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DISEASE WORSE THAN BATTLE.

The drain on Spain's armies set into Cuba has been terrible, for yellow fever, smallpox, dysentery and other diseases have swept them off by thousands.

lead armies over there to be killed by disease which can be kept off, and American soldiers are not going over there to die if they, by exercising ordinary prudence, can help it.

It may be noted that sickness and deaths from disease in the insurgent armies have out a very small figure, not altogether from the fact that the men in those armies are acclimated,

but because they exercise more care in their living and spend little time in the low country, outside of which the island is healthful enough, and it is those armies, with only so many American soldiers as may be deemed necessary, that will do the fighting when the coast towns are attacked, if it should be necessary to attack more than Havana.

MINOR MENTION.

There is doubtless truth in the report that the Queen Regent of Spain is appealing to the Powers to intervene in behalf of Spain, whether there be any truth in the report that the other Powers are making a movement in the direction of intervention.

W. H. Brunner, sanitary inspector of the U. S. Marine Hospital Service, who spent a considerable portion of last year in Cuba furnishes some interesting figures as to the diseases from which the Spanish armies in Cuba suffered, and the mortality that year.

In Havana the deaths from small pox among soldiers and civilians, from January 1897 to March, 1898, numbered 1,296.

There is something suggestive in these figures, suggestive of the worst kind of blundering management amounting to almost absolute indifference as to what befel the soldiers, and also of the palpable inefficiency of the army and other doctors who treated the sick.

business as planned by himself, and he didn't want to take the chances of being called off before his business was finished up.

He went far away from home to have any fooling done, by strategic boards or any other boards on the opposite side of the globe, and rather than take any chances of being hampered by wired orders, or boldly ignoring orders, he cut the cable, to be on the safe side.

Those who think the STAR has shot wide of the mark in its articles on the Cuban situation seem entirely forgetful of the fact that thus far not a single American soldier or sailor has been killed in battle; and the result shows that a man in the United States navy is safer there than he would be if pursuing the ordinary avocation of an American citizen.

THE SO-CALLED CONVENTIONS.

Two were held yesterday and went through the form of appointing delegates—Fusion With the Republicans Endorsed.

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SPLIT ALL TO PIECES. The Populist Political Pot "Biled" Over and Scattered the Crowd.

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A committee on credentials was appointed, all of whom, the Melton men said, were the opposing faction. The committee retired. In its report it seated delegates, with one or two exceptions belonging to the King faction.

Here there was somewhat of a lull in the storm, and J. W. Taylor, Capt. R. B. Davis, S. J. Bryan, Capt. S. W. Noble, and W. L. Sharp were appointed a committee on platform and resolutions.

With a population of 300,000, the city of Manila is no snide of a town. It will with its fine harbor make a very comfortable resting place and coaling station for our ships, and we need something of that kind on that side.

One of the Spanish solons in the Cortes suggests that the Philippines be traded off for help that Spain needs. Too late, Spain couldn't give a title now. Dewey has possession and that is nine points in the game.

HON. JAS. A. LOCKHART. He Writes a Patriotic Letter Announcing That He is Not a Candidate For Congress.

The following letter to Mr. Boylin, editor of the Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer, will be printed in the issue of that paper for the current week.

DEAR BOYLIN—You and other good friends have advocated my candidacy for Congress by the next Democratic convention in this district. My cordial thanks are extended to all the friends for their kindness in this matter.

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C. F. & Y. V. RAILROAD. U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals Confirms Judge Simonton's Decree—The Road Must be Sold as a Whole.

The opinion of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad case is a lengthy document covering 19 closely printed pages. It is merely confirmatory of Judge C. H. Simonton's decree for the sale of the road as an entirety, which when it was handed down was printed in the STAR, and as it quotes at length from the same opinion it is not considered necessary to give it in full.

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NAVAL BATTLE IS IMMINENT. Sampson's Squadron and Spanish Warships are Drawing Near Each Other.

Rumors of an Engagement Between Cruiser Montgomery and a Spanish Frigate—Spanish Fleet Reported at Porto Rico.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, May 8.—The United States cruiser Montgomery, Commander G. A. Converse, is supposed to have been engaged with a much larger Spanish cruiser last night, northwest of Cape Haytien, a seaport town of Hayti, on its north coast, ninety miles north of Port au Prince.

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ADDITIONAL DETAILS. British Accounts of the Naval Engagement in the Bay at Manila—Bravery of the Spaniards.

LONDON, May 9.—The Hong Kong correspondent of the Daily Mail gives the following additional details: "There was an act of treachery on the part of a Spanish brig which lowered the flag and then fired at a boat's crew sent to take possession of her.

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