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#### WILSON, N. C., APRIL 28, 1898.

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#### DIRECTORY.

DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

LOCAL TRAINS: N. Bound. Between Florence and Weldon.

2:35 P. M. Leaves Wilson 2:20 P. M Between Wilmington and Norfolk: No. 49. 12:55 P. M. Leaves Wilson, 2:37 P. M

Between Goldsboro and Norfolk. 5:41 AM Leaves Wilson 7:17 PM "Shoo-Fly" Wilmington to Rocky Mt No. 40. 10:20 P. M. Leaves Wilson, 6:15 A M

THROUGH TRAINS. Between Florence and Weldon: No. 32. 12:22 A, M. Leaves Wilson, 11:06 P. M

COUNTY OFFICERS. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: R. S. CLARK, Chairman.

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1. D. BARDIN, Clerk of Superior Court. I H GRIFFIN, Register of Dee s, S. H. Tyson, reasurer, WM. HARRISS, Coroner,

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#### CHURCHES.

St. Timothy's church. Rev. Thomas Bell, rector. Services: Sundays, 11 a. m, 7 p. m; Sunday School at 3 p. m Wednesdays, evening prayer 4 p m. bible class 7:30 p. m. Fridays, evenfing prayer and address 7:30.

Methodist Church, Rev. J. B. Hurley Pastor; services at 11 a, m. and 7:30 p. m. Sanday School, 5 p. m., J. F. Bruton, Supt. Prayer meeting Wed nesday night at 7:30.

Christian Church, Rev. B. H. Melton Pastor; services every Sunday, 11 a m. 7:00 p m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night. Sunday School at 9:30 o'clock,

. m., Geo. Hackney, Supt. Presbyterian Church, Rev. James Thomas, Pastor; services on the First, Third and Fourth Sunday in every month and at Louisburg Second Sunday. Services at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p.

m. Sunday School at 5 o'clock, p. m. Baptist Church, service as follows: Preaching Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock and 8 p. m. Rev. W. H. Redish Pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday School

at 5 p. m., D. S. Boykin Supt. Primitive Baptist Church, preaching on 2nd Sunday by Elder Jas. Bass; on 3rd Sunday by Elder Jas S. Woodard; on the 4th Sunday and Saturday before by the pastor, Elder P. D. Gold. Ser-

#### vices begin at 11 a. m.

LODGES. Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 117 A. F. & A. M. are held in their halt, corner of Nash and Golds boro streets on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights at 7:300'clock p. m. each month. C. E. Moore, W. M.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Chapter No. 27 are held in the Masonic Hall every 2nd Monday night at 7:30 o'clock p. m. each month.

W. H. Applewhite, H. P. Commandery No. 7 are held in the Masonic hall every 4th Monday night at 7:30 o'clock each month.

W. J. Boykin, E. C. Jr. O. U. A. M. Meeting every Monday night at 7 30 o'clock. I, O, O. F.

E. B. Mayo, Councellor. Regular meetings of Wilson Lodge K. of H. No. 1694 are held in their hall over the 1st National Bank every 1st

Thursday evening at 3:300'clock, p. m. B. F. Briggs, Director. Regular meetings of Contentnea Lodge, No. 87, K. of P., are held in Odd Fellows' Hall every Thursday night. Visiting members always wel-

Lodge, No. 44, are held every Frday-

night in Odd Fellows' Hall. POST OFFICE HOURS. Office opens 8 a m, and closes at sunset.

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## BLOUDLESS WAR.

Thus Far There Has Been No Clash of Arms.

SPANISH VESSELS CAPTURED

Our Warships Busily Engaged in Holding Up Merchantmen.

THE DAUNTLESS AIDS UNCLE SAM

Former Flilbustering Steamer Tows a Captured Schooner to Key West. Vessels of Our Fleet Chased an Itallan Man-of War, Belleving Her to Be a Spanish War Vessel, and the Sallors Were Anxious to Fight-The West Coast of Cuba Thoroughly Blockaded, But No Firing Has Been Indulged In Except to Hold Up Flee-

Key West, April 25.-The Associated Press dispatch boat Dauntless arrived in this harbor shortly before midnight having in tow the first sailing vessel prize of the campaign, the schooner Mathilde, of Havana, 60 tons, loaded with rum.

