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THE GOVERNMENT RUSHING DEFENSIVE PREPARATIONS

Looking After New Warships and Hastening Repairs on Old Ones-Enlisting Troops and Testing Guns--Tranc-Atlantic Steamers and Lake Whalebacks to be Turned into Warships--England and Japan Seeking Alliance With Our Government.

Washington, March 10.—The United States government has not yet acquired a single additional ship for the navy. This is true, not because of the lack of offers of warships from abroad, but simply for the reason that the navy department is proceeding with all of the circumspection consistent with the needs of the case in looking after the qualities and prices of the craft.

Lieutenant Niblack, the United states naval attachee at Berlin, St. Petersburg and Vienna, is particularly active in the quest for vessels. There was a good deal of talk during the day about the assignment of officers to the command of auxiliary cruisers, the St. Paul and St. Louis being specially mentioned, but Secretary Long set these theories at rest by the statement that he had not made any such assignment and had only progressed to the point of informing himself of the possibility of getting the ships officered and manned quickly.

While looking after new ships the officials of the navy department are not neglecting the old vessels, and arrangements have been made to make short repairs on several ships, that in the ordinary course would not be treated in that fashion, but would receive a thorough and time-consuming overhauling. Thus, in the case of the Philadelphia, which has had five years hard work and has never yet been done over, as is the custom, orders have gone to Mare Island to put her in shape for sea within forty days. The Yorktown at the same island is not to be touched at present, not only because she is in fair condition, but also because she is not so formidable a craft as to make it desirable to divert to her repair attention required elsewhere. At Norfolk the Newark is set down for thirty days repairs, and as a good deal of work has already been done on her she will be almost a new ship when she comes out of the yard. The big monitor Puritan has practically completed her repairs. The monitor Comanche at Mare Island has been examined and found in tolerable condition. At League Island the monitor Miantonomoh and the ram Katahdin went into commission today, although they have not yet had their orders. They probably will remain in the Delaware river or drop into the bay. The torpedo boat Dupont sailed today from Mobile to attach herself again to the flotilla at Key West.

NOTHING FROM THE COURT.

Again it was said at the navy department that nothing had been heard from the court of inquiry at Havana nor from Admiral Sicard at Key West.

The presence in the city of several persons connected with steamship lines and steel works led to the circulation of a number of sensational stories during the day, but perhaps none of these had the peculiarity of one that found currency at the capitol until it met a summarily denial at the hands of Assistant Secretary Day, to the effect that Minister Woodford had notified the Spanish government that the president intended to send to congress a message announcing his recognition of Cuban independence.

Commander Hawley left Washington this evening for the south with Chief Webster and Surgeon Persons to enlist machinists for the navy.

TO ARM MERCHANT VESSELS.

A conference was held at 3 o'clock in the office of Assistant Secretary Roosevelt to map out plans for arming and equipping merchant vessels as auxiliary cruisers. Mr. Roosevelt presided and others present were Captain Crowninshield, of the bureau of navigation; Captain O'Neil, of the bureau of ordnance; Chief Hichborn, of the bureau of construction, and Commander Bradford, of the bureau of yards and docks. This meeting had been preceded by a call from President Griscol of the International Navigation Company which owns the ships St. Louis, St. Paul, Paris and New York. The meeting brought out a general discussion of the work the various bureaus would be called upon to perform in making these and other vessels ready as auxiliary cruisers. About 95 per cent. of this work would fall to the lot of the bureau of construction which would have charge of installing magazines, gun-mounts, light protective armor for the guns and magazines; and the circles on which the guns swing. This work, it is said, could be accomplished readily within two weeks time, as all materials, except the guns are in hand. The bureau of ordnance could not supply all the guns required within the short time, although some seventy or more are now available. The supply would be adequate, however, for the most effective auxiliary cruisers and the complete armament of the merchantships could proceed as rapidly as possible thereafter. On the question of manning the auxiliary fleet, the navy department feels that the most effective step would be to enlist into the United States naval service the present merchant crews of the several ships. These crews are thoroughly familiar with the vessels and could handle them with far greater effect than green crews of blue-jackets. The ships would be officered from the line of the regular navy. In the case of enlisting a merchant crew the pay and allowance would be about equivalent to the rates paid ordinary sailors and the time of enlisment doubtless would be limited to short periods.

