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NEGLECT

ruins more watches and clocks than anything else. Some people think because a watch or clock runs and keeps time it doesn't need a jeweler's attention—that is why so many are ruined. A watch should be thoroughly cleaned and oiled every year, a clock every two years. Don't wait for them to stop, but have them cleaned regularly and save the price of your time piece. Bring them to us—we will repair and clean them—quick, thoroughly and accurately.

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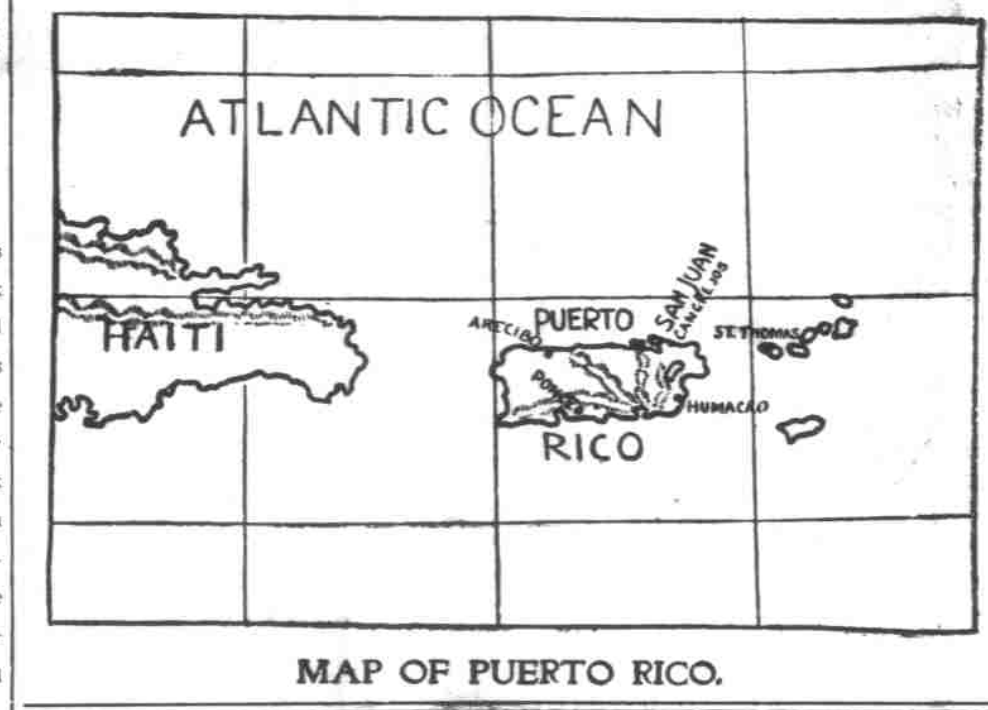
A FIGHT ON PORTO RICAN SOIL.

The President Has Nothing Directly From Gen. Miles.

But a Landing Was Made on the South Coast.

MORE TROOPS GETTING READY TO ACT AS REINFORCEMENTS.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., July 26.—The United States troops, under command of Major General Nelson A. Miles, were landing yesterday on the island of Porto Rico, near Ponce, on the south coast. HAD A FIGHT. (Copyright, 1898, by Associated Press.) PORT GUANICA ISLAND, Off Porto Rico, July 25, via St. Thomas, July 26.—The United States military expedition, which left Guantanamo Thursday,



MAP OF PUERTO RICO.

landed here successfully today after a skirmish with the Spanish troops. No Americans were killed. The skirmish occurred between a detachment of the Spanish army and a crew of 39 belonging to a launch from the auxiliary cruiser Gloucester. Four Spaniards were killed and no Americans hurt. Our troops pushed forward promptly to effect the capture of the railroad leading to Ponce, which is only 10 miles from here.

HAVEN'T HEARD. WASHINGTON, July 26.—When the cabinet assembled at 11 o'clock today Secretaries Alger and Long both announced that they had received no dispatches from the Porto Rico expedition. Alger, especially, was expected to hear from Miles, and was much disappointed because no word had come from him. The reports which have been transmitted have been by the Associated Press.

Long was also keenly expectant of advice from that quarter. The War Department did not expect to hear of Miles' landing near Ponce, the point mentioned in the newspaper dispatches, but admitted that Miles was master of his own movements, and it is entirely conceivable that he acquired information since the original plans were formed for the campaign against Porto Rico that led him to modify them at the moment when they were to be put into execution. While the distance from Ponce to San Juan is much greater than from the point originally selected for the landing, there is, according to military charts, a splendid 14-foot macadamized road leading directly across the island to San Juan. Such a road as this would be very little affected by the torrential rains of this season; so it might be possible for our troops, accompanied, as they will be, by light artillery to make the march across 70 miles between Ponce and San Juan in less time than would be required to cover a much shorter distance between the capital and some points named as a landing place.