When the Dauntless left the main fleet under Rear Admiral Sampson at 3:15 o'clock on Saturday afternoon what seemed a thorough blockade of Havana had been successfully effected. The fleet range from eight to ten miles from the shore, along which they are extended for fully 20 miles in the foldowing order, running from west to east: Mayflower, Iowa, Newport, Detroit, Marblehead Indiana, New York and Wilmington, with the torpedo boat Porter attending the flagship.

Morro Castle and the city of Havana are in good view from the flagship with glasses, but the coast, as is always the case, is covered with haze. No news of what is occuring in the blockaued city has been obtained, and the newspaper men are equally in doubt as to the intentions of Rear Admiral Sampson and the United States government,

Soon after 9 o'clock Saturday morning the Amphitrite, Puritan, Cincinnati, Castine, Machias and three torpedo boats, after much interchange of signals, parted company with the flagship, sailing in a northeasterly direction, presumably to blockade Matanzas, Cardenas and Sagua la Grande.

The scene of the opening event of what may prove to be the prolonged hostilities between the governments of the United States and Spain was just off the coast of Cuba, at a point about ten miles east of Morro Castle. The shot was fired from the New York across the bow of the Spanish steamer Pedro, of Bilbao, outward bound from Havana. She hove to immediately, and in 'the course of an hour a prize crew from the flagship was on board her, and she was on her way to Key West. The capture of the Pedro occurred at 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon. A prize crew was placed on board and the Spanish flag hauled down. The Pedre is a vessel of 2,000 tons. She was towed to

While this was transpiring the outlines of another steamer were seen several miles to the westward. Dusk was gathering, and it was impossible at that distance to distinguish her nationality, but the New York put out for her as seen as she had cast loose the whaleboat containing the prize crew for the Pedro.

The New York then fired another blank shot of warning "heave to" in the direction of the second vessel sighted by the flagship, and upon gaining proper distance the New York fired a second she his time across the bows of the second steamer, and the latter hove to a puce. Upon investigation it was learned that she was a German steamer that had just left Havana and she was allowed to proceed.

The Pedro was taken to Key West. the New York returned to the remainder of the fleet and all the vessels lay to and drifted all night outside of Havana harbor. Torpedo boats and one of the cruisers did patrol duty in the vicinity of the fleet all night, but no vessel of any kind approached the men of war.

A third seizure occurred yesterday a few miles west of the entrance to Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Havana harbor. It was a small schooner, apparently a fishing craft, and she was captured by the Cincinnati. The cruiser towed her to the flagship, and her captain made a satisfactory explanation to Admiral Samp-

son, who released the vessel. The New York, with the torpedo boat Porter in c.ose attendance, was lying about eight or ten miles off Havana, when the smoke of a steamer was seen a few miles to the eastward. The flagship and the Porter started for her immediately, but when they drew near they found that she was the Italian man-of-war Giovanna Bausan, bound for Havana. The Italian ran the American colors up to his masthead and fired a rear admiral's salute of 15 guns, English education. At Vallodolid the it being the first salute Admiral Samp- train bearing Minister Woodford was son had received from a foreign war- attacked by a mob, several windows Regular meetings of Enterprise ship since his appointment to his present rank. The New York returned the salute, and as the firing occurred only train Mr. Woodford would probably a few miles off shore the incident probibly created consternation in Havana.