The proposed batteries for the auxiliary cruisers consist in the case of the steamships St. Louis of eight 6-inch guns, four 6-pounders and four machine guns; the Paris and New York, twelve 6-inch; six 6-pounders and six machine guns. It is designed to give vessels of the Caracas and Seneca type a main battery of eight 4-inch guns and from six to eight rapid-fire machine-guns. Those of the Vigilance class are designed to have a main battery of six 5-inch and four 4-inch guns, four 1-pounders and three machine guns. The batteries of the auxiliary cruisers on the Pacific coast, if those should be called in use, are substantially similar, 6-inch guns being the largest ones designed for use in that service.

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A PLENTY OF TORPEDOES.

The navy department finds itself in comparatively good condition as to the supply of automobile torpedoes, which constitute one of the most deadly engines of the naval construction. The Whitehead torpedo is now in general use, although a few of the Howell class are still on hand. Fifty of the Whitehead torpedoes were secured a short time ago, and with these there is a total of about 350 on hand. This gives not only a full outfit for vessels now in commission, but also the necessary reserve supply.

THE SPANISH MINISTER ARRIVES

The new Spanish minister, Senor Polo y Bernabe, arrived here early today. He was met at the station by Senor du Bosc, the Spanish charge d'affaires, and other Spanish officials, who gave him a cordial welcome and escorted him to the legation. Later, Senor du Bosc called at the state department and arranged to present Senor Polo at 11:45 o'clock tomorrow morning.

It is realized at the state department that the lot of the American consuls in Cuba is a very hard one; it has been difficult for many months and is no better now. Still the department is gratified at the manner in which these officers have discharged their duties and remained by their posts. So far as can be learned at the state department, none of them has resigned and stories to the contrary probably found their origin in the fact that one consul whose health had broken down, has applied for a leave of absence and it was granted.

THE COURT OF INQUIRY.

Havana, March 10.—The United States naval court of inquiry into the loss of the battleship Maine is quietly continuing its work and its members are as secretive as usual. So far as can be judged, there have been no important developments recently.

The officers of the Montgomery pay and receive the usual courtesies here, visiting the Spanish admiral and other Spanish officers, who return the visits of the American officers. Captain Converse, of the Montgomery, in company with Consul-General Lee, called on Captain General Blanco today and were received cordially and courteously.

THE COURT ABOUT DONE ITS WORK.

Key West, Fla., March 10.—The United States dispatch boat Fern arrived here this morning from Havana. She brought the Maine silverware and sixty rifles recovered from the wreck. Mr. Bissell, stenographer of the court of inquiry was also on board. Both official stenographers have now left the court, and it has only a temporary clerk. This leads many here to think that its work is practically done and that it will return to Key West by or before Saturday. The Fern coaled, and the provisions for the starving Cubans were then put on board. She is scheduled to sail for Matanzas tomorrow. The Marblehead will go from the Tortugas to Tampa, where it is reported she will take on additional ammunition. The British cruiser Cordelia coaled today.

Havana, March 10.—The Anita had on board Senator Gallinger, Senator Thurston and Mrs. Thurston, Senator Money, with his father, mother and sister; Congressman Cummings, Congressman Smith, Mrs. Eva Valesh and Herbert J. Browne. The party breakfasted at the hotel Pasaje. Consul General Lee called about noon. Arrangements are being made for courtesy calls upon Captain General Blanco and the other Spanish officials.

Next Thursday there will be an influential gathering at the palace, under the chairmanship of General Blanco, to promote the purchase of a warship to be called the Island of Cuba.

On Sunday night a dynamite bomb destroyed a railway culvert near Esperanza, province of Santa Clara.

TORPEDO BOATS WANTED AT ONCE.

Baltimore, March 10.—The torpedo boats being built by the Columbian Iron Works are wanted by the government at once. Mayor Malster, who is president of the company, received a telegram from the navy department today saying that the Rodgers must be turned over within a week; that the McKee must be ready within thirty days and that work on the sub-marine boat Plunger should be pushed as rapidly as possible.

WARSHIPS PLACED IN COMMISSION.

Philadelphia, March 10.—The monitor Miantonomah and the ram Katahdin were placed in commission at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the League Island navy-yard. The Miantonomah was commended by Captain Mortimer L. Johnson, and the Katahdin by Captain George F. F. Wilde. Sixty-one seamen arrived at the yard for the two ironclads, eleven from Boston for the Miantonomah and fifty from New York for the Katahdin. They went aboard their respective vessels immediately. Ammunition will be placed on these ships immediately but it is not know how soon they will sail.