WATSON'S SQUADRON. Referring to the expedition of Watson to the Spanish coast Long said there was nothing new with regard to the projection.

"It is surely going, is not?" he was asked. "It is waiting orders from the President," was the reply. Long, however, noticeably refrained from directly answering the question. Day stated there had been no change in the peace outlook, and so far as he knew, the administration had no information of the reported peace note the Spanish are quoted as framing. He said there had been no overtures for peace brought to his attention.

CHICKAMAUGA, July 26.—The third brigade, Third division, First corps, is expected to leave Camp Thomas tomorrow for Newport News. This brigade is commanded by Brigadier General Fred Grant and is composed of the First Kentucky, the Third Kentucky and the Fifth Illinois. The brigade will be accompanied by the Third battalion, Sixteenth Pennsylvania, which arrived after the departure of its regiment for Porto Rico.

Hobson's Choice. NOBLESVILLE, Ind., July 26.—Miss Lettie Cook is visiting friends near this city. She is from Oswego, Kan., and it is an open secret that she is to marry Lieut. Hobson of Merimac fame. Miss Cook met the Lieutenant at a wedding in Norfolk, Va., several months ago.

William Did Not Write. BERLIN, July 25.—It is semi-officially announced that there is no foundation for the report that Dr. von Holleben, German ambassador at Washington, presented to President McKinley a personal letter from Emperor William.

TO FLOAT THE COLON.

It Will be Done if Hurricanes Do Not Prevent.

NEW YORK, July 26.—Lieutenant Hobson announces that the Merritt & Chapman Wrecking and Dry Dock company had consented to undertake the recovery of the Cristobal Colon and was making every effort to begin the work as soon as possible. "The difficulty of saving the Colon," he said, "lies in the complete submergence, upon her beam end, of a steamer of 7000 tons. Only a short portion of her stem is clear of water, which fills her whole interior. Her sea valves are opened and her sides are in a few places perforated by shells. The beach upon which she lies is exceedingly shelving, forming part in fact of the mountain which rises out of the sea. In short, all the conditions are present which render the righting and raising of the ship an engineering feat of large proportions. At the same time it is simple and quite feasible.

"We will run pontoons alongside of the Colon, submerge them and after chains under the bottom of the ship have been fastened to the pontoons and tightened, the pontoons will be pumped out. At the same time we will use air pumps in trying to force the water out of her air chambers and water tight compartments. If many of these compartments are found to be in good condition this combined force from the outside and inside will be sufficient to raise the Colon several feet. If they are not sufficient, then air bags will be put in her hold and inflated by compressed air. Every time the ship is raised a few feet from the bottom she will be towed far-

SPAIN'S SITUATION IS VERY CRITICAL.

A Spark May Yet Set the Nation on Fire.

Some Indifference as a Matter of Habit.

THE QUEEN MUST MAKE PEACE OR SEE THE DYNASTY FALL.

NEW YORK, July 26.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Paris says: "The cast iron severity of the Spanish censorship prevents the exact situation at Madrid being disclosed except through private channels. Any newspaper correspondents suspected of even hinting at the true state of affairs would be imprisoned or expelled. Grave importance attaches to a Madrid letter of Saturday's date received here today by a French diplomatist well known on both sides of the Atlantic. The following is a summary of the contents:

"The situation is far more critical than at any previous time since the war began. On the surface the habitual indifference of all classes of people to the national disasters continues. Social entertainments, amusements and all lights go on as merry as ever, but this is merely superficial. The slightest incident may at any moment precipitate a crisis and plunge the country into a revolution.

"The news which was received here Thursday of the postponement of the departure of Watson's squadron is regarded as a definite abandonment of the entire cause. Today the entire artillery force of the garrison of Madrid is openly hostile to the government, and if ordered to fire on the people would certainly refuse to do so. Several infantry regiments, when emergency arises, are also ready to follow the example of the artillery.

"The disaffection in the army increases day by day. Officers of every grade accuse the ministry of incapacity in conducting the war and charge them, above all, with criminal neglect in failing to supply the Santiago force with food and ammunition.

"Not a day passes without the emperor of Austria exerting a strong personal influence with the Queen Regent, advising her to make peace, no matter what the sacrifice; for, in his opinion, the only salvation of the dynasty depends upon her ability to do so.

"In spite of the explicit official denial of the emperor's attitude, an alarming pace in Cordova, Valencia, Murcia and Hulva. The socialist populace of Cartagena is kept in check only by the soldiers and sailors of the arsenal and Camara's fleet."

LABOR DAY.

Central Labor Union Will Make it a Great Occasion.