When the Giovanna Bausan was first sighted the excitement was terrific. The Cincinnati, the New York, the Marblehead and the Wilmington started in pursuit. The distance which separated the vessels rendered it impossible to make out the warship's identity. She was thought to be the Vizcaya or the Almirante Oquendo, heading hard for Havana. The men at the guns shouted with glee. The stokers off duty below cheered vociferously and begged to be allowed to go on deck to help shoot at the first armed enemy

When a man is suffering from an aching head—a sluggish body—when his muscles are lax and lazy-his brain dull and his stomach disdaining foodhe will, if wise heed these warnings, and resort to the right remedy, before it is too late. "PARKER'S SARSAPA-RILLA" the "KING OF BLOOD PURIFI-ERS," makes the appetite keen and hearty, invigorates the liver, purifies the blood and fills it with life giving elements of the food. It is a wenderful blood maker and flesh builder. Sold by B. W. Hargrave,

met. The othcers crowded on the quar-WAR NEWS OF THE WEEK. ter deck, as elated as the men, though First Shot of the War Was Fired by under better control. The bugler blew the Nashville.

"general quarters." All hands flew to their ports. Officers and men felt sure it was a Spanish warship, and the latter loudly expressed their disappointment when the truth became known. Shortly before noon yesterday the torpedo boat Porter captured a Spanish coasting schooner, Mathilde. She was loaded with barrels of rum, was sunk Ilmost to her rails, and the Porter had 1.uch difficulty in dragging the heavy schooner through the water, but she finally brought her prize alongside the flagship, and by this time she had hoisted the Stars and Stripes above the

The Dauntless was about ready to leave for Key West, and Admiral Sampson asked the dispatch boat to tow the prize to that port for him, which was done, a prize crew from the New York being placed on board the Mathilde. The prize crew sat on top of the schooner's cargo, each man ready with his rifle to prevent any attempt that might be made by the schooner's own crew to cut loose from the Dauntless.

Spanish flag at the Mathilde's mast-

It was an example of the grim irony of fate which gave to the most famous ex-filibuster the first opportunity to tow a Spanish prize to the United

Ensign Christy, with a crew of 16 from the cruiser Detroit and four from the flagship, brought into port yester. day afternoon the captured Spanish steamer Catalina, 3,491 tons, which left Cadiz March 7 and was bound from New Orleans for Barcelona via Havana, for which latter port she was making when taken. The Catalina was captured about 4 o'clock vesterday morning, 12 miles from Havana. She is carrying a cargo of 6,000 bundles of

The United States gunboat Helena captured the Spanish steamship Miguel Jover early yesterday morning. The Jover's cargo is composed of cotton and staves. The prize is estimated to value \$400,000, her cargo alone being worth \$150,000.

have just reached this port from the United States fleet the port of Havana is blockaded, but otherwise the situation is unchanged. Contrary to reports previously received, not a shot has been fired by either side.

#### WITH THE FLYING SQUADRON.

The Minneapolis and Columbia Off to Sea on a Secret Errand. Fort Monroe, Va., April 25 .- For strategic purposes and for protection of information that might be of value to the enemy, Commodore Schley, of the flying squadron, has established a practical censorship over those in his command relative to the divulging of the reason for any movement made or to be made by the squadron or individual ships of the squadron. To more fully carry out that plan of protec tion to government interests, only commanding officers are made aware of such movements, and the responsibil-

ity is thus minimized. The conjectures as to the object for which Commodore Schley ordered the Minneapolis and Columbia to sea Saturday night are many. Protection of the steamship Paris, assistance to the battleship Oregon, capture of Spanish gunboats and convoy for the transport Panther, now at Hampton Roads, are some of them. The latter theory is partially discredited because the Panther, with her human freight of nearly 700 officers and marines, lies in safety with the remaining ships of the squad ron off Fort Monroe, and evidently in no hurry to move. As a matter of fact the Panther itself has some protection. being pretty well armed with eight rapid fire guns, which could be used

The departure of the Columbia and Minneapolis created a great deal of excitement, but demonstrated in what fine condition all of the vessels of Commodore Schley's squadron are. From the time the signal was made on the flagship to the time the Minneapolis went by her on her way to sea was less than an hour, and the Columbia followed in a few minutes.

#### WOODFORD'S TRAIN ATTACKED.

Our Minister Protects His Secretary Against Hostile Spanlards.