EXTRA HELP AT NAVY YARDS.

This was the busiest day the navy-yard has experienced since the present activity was inaugurated. The regular force of the navy-yard proved inadequate for the work on hand and sixty men were sent there from Cramps ship yard. These included machinists, shipwrights, blacksmiths and other artisans.

New York, March 10.—Several hundred extra mechanics are employed at the Brooklyn navy-yard. The dispatch boat Dolphin has a swarm of painters and about 100 mechanics rushing work upon her. Much work is being done on the cruisers Chicago and Atlanta. Work on the torpedo boat Stilleto will be completed by the end of the week, when she will be ready for sea.

POWERFUL RAPID-FIRE GUNS.

A test was made today of one of a consignment of rapid-fire guns just received from the Colt factory at Hartford. It is known as the six millimetre rapid-fire automatic Colt, and is capable of firing 200 shots a minute with a range of 2,000 yards. The test proved that the bullet would pass through a steel plate ⅜ of an inch thick, two sides of a coil of pipe, 20 inches of wood backing and another steel plate of ⅜ of an inch in thickness. These guns, of which ten have arrived, will be used along the rail of vessels against torpedo boats and also in the fighting top.

A large quantity of ammunition for use in the rapid-fire guns arrived at the yard today.

ENGLAND OUR ALLY.

London, March 10.—Mr. Ronald Munro-Ferguson, liberal, asked the parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, Mr. Curzon, in the house of commons today, whether there is any truth in the reports that communications on the Cuban question have been exchanged between the British ambassador at Washington, Sir Julian Pauncefote, and the government of the United States.

Mr. Curzon said that no communication had been exchanged.

Hon. Hubert Valentine Duncombe, conservative, gave notice that he would ask Mr. Curzon whether, with the view of recognizing the identity of the interests of all English-speaking peoples, her majesty's government will consider the advisability of placing the services of the British fleet at the disposal of the United States, in the event of complications between the United States and any foreign power.

The question, however, was not put. Relative to the withdrawal of his question, Mr. Duncombe said:

"After consultation with my friends, I decided that the exact form of the question made it inopportune to put it. It was framed, owing to the widely held opinion in the house of commons that it is high time the foreign powers should be told in unmistakable terms that any blow struck at either Great Britain or the United States was equally a blow at the other. I was profoundly convinced of this today. Many more members than I supposed would do so, came to me in order to say they heartily endorsed my question. I am convinced the government would have decered to answer my proposed question affirmatively and would have done so had it not involved, other considerations, beside expressing what I believe the present government sincerely holds—that in the face of foreign complications the interests in the future of Great Britain and the United States are inseparably entwined. Today's expression and endorsement we will eventuate so soon as we can frame the question in the exact terms which clearly express the feeling of the house of commons—that any trouble threatening the United States will be shared by Great Britain."

Other members of the house of commons who were interviewed on the same subject all spoke in a similar strain.

The New York correspondent of The Daily Telegraph says: "I have it on the highest authority that a triple alliance between Great Britain, the United States and Japan is pending."

SLOW WORK ON THE WRECK.

Havana, March 10.—Captain Sampson, who has been exposed to the sun while on the wreck lately, is somewhat in disposed today, but the doctor on the Montgomery says he has no apprehension of a serious illness.

The Spanish divers avoid the noonday heat, working in the morning and evening. Two divers were examined by the American court of inquiry today as to their recent observations at the wreck.

The work of wreckage appears very slow. If any real progress is made it is scarcely apparent from day to day. Still, it is hoped that when the upper debris has been removed to the barge more bodies will be recovered. It may be, however, that the last body remaining a shape recognizable as human has been removed from the Maine.

Chaplain Chadwick today, from descriptions in enlistment papers, identified two bodies that were buried at Colon cemetery together some days ago as those of Joseph I. Gordon and Johnson, both colored.

The officers and men of the Montgomery are still refused shore leave. They devote much time to drill and settling up exercises, the latter exciting, much interest, especially to the sailors on the Spanish ships, where the tactics are quite different.

