's "sense of justice." We fear, however, in spite of President McKinley's polite expressions of faith in that sense of justice, the feeling that it can not be relied upon is too well founded, and diplomatic delay will be received with impatience and disgust if not with open revolt. Meanwhile the Spanish flotilla is on its way, and once here Spain's diplomacy may lose all its remaining sense of justice. The report of the Spanish board of inquiry, too, is one which will not strengthen faith in Spain's sense of justice.

In the light of the president's message much of the popular approval and trust shown to the administration's policy of reserve, secrecy and delay will disappear. The public will look back at the assurances of "accident" as insincere, at the rumors of the desire of the president to adjourn congress and set alone as founded on truth, at the war-like preparations as measures to cobblet our public rather than to coerce Spain to right action. All this will breed distrust and suspicion of further reserve and secret diplomacy. The question of the adjournment of congress now will meet with open opposition, and the president will no longer be left to act with a free hand. His policy must be known and approved. He must win congress and the people to his views if he would carry them. Negotiations will not be limited to the administration and the Sagasta government, but the president must hereafter reckon with all the elements in his own country in framing his action. What will be the result of this new state of affairs, whether the president can temporize and hold off a crisis until the Spanish government is in a position to resist diplomatic demands, or whether a contest will be precipitated by the action of congress or by some fresh act of treachery on the part of the turbulent and unruly Spaniards remains to be seen. The situation is by no means simplified by recent developments; on the contrary the only result of the president's message is that he no longer has a united and approving country behind him. The chance of war is not eliminated from the situation.

POSTSCRIPTS.

—Preparations are being made at the Naval Academy for graduating the first class to be available for war services. The cadets will be examined physically on Monday.

—Army and navy preparations for war continue in this neighborhood. At Fort Monroe the greatest activity is seen. The departure of several batteries of artillery for the south has made necessary the enlistment of recruits, and these are now being drilled. The fortifications are being strengthened and improved.

—Dr. George Ross, the chairman of the Davis memorial window committee, has received a letter from Mrs. Jefferson Davis, accepting the invitation to attend the unveiling ceremonies of the window in memory of her husband in St. Paul's church, April 17. Mrs. Davis will certainly be present at the ceremony if nothing unforeseen should prevent, accompanied by her niece, Miss Waller, a daughter of the late Capt. W. G. Waller, of Richmond. Miss Winnie Davis is in Egypt and will not return to America until the last of May, which fact alone prevents her from attending with her mother.

CAROLINA CLIPPINGS.

Mr. Richard Henderson, of Salisbury, is a lieutenant on the battleship Indiana, which is at Dry Tortugas.

It is understood that the North Carolina naval reserves will be inspected by United States naval officers at once.

Mrs. McLeer of New York, has granted the Presbyterians of this state by a gift of \$1,000 to their orphanage at Barium Springs.

Wild geese have been going north the past week and this is said to indicate that the cold weather is gone—Washington Progress.

The boys are organizing a division of naval reserves here and are very anxious to get off to war with Spain.—Washington Progress.

As a result of a revival conducted in Washington by Evangelist Weston H. Gales, the Messenger says there were seventy-five conversions.

We have been religiously indoctrinated since several manufacturing concerns have decided to locate their plants in this city.—Greensboro Telegraph.

The Encyclopedia Messenger says that Dr. A. E. Hooper, a republican of Aurora, will present a newspaper shortly and make it act as 'Cool Harry Sumner. The campaign will be hot and spicy.

But little is now heard of the "sancti-Brotherists" who at Fayetteville, and not far west to the Lynchites or "sanctified band," who during the autumn and winter established themselves at Southport.

Expanding burned machinery at the Crossroads mill will be completed by May 1, and the output of coal will then be at its greatest in the mine's history. The new machinery will cost about \$30,000.

James K. Jones, the national chairman of the democratic executive committee, has written a letter to Judge U. C. Avery, of Morganton, in which he urges the co-operation of all silver forces in the coming election.

Bricks are being delivered and the construction will soon commence on the additions to the North Carolina School for the Deaf and Dumb at Morganton, and when completed this institution will be one of the handiemes in the state.

The Cape Fear Pilots' Association of Wilmington, at a special meeting, of which twenty-one members were present, unanimously adopted the resolution, tending their pilot plant of sail and steam to the president of the United States in the event of war with Spain.

It is learned that in the event of hostilities strong garrisons will be placed at Fort Caswell, at the mouth of the Cape Fear, at the Roanoke (Fort Fisher), for the protection of the New Inlet breakwater, and at Wrightsville to protect that portion of the coast from invasion.—Wilmington Messenger.

Rev. N. M. Jarney, agent for the Braxton Memorial building, which is to be erected at Trinity College, was in Raleigh recently and tells the post that he had secured \$800 toward the building last Thursday; he himself gives \$1,000 of the \$10,000. He says he hopes to be able to lay the corner stone of the building at the commencement exercises next June.

Wang, April 1.

BICYCLING IN THE ALPS.

Elizabeth Robins Pennell writes an article entitled "Over the Alps on a Bicycle" for the April Century. Mrs. Pennell says: "As we started down, the Swiss cyclist called after us: 'Haben sie ein vary gut brakel?' For sie müssent surrick pedellen, and it is besser ein pine tree apres soi de trainer!' We go on; we pumped up our pneumatic brakes; we back-pedaled hard. And then we remembered there was a view. We jumped off and looked. The road zig-zagged down the mountainside; pine forests grew toward heaven; a flat, gray-green streak of country stretched away below; a whitish line filled the distance; and instead of Ruskin's star-girt, glacier-white, village-crowned, glacier-sound chain of Alps were only vast cloud-banks. So we pumped up the pneumatics again, and began our ride down. The road was broad and beautifully engineered, for we were still in France. When I reached the first curve I had a bad time. The road dipped straight back outwards; on one side the pine forest; on the other a drop of some thousand feet. Every yard or so was a stone post just high enough to hit my pedal (to save me from grim death). I steered from the precipice, and tried to come around with the dignity that befits my twenty years of cycling. But the road was not banked up. I ran into the gutter, and sat down in the bushes. I picked myself up, and looked over the side. Half a dozen zigzags below was J., coasting like mad, foreshortened so that I could see only the top of his head. He approached a curve. As he turned he leaned right over the precipice. He took his hands off. 'Heavens!' was he falling? No; he was lighting his pipe. I rode for a while in a most ladylike manner; but after half a dozen turns, by keeping my pneumatic on, by strenuous back-pedaling, and by turning as short as possible at curves, there was no trouble. 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