Paris, April 23.-Stewart L. Woodford, the retiring United States minister to Spain, arrived here last evening. Before leaving Madrid an attempt was made by the Spanish police to arrest Mr. Moreno, Mr. Woodford's secretary, on the ground that he was a subject of Shain. Minister Woodford placed himself in the doorway of the compartment in which Mr. Moreno was traveling and told the Spaniards that they must assault him (Woodford) before reaching Moreno. Minister Woodford declared he had placed his secretary under the British flag. The Spaniards finally withdrew. Mr. Moreno was born at the Spanish penal colony at Ceuta, where his father had been sentenced to life exile for participating in a Republican uprising in Spain. He hates the Spanish monarchy, which he regards as the persecutor of his father. He is about 27 years old and is possessed of a splendid Spanish and being broken. But for the hard work of the civil guards accompanying the have been killed.

The New York's Sailors Enlist. New York, April 25.-The American line steamship New York arrived yesterday, but she brought neither passengers, mail or cargo. Her officers and crew at no time feared being intercepted by any Spanish war vessels. Out of the 420 officers and men comprising the crew of the vessel only seven refused to sign articles when requested to do so when they were paid off. The men signed articles for 12 months with the American line to sail "anywhere and everywhere, and no place in particular." The company agreed to pay a bonus of 50 per cent for good conduct, in addition to the regular wages, at the expiration of the contracts.

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## A FORMAL DECLARATION

ceived from England on Monday of last Of War Will Be Made by the Senate and House.

week stated that the torpedo boat Somers, recently purchased in Germany for this government, had met with another accident and was again laid up for repairs. In an interview at Rome Marquis Rudini, Italy's premier, announced that Italy would remain

Washington, April 25 .- A dispatch re-

It was stated on Tuesday at the war department that a call would probably be issued for 80,000 volunteers, and that members of the National Guards of the various states would be given the first opportunity to enlist. It was further stated that state organizations entering the volunteer service would remain intact, the governors of the states being permitted, as in 1861, to name the regimental officers. It was also announced that the naval plan of action would be to blockade Cuba, but not to bombard Havana. Stock speculators on Wall street asserted that there would be no war, and backed their investments accordingly.

Last Wednesday the portentious documents which plunge the United State; into war were signed by the president, These were the resolution which passed both branches of congress and the president's ultimatum to Spain. This ultimatum allowed Spain until Saturday to reply as to whether they would yield to the demands of this government. The "haughty Spaniard" has precipitated matters by refusing to accept the document. The resolution, which passed the senate by a vote of 43 to 35 (the nays being those who favored Cuban recognition) and the house by 310 to 6, demands that the government of Spain relinquish its authority in Cuba and withdraw its forces from the island. The resolution Cuba are, and of right ought to be, public was defeated, and this governisland. Senor Polo de Bernabe, the day. that the resolution was now the law of the land. These were promptly furnished, and the Spanish minister and the attaches of his legation left the city on Wednesday evening for Canada, where they now are.

On Thursday the fleet at Key West received orders to prepare for a blockade of Havana and other Cuban ports, and the work of preparation was rapidly proceeded with. Shortly after 6 o'clock Friday morning the fleet sailed away. There was a wildly patriotic demonstration in Havana Thursday night, and General Blanco made a speech to the people pledging himself to lead them to victory co die in the attempt to repel the Yankee invaders. The Holload submarine boat had a highly successful official test in Raritan bay. Hon. John Wanamaker tendered his services to the governor of Pennsylvania, agreeir,; to raise a regiment, General Woodford, our minister to Spain, left Madrid, the Spanish government refusing to accept President McKinley's ultimatum and presenting Mr. Woodford with his passports.

The first shot of the war was fired off Key West on Friday last, and it resulted in the capture of the Spanish steamship Buena Ventura, lumber laden, by the gunboat Nashville. The prize was towed to Key West and her crew of 28 were made prisoners of war. Captain Sampson, commanding the North Atlantic squadron, was promoted to the rank of rear admiral. It is understood, however, that the promotion is to last only during his present service, and it is made to avoid embarrassments in the near future. A permanent promotion would "jump" a number of deserving officers. which the navy department wishes to avoid. Captain Bradford, chief of the equipment division of the navy department, resigned his position in order to be place on a fighting ship. His wish will be gratified. F. Augustus Schermerhern, of New York, presented to the government, without compensation, his magnificent and speedy steam yacht Free Lance.