Consul-General Lee called today on Commander Converse, of the Montgomery. The congressional tourist are likely to remain ten days or a fortnight, as the health regulations would prevent an earlier departure even if desired. Ten o'clock tomorrow has been fixed as the time for the call of ceremony on General Blanco. There is official authority for the statement that the Spanish court of inquiry will make its decisions public as soon as reached.

WHAT SENATOR PROCTOR SAW.

Havana, via Tampa, March 10.—(Delayed in transmission.) Senator Proctor, before leaving for Key West, by the Olivette today, after what he calls "a most profitable two weeks in Cuba," said:

"I have not had any easy time. I have seen all from the highest general and the richest merchant to the neediest reconcentrado and the humblest pacifico, bankers, officers, officials and others. I have visited the military prisons, hospitals, relief depots, sanitariums, guardhouses, trochas, farms, offices and homes. I have been in four provinces, Havana, Pinar del Rio, Matanzas and Santa Clara and in the principal cities of each. I am of an observant turn of mind, and I keep my eyes open. I have found out what I could not possibly have learned without a personal visit, while I have not to my knowledge antagonized a single person on the island. My trips with Miss Barton have been of great service; because, when the minds of the people are mellowed by gratitude their hearts speak out the truth. As a business man, I wish to say that Miss Barton's methods of receiving, caring for and distributing the supplies are admirable. The American people may be fully confident that all money or supplies sent will be conscientiously applied. Could they see as I have seen, the suffering, starvation and death, they would, as Whittier says, 'pour forth wine and oil.'"

THE RED CROSS ORPHANAGE.

Every one is much struck by the success of the American orphanage which the Red Cross Society has established in a handsome villa in the suburb Cerro, under the charge of Dr. Lesser and of his wife as matron. It is for the orphan reconcentrados. All though open for a few days only, it now holds thirty six happy youngsters. In connection with the orphanage a daily clinic is held. The Cuban doctors are much interested in Red Cross work, and forty patients were treated yesterday. Dr. Lesser has refused the demand of the Spanish government that he should pay $400 for the privilege of practicing among the poor, saying that the Red Cross physicians are allowed to practice the world over. Thus far his work has not been interfered with, nor is it likely to be.

There is a good deal of comment about propositions to the insurgents by the radical wing of the autonomist party. The Spaniards say the autonomists' programme offers nothing but sorrow and war, while General Gomez himself has offered $150,000,000 and a favorable commercial treaty with Spain if independence is granted. Moreover, they say that the autonomists' programme to disarm the volunteers would be independence if carried out, since the insurgents would not be disarmed.

COMPARING WARSHIPS.

As an indication of the estimate put upon the Vizcaya and the Almirante Oquando, sister ships, by naval officers there a remark of one of them made today is worth reporting. The officer was standing with this correspondent on the quay watching the Vizcaya when she swung with the tide. "Yes," he observed quietly, "she is a beautiful ship, but too big a mark. The Iowa, for instance, could not miss her with a single shot at reasonable fighting range and would be likely to blow her fifteen out in the first ten minutes." The same officer said: "The Pelayo is a really formidable battleship, but smaller and less dangerous than our Massachusetts."

There is some talk here to the effect that the American government has arranged for laying a cable from Key west to the Tortugas, as the latter is the best rendezvous for the fleet, since the largest ships are able to coal there in all sorts of weather.

WHY LAINE WAS EXPELLED.

Henri Laine, the newspaper correspondent, was not compelled to leave the country because of newspaper work but because of written charges, accompanied by alleged full proof furnished to the autonomic government by Senor Bruzon, governor of Havana province, that he and others were involved in the conspiracy responsible for locating twenty-five dynamite bombs at various points in Havana. Senor Bruzon demanded the expulsion of all newspaper correspondents on the ground that sensational stories sent to the United States were liable to create riots in Havana. The Marquis de Montoro and Senor Gavin opposed a wholesale deportation, saying that the matter was very serious and that it was the duty of the autonomic government, not only to preserve peace in Havana, but to promote good feeling with the United States. Furthermore, they contended that not all the correspondents should be under the ban, but that selections should be made of the guilty. They concluded their reply to Senor Bruzon by saying that it would be unwise to except any correspondent, while the court of inquiry was in session, lest it should seem that the Spaniards dreaded the publication of the truth about the Maine explosion. They demanded additional written charges, with proofs, from Senor Bruzon. This was four days ago, and nothing has been forthcoming. It is probable, however, that certain correspondents will be asked to leave the island when the American court of inquiry finishes its work.