Central Labor union has started out early with the intention of making Labor day, September 5, a huge success. It will be remembered that last year the floats were a big feature of Labor day, and there is a strong determination to excel even that creditable exhibition. A great track will be built and a ground for the proposed sports will be arranged. An effort will be made to secure reduced rates so that a great many people outside the city may attend at small expense. To attend to this matter a transportation committee has been appointed, composed of George S. Powell, W. W. West, E. L. Henry and W. C. Frank.

312 MEN LOST.

The Dead and Wounded of the Santiago Campaign.

NEW YORK, July 26.—General Shafter's detailed report of the American casualties around Santiago has been received by the War Department. Total number of casualties, 1598. The American losses were: Killed, 23 officers; 208 enlisted men; wounded, 80 officers; 1203 enlisted men; missing, 81 men. A great track will be built and a ground for the proposed sports will be arranged. An effort will be made to secure reduced rates so that a great many people outside the city may attend at small expense. To attend to this matter a transportation committee has been appointed, composed of George S. Powell, W. W. West, E. L. Henry and W. C. Frank.

A GREAT YIELD.

More Than 35 Bushels of Wheat to the Acre.

The threshers visited T. C. Brown's farm a few miles west of Asheville yesterday, and when they had completed their work it was found that the four acres of wheat had yielded on an average 35 bushels and a peck to the acre. Mr. Brown said the yield would have been 40 bushels but for the fact that, in his seed to make a wheat record, he got the land a little too rich. He wants to hear from anybody who can beat this yield.

Cotton Futures.

NEW YORK, July 26.—Futures opened quiet August, 5.76; September, 5.76; October, 5.82; November, 5.86; December, 5.89; January, 5.92; February, 5.96; March, 6.00; April, 6.04; May, 6.08.

SECOND EDITION—4:30 P. M. NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE NOW ON.

This is the Latest News From Washington.

Source of Rumor Not Definitely Known.

IT IS BELIEVED, HOWEVER, TO BE GENUINE.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—4 p. m.—There is reason to believe that at last initial steps have been taken in opening negotiations for peace. It is impossible to learn any details at this moment or to obtain confirmation.

A COMPASS FOR SCHLEY.

Sailors Show Their Affection by Giving Him a Relief.

OFF SANTIAGO DE CUBA, July 26.—A boat's crew, with diving apparatus, was sent from the Brooklyn today to examine the wreck of the Infanta Maria Teresa. Among the terrible wreckage made by the big guns and the exploded magazines they found a standard compass by which the ship was steered, and which had tumbled down with the bridge. It was a heavy thing, but they brought it over, and by permission of Captain Cook, presented it to Commodore Schley.

It is an interesting sight to see these sea-men, bubbling over with affection for the commander, moving on the quarterdeck where the commander was reading. One of the men, representing the entire crew, and two men following him and carrying the compass, stepped close to the commodore, and then the spokesman said: "Sir, the crew would like to make you a present."

"Schley was on his feet in a second, his eyeglasses in his hand and his paper on the deck. The spokesman hesitated. "Well, my men," said the commodore, with an encouraging smile, and the spokesman continued: "We found this compass on the Spanish admiral's ship, and we thought we would like to give it to you to remember how you whipped them."

"Well, my men," said the commodore, with a tremor in his voice, "I am much obliged to you, but the great credit of that victory belongs to you boys—the men behind the guns. Without you no laurels would come to our country. Thank you."

There was a hearty cheer from the men, and then Gunner's Mate Donnelly said: "We hope, sir, you'll steer a straighter course than the other fellow who owned it."

SUPERIOR COURT.

Mat. Rankin Gets \$15 Damages in a Compromise.

The trial of the land suit of W. G. Candler vs. J. T. Sawyer, in the Superior court, resulted in a verdict in the plaintiff's favor. The attorneys in the case were: Davidson & Jones and Carter & Weaver for the plaintiff; Martin & Webb and J. M. Gudger, Jr. for the defendant.

The case of T. D. Scarborough vs. Southern Railway company was heard. The plaintiff sued for the value of a horse killed on the railroad near Rock Mountain. Locke Craig represented the plaintiff, while Tucker & Murphy represented the defendant. In the suit of Mat. Rankin vs. J. E. Rankin, receiver of the Asheville Street Railroad company, there was a compromise. Mat. sued for \$500 damages, alleging that she was thrown violently from her seat in a trolley car when the vehicle was derailed about two years ago. Thomas & Wells were her counsel. The compromise is for damages in the sum of \$15.

A. J. Cooper vs. J. E. De Case involved \$13.50, alleged to be due for timber. The jury gave a verdict for the defendant. H. Merrimon represented the plaintiff, while J. N. Rogers represented the defendant.

Ungrateful Client.

From the Boston Herald. The two New York lawyers who charged a client \$489 for collecting \$5000 seemed to have overvalued their services for the supreme court ordered the return of the greater part of the fee. The objection of the client to receive \$141 out of \$500 was perhaps ungrateful, but some people make it a rule to kick at doctors' and lawyers' bills.

FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

It is stated that the hay crop this year will be very fine.

Sharp earthquake shocks were felt Sunday in various parts of Chile. A general arbitration treaty has been signed between Italy and the Argentine Republic. Levi Z. Letter borrowed \$2,000,000 in Chicago to aid in paying the debts his son contracted in his famous wheat deal.

Lewis Warner, accused of embezzling \$640,000 from banks in Northampton, Mass., was arrested in Louisville and confessed. The Prince of Wales having broken his knee cap has been compelled to abandon his customary visit to German watering places. Charles Warren Spalding, the bank defaulter who is serving a term in Joliet penitentiary, was married to the typewriter upon whom he had lavished his money. A call has been issued for a national conference at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., on August 19 and 20 to discuss the future policy of this country with reference to expansion. The Regent of Lippe-Deimold has made formal complaint to the Bundesrath of the slight alleged to have been put upon him by Emperor William and the constitution of the German empire is said to be menaced.

HOLGUIN WILL NEXT SURRENDER.

This Important Point Cannot Long Hold Out.

Faithless Spaniards Sink One of Our War Prizes.

NO FLEET READY OR FIT TO BE SENT TO SPAIN AT PRESENT.

SANTIAGO, July 26.—The First United States Infantry under Col. Bibebe went to Guantanamo yesterday to occupy that place. Shafter and his staff left yesterday for Camp Wood. The military governor, Gen. Wood, remains here. Company F, Thirty-third Michigan volunteers, will publish, with Shafter's consent, the first American paper published in Cuba. It is edited and printed by members of the company and bears the title "Company F Enterprise."

WILL CAPTURE HOLGUIN.

GUANTANAMO BAY, Santiago, July 26.—The Spaniards sunk the Spanish gunboat Sandoval which has been lying near Calmanera. This is looked upon as a gross breach of the terms of surrender, which these Spaniards had knowledge of. It is difficult to see how the large body of Spanish troops at Holguin can fail to surrender soon although reinforced by the Spanish forces at Gibralta.

Holguin is one of the commanding points in eastern Cuba, and the surrender of its garrison will be an important event in the war. News from there is expected shortly. The main body of the fleet is here cleaning up. The Texas will leave for New York shortly to undergo repairs. The movements of the other ships under Sampson's command depend upon the decision of the authorities at Washington, and the impression is growing among naval officers of high rank in these waters that it is not advisable to send a fleet to Spain without previously enabling the ships to undergo thorough preparation.

COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.

Mat Rankin Receives a Provisional Sentence.

In the county Circuit court this morning Mat Rankin, whose prominence in criminal annals dates back many moons, was sentenced to three months in jail, provided she does not leave the State by the expiration of the present term of court.

James Sweeney is being tried on a charge of having stolen a clock and a number of keys which were the property of the Orange street graded school. A true bill was this morning found against P. H. Thrash, alleging assault with a deadly weapon upon Chief of Police James.

KILLED IN BAKERSVILLE.

Town Marshal Young Shoots Chris. Conley.

MARION, July 24.—News has just been received here of the killing of Chris Conley, which occurred yesterday at Bakersville. Bob Young shot and instantly killed Conley, and Young also was fatally wounded. I learn that a woman is connected with the affair. Young was the town marshal of Bakersville.—Charlotte Observer.

SENATOR KENNEY'S CASE.

He Gets Off on a Mistrial—Jury Discharged.

WILMINGTON, Del., July 26.—After having been locked up since last Friday, the jury in the case of United States Senator Richard R. Kenney, charged with aiding and abetting in the looting of the First National bank of Dover, last night was still unable to agree upon a verdict and was discharged.

GET A SAFE CONDUCT.

Two Ships at Cadiz to Come Over for Prisoners.

GIBRALTAR, July 26.—According to instructions received from Washington, the United States consular agent here has issued safe conducts to the Spanish steamers Isla de Luzon and Isla de Panay, now at Cadiz, to proceed to Santiago and return to Spain with the surrender Spanish troops.

GET IN LINE LADIES. And wear one of our ARMY AND NAVY. BELT BUCKLES. ARTHUR M. FIELD, Leading Jeweler, ASHEVILLE, North Carolina.

All Cannot

Go to Porto Rico with General Miles and his splendid army, neither can we accompany Watson or Schley with their victorious fleet to the coast of Spain, but we can all buy our drugs, medicines, paints, oils and glass at Dr. T. C. Smith's Drug Store—he has the stock on hand in quantity and quality to meet every demand made on him by the surrounding country—ten years in the drug business at Asheville has been time enough to inform wide awake people of the benefits within their reach at this large and well equipped temple of health on Monument Square.

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