Another important event of Friday last was the issue by the government of an identical note to foreign governments announcing the blockade of Havana and other ports. The note also declares that this government will not resort to privateering.

The camp on Chickamagua battle field is rapidly filling up with troops of the regular army. The camp has been named by Commanding General Brooke camp George H. Thomas. The report that Fitzhugh Lee is to be mada major general of volunteers is hailed with delight by the soldiers and by citizens generally.

#### BRIEF ITEMS OF NEWS.

Spurgeon's Tabernacle at London was Pennsylvania's Democratic state convention will be held at Altoona on June

The death of ex-President Crespo, of Venezuela, in battle with rebels, is The government of Hayti has issued

an order forbidding the sale of coal to Ex-State Senator George Handy

yesterday, aged 62 years.

Pennsylvania's new capitol.

George Parsons Lathrop, the well known editor and author, died in New York last Tuesday, aged 46. Allen B. Rorke, of Philadelphia, has been awarded the contract for building

General Lew Wallace has given up his senatorial fight in Indiana, and will take a commission in the army. A tornado near Atlanta, Tex., killed Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and John Mc-Daffle and injured many persons.

Colonel Sir Vivian Majendie, C. B. chief inspector of explosives for Great Britain, died in London, aged 72. Mate Thomas Bram was convicted for the second time at Boston of the barkentine Herbert Fuller murders, but Relief in Six Hours.

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son, N. C.

Adopts Privateering in Fact But Not in Name.

THE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS.

President McKinley,s Proclamation Asks For a Hundred and Twentyfive Thousand Men to Fight Our Spanish Enemies.

Washington, April 25.-A resolution formally declaring war against Spain was introduced in the congress of the United States today. The decision to do so was reached after mature deliberation, in order to safeguard the interests. of the United States. All the arguments pro and con were discussed yesterday afternoon at the White House, at a conference at which President Mc-Kinley, Attorney General Griggs, Assistant Secretary Day and Senators Davis and Hale participated, and on its breaking up announcement was made that congress would be asked to declare what it is held already exists. This was the most important Washington development on the first war Sunday.

The president sent a message to congress today setting forth the facts in the case, and asking congress to formally declare war in order that there may be no misunderstanding on the part of other nations. The most important point in the message is the announcement that Spain has made formal reply to our ultimatum. The document is a formal acknowledgment by Spain and also an acceptance by that country of the ultimatum as a virtual declares further that "the people of | declaration of war. Congress is therefore asked to recognize this condition free and independent." The effort to of affairs, and to declare it to the force a recognition of the Cuban re- world, using Spain's concession as a reason for it. The resolution will probment disclaims desire to annex the ably be rushed through both houses to-

According to dispatch boats which Spanish minister here, demanded his Adjutant General Corbin and Secrerespecting arrangements for calling on for the quota of troops they are to furnish under the president's proclamation, issued Saturday, asking for 125,000 men. The number of men in each branch of the service, viz. infantry. cavalry and artillery, remains to be settled, besides many other matters of In the state, war and navy depart-

ments many of the officials were at their desks directing the execution of policies hereicfore determined upon. Neither Secretary Alger nor Secretary Long were on hand, but A listant Secretary Meikeljohn and Ass stant Secretary Roosevelt were on day of for several hours. Mr. Meise j ha has already received a large number of applications from newspapers to permit their representatives to accompany the aimy, but the number to be accorded the privilege will be limited.

The Spanish decree published in Madrid yesterday as to the attitude of that government regarding privateering and the question whether of not coal shall be held as contraband of war, was discussed by the state department

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt today announced that the government had purchased the steam vacht Allen for many others that have been acquired. is of light draught and excellently fitted for patrol duty in shallow waters. She is of 151 tons gross register, 119 feet long and 20 feet beam. She was built at Chester, Pa., and her home port is New York.