New York, March 10.—A special to The Evening World from Key West says: "Among the passengers on the Olivette from Havana today was Senator Proctor, of Vermont, who has been making a study of Cuba and the Cubans. With him was Colonel M. M. Parker, of Washington. As soon as Senator Proctor had registered he at once sent up his card to Admiral Sicard. He was shown to the admiral's room and was closeted with him for two hours. The object of the interview is presumably to deliver the admiral some messages from Commander Converse of the Montgomery.

SPANIARDS ADMIT THE MAINE WAS BLOWN UP.

Colonel Parker said to an Evening World reporter: "The famine, suffering and awful destitution among the reconcentrados is something almost indescribable. The alcalde of Matanzas told me that 55,000 persons had died of starvation in that city during the last year and that 5,600 had died during February.

"Every one in Havana now knows that the Maine was blown up. Spaniards no longer deny it. They do not seem to be very sad over it either."

Madrid, March 10.—Sir Henry Drummond-Wolf, the British ambassador, visited Senor Gullon, the foreign minister today in order to deny the report that Sir Julian Pauncefote's visit to President McKinley last Tuesday was United States.

made with the object of offering British meditation between Spain and the

TO ENLIST MORE MARINES.

Washington, March 10.—Colonel Heywood, commandant of the marine corps, received today an order from Secretary Long, directing him to enlist 473 men, form two battalions of marines and have them ready for movement. The order also authorized the purchase of sufficient number of tents to accommodate the two battalions and any extra equipment which might be necessary to fit the soldiers for field. Colonel Heywood immediately telegraphed orders to the different navy yards where marines are stationed to recruit all eligible men applying for enlistment.

TO MAKE WARSHIPS OF LAKE WHALEBACKS.

Cleveland, Ohio., March 10.—It is stated that the government is considering a plan whereby the big fleet of whaleback vessels on the lakes can be turned into formidable fighting machines in case of war. They should doubtless be of great value for coast defense purposes. An important feature is that they can be submerged so that only one foot of the upper works appear above water. Marine men and government officials agree that, with the addition of a couple of turrets to the whaleback, and a ram forward, the vessels would be of great service in case of war. There are thirty five of the whaleback steamers on the lakes. They are owned by the American Steam Barge Company, with headquarters in Cleveland.

TO RUN NIGHT AND DAY.

Reading, Pa., March 10.—The Carpenter steel works this afternoon effected the lease of the large plant of the Diamond Steel Company. The two plants will be run night and day on projectiles as soon as necessary machinery is procured. A large additional force will be employed.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 10—A large shipment by the government passed through Jacksonville today for Key West. "Material for the construction of an extra telegraph cable from Punta Rassa to Key West, explosive and machinery," was the way the shipment was billed.

Springfield, Ills., March 10.—Dr. George N. Kreider, surgeon of the second brigade, Illinois national guard, received notification today from the war department at Washington through the adjutant general's office here, to have all the appliances of his department in readiness.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Pursell of Knitnersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin d seases such as eczema, rash, pimples and obtinate sore are readily cured by this famous remedy. R. R. Bellamy.

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Children, and adults tortured by burns, scalds, injuries, eczema or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the great Pile remedy. Robt. R. Bellamy.

Bread Riots in Spain

Madrid, March 10.—There has been a bread riot at the village of Pobalderra del Valle, in the province of Zamora. The gendarmes intervened, three of whom and two rioters were wounded before the disturbance was suppressed.

Senor Sagasta, the premier, denies the rumors of ministerial changes. He says: "The responsibilities of power under present conditions are certainly not agreeable, but all the ministers regard it as a question of honor to remain at their posts."

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night. But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered. Safe and harmless for children. R. R. Bellamy.

Russia's Naval Appropriations

St. Petersburg, March 10.—An imperial Ukase just issued orders the disbursement of 90,000,000 roubles as extraordinary expenditures for the construction of warships. It is added that no loan will be raised to provide the money.

In official calculations, according to the Statesman's Year Book, 6.40 roubles are considered equivalent to the British pound sterling.