It was, said at the navy department that no additional information had been received of the movements of the Spanish fleets rendezvouzed at Cadiz and at the Cape de Verde Islands. Every step taken by these fleets is promptly reported to the department by the agents abroad. One officer explained that it was very necessary to receive with the greatest, caution reports of the movements of the Spanish ships, as Spain naturally will try in every way to mislead the United States.

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#### WAR TAXATION.

It Affects Wines, Beer, "Soft Drinks," Tobacco and Chewing Gum.

Washington, April 23.-The Republican members of the ways and means committee completed the war revenue measure yesterday and sent it to the printer. Several questions are still open. The bill as now prepared, it is estimated, will raise between \$95,000,000 and \$100,000,000 annually. The princiful decision made yesterday was the definite determination not to place a tax upon either railroad and other transportation tickets or petroleum. It was decided, however, to place a tax of one cent upon chewing gum and two and four cents upon mineral waters, ginger ale and foreign and native wines-two cents on pints and four cents on quarts. A tonnage tax, which is expected to raise \$2,500,000, is also incorporated in the bill. The addition of \$1 per barrel upon beer is expected to raise \$35,090,000. The doubling of the tobacco tax and the provision for a retail license of \$4.80 are expected to raise \$30,000,000, and the provisions of the stamp tax over \$30,000,000.

Will Russia Support Spain? St. Petersburg, April 25.-Emperor

Nicholas on Saturday granted an audiance to the Spanish ambassador, Duke de Tanames, and discussed with him the Cuban question at great length. A gestion. The cure begins with the first conference of the ambassadors of the dose. The relief it brings is marvelpowers on the subject of Cuba has been held at the foreign office, and well informed persons declare that Russia ure; never disappoints. No matter will support Spain.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought

WILL GRANT LETTERS OF MAROUE A Royal Decree Defines What Is Contraband of War and Gives American Vessels in Spanish Ports Thirty Days

in Which to Depart. Macaid, April 25 .- Spain adopts privateering in fact, but not in name. The reservation in the decree issued means very little, and what the cancellation of agreements with the United States means can well be appreciated, particularly by Americans remaining behind in Cuba and those who own prop-

A cabinet council was held yesterday afternoon, and afterward the following decree was gazetted:

"Diplomatic relations are broken off between Spain and the United States, and, the state of war being begun between the two countries, numerous questions of international law arise, which must be precisely defined, chiefly because the injustice and provocation came from our adversaries, and it is they who, by their detestable conduct, have caused this grave conflict."

The royal decree then says Spain maintains her right to have recourse to privateering, and announces that for the present only auxiliary cruisers will be fitted out. All treaties with the United States are annulled, 30 days are given to United States ships to leave Spanish ports, and the rules Spain will observe during the war are outlined in five clauses, covering neutral flags and goods, contraband of war, what will be considered a blockade, the right of search and what constitutes contraband of war, ending with saying foreign privateers will be regarded as pirates. Continuing the decree reads: have been in rough hands, but the pofidelity the principles of international of government. There is an opinion that the fact that we have not adhered to the declaration of Paris does not the principles therein enunciated. The

The government now considers it most indispensible to make absolute reserve on this point, in order to maintain our liberty of action and uncontested right to have recourse to privateering when we consider it ex-

principle Spain unquestionably refused

to admit then was the abolition of

The decree then proceeds to define articles that are contraband of war. declares that it will saue letters of marque, and "will at present confine itself to organizing, with the vessels of the mercantile marine, a force of auxiliary cruisers, which will co-operate with the navy, according to the needs of the campaign, and will be under naval control."

Urgent orders have been issued for the movement of various Spanish menof-war, and vigorous action is anticipated. Many French ship owners and not a few private Frenchmen have applied for letters of marque against the

United States. The cabinet council yesterday afternoon discussed the conduct of the war and the measures it is proposed to submit to the cortes. Senor Puigcerver minister of finance, will submit his projects tomorrow. Every occasion is being seized throughout the country for patriotic demonstrations, and the national colors are universally worn.

It is practically certain now that Senor Sagasta will remain in office until the cortes suspends its sittings, virtually because there are no statesmen who want to assume the heavy responsibility.

An official dispatch from Havana says: "The Italian man-of-war Glovanni Bausan has entered the port and been received with an ovation. Three suspected steamers showed themselves at nightfall."

A Wonderful Discovery. The last quarter of a century records many wonderful discoveries in medicine, but none that have accomplished more for ramanity than that sterling old household remedy, Browns' Iron Bitters. It seems to contain the very elements of good health, and neither man, woman or child can take it without deriving the greatest benefit. Browns' Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

Death of Senator Walthall. Washington, April 22.-Senator Ed ward C. Walthall, of Mississippi, died in his apartments at the Cairo last evening. His death was not unexpected, the end having been foreseen for several days. Senator Walthall's illness dated from January last, when he contracted a cold. In February he suffered from an attack of billious fever, and from this he never fully recovered. His last address in the senate was made on April 7, when he delivered a eulogy on his colleague, Senator George, in spite of protests of his physician. He was 66 years old, and had been a senator since 1885.

dving of consumption, left Denver last night, in the care of his family, for his home at Chicopee Falls, Mass.

Congres has granted the appeal of relinquished when she married an Englishman.

Robbers held up a Santa Fe train at Mojave river bridge, California, and rebbed the mail. Engineer Gifford was I fled and one robbed fatally shot. The I hole gang was captured after a chase.

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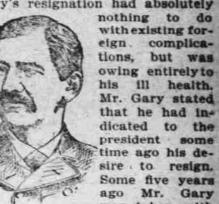
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OUR NEW CABINET OFFICIAL

Charles Emory Smith Succeeds Mr. Gary as Postmaster General. Washington, April 22.-The president vesterday sent to the senate the nomination of Charles Emory Smith, of Philadelphia, ex-minister to Russia, to be postmaster general in place of James A. Gary, resigned. The nomination was promptly confirmed. The senators from Pennsylvania were consulted before the

nomination was made. It is stated at the White House that Mr. Gary's resignation had absolutely



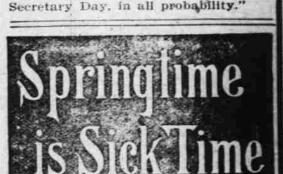
was taken with C. EMORY SMITH. a severe attack of Bright's disease of the kidneys, but he finally rallied, and it was thought he had fully recovered. Of late, however, the old symptoms have again returned, complicated with heart trouble. Recently he has had a number of sinking spells that have seriously alarmed his friends, and upon the insistent advice of his physician he

concluded to resign. He Is Opposed to War. Kansas City, Mo., April 23.-Thomas Collins, a shoemaker of Kansas City. objected to war between the United States and Spain, and when the announcement came that hostilities were to begin he closed his shop, hung crape on the door and posted this notice: "Closed in memory of a Christian nation that descends to the barbarity of war." In ten minutes a vast crowd had gathered, the door was burst in, and in another minute Collins would We have observed with the strictest lice rescued him and hurried him off

> a howling mob. New Bedford Strike Bee'ared Off. New Bedford, Mass., April 25 .- The Weavers' union voted yesterday to declare the strike off and return to work. The Speeder Tenders' union voted to stay away from the mills two weeks longer, or as long as the Carders' and Spinners' unions will give them support. The mill firemen, who did not go out when the present strike began, now talk of striking unless the 10 per

cent reduction is restored. Three Miners Asphyxlated. Cripple Creek, Colo., April 25,-Three men lost their lives in a fire yesterday in the Lendonderry mine, on Ironclad hill. The dead are W. H. Pine, mine superintendent, and J. W. Foster and J. P. Jones, miners. Jones and Foster were working at the bottom of the shaft; when the shaft house took fire. Pine went to their rescue, and the three

were asphyxiated. The bodies were re-Secretary Sherman to Resign. Washington, April 23 .- The Post says: There is every reason to believe that Secretary Sherman will resign from the cabinet within the next few days, - It is felt by the friends of the secretary that the present crisis is too severe a tax upon his failing strength, and for this reason he will retire to private life. His successor will be Assistant



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