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McCoy's Claim to the Championship

Pittsburg, Pa., March 10.—Michael J. Connelly, Peter Maher's manager says: "Kid McCoy's claim to the heavy weight championship is a farce. He told me in a personal interview that he was afraid of Maher. He said: 'I am challenging champions, but fighting suckers.' Our $5,000 forfeit is still in the hands of Sam Austin for any man in the world to cover, and until McCoy fights a top notcher, his claim is ridiculous. Maher has whipped both men McCoy is after now."

What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and billiousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. R. R. Bellamy.

WEDDED.

Our Esteemed Townsman, Mr. John F. Garrell and Miss Jennie Mabel Barnes Married Last Night

Last night at 8:30 o'clock our esteemed and clever townsman, Mr. John F. Garrell, and Miss Jennie Mabel Barnes, of Peoria, Ill., stood at the marriage altar and pledged their troth in the sight of an assembly of friends and relatives.

The nuptials were celebrated at the cozy residence of the bride's father-in-law, Mr. J. W. Barnes, on Market street, between Nineteenth and Tenth, the services being conducted in an impressive manner by Rev. A. P. Dyer, pastor of Grace M. E. church.

After the ceremony the bridal party embarked in carriages and were driven to the imposing and magnificently appointed dwelling of the groom, corner Third and Walnut streets. Here, where everything appeared so bright, cheery and joyous, the happy couple hospitably received numerous guests, while a course of choice and palatable refreshments were served.

The bride is a charming lady, and the groom is one of Wilmington's most enterprising citizens. He is the proprietor of the well known "San Souci" truck farm and also proprietor of the "Palace Market."

Mr. Oscar Wright, of Jacksonville, Fla., nephew of Mr. Garrell, attended the wedding.

Mr. Wright is an old Wilmington boy, but is now located at Jacksonville, as private secretary to the general passenger agent of the Florida Central and Peninsular railroad.

When a man is suffering with an aching head, a sluggish body, when his muscles are weak and lazy, his brain dull, and his stomach disdaining food, he will, if wise, heed these warnings and resort to the right remedy, before it is too late. Parker's Sarsaparilla," the "King of Blood Purifiers," makes the appetite keen and hearty—invigorates the liver, purifies the blood and fills it with the life-giving elements of the food. It is a wonderful blood maker and flesh builder. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

Robbers Foiled

Mr. W. J. Cornwall, father-in-law of Mr. J. W. Fleet, conducts a grocery store on Fifth and Nun streets, and Mr. Fleet and his family have their residence on the second story of the same building. Wednesday night members of the family heard a noise at the store door but no one was seen and the circumstance for the time was forgotten. About an hour later, a colored man while passing the store noticed that a glass in the pannel of the door on Nun street was broken in. He immediately notified Mr. Fleet and he and Mr. Cornwall went down to investigate. They went inside the store and found two heaps on the floor, and upon further search Mr. Fleet discovered a new wood saw and other articles under the house.

After a while two young negro men came by barely visible and when Mr. Fleet began to question them they began to run. He chased them several blocks, but they escaped. Mr. Fleet got close enough to get one by the coat and he slipped out of it, leaving it in the hands of his pursuer. Nothing by which the thief could be identified was found in the pockets.

Whooping Cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. R. R. Bellamy's

Funeral Honor to a Colored Man

William Moore was buried from St. Thomas Catholic church Wednesday. The pews in the middle aisle were given the colored people, while the side pews were occupied by the white congregation. Rev. Father Hannen officiated with full ceremonial of the church, and preached a sermon explaining that the humblest Christian was entitled to the same honors as kings or the highest potentates on earth, that before the judgment seat of God where all must appear, no distinction would be made. Only our actions in life would be the standard by which eternal happiness or condemnation would be judged by. The full choir attended the services. Mr. W. H. Watters sang two solos most touchingly.

You need Cod Liver Oil, you say but think you can't take it? Try "Morrhuvin" a peptonized "Wine of Cod Liver Oil." You will get all the virtues of the oil without the disagreeable effects. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

FOOL TIPS

Several of the baseball officials have become dabblers in charitable, or have blood in their eyes for New York. Secretary Vonderbilt, of Baltimore, has first, has placed money on the Reds finishing ahead of New York. Von believes in "live and let live," as he is counting on having fun with the Orioles lead and consequently wishes President Freedman, with which he waggered, to also have fund with New York plays advance agent for Cincinnati.

Philanthropic Manager Selee, of Boston, wants to see that Baltimore will quit ahead of New York, but will not state whether he wants the "long green" or the earth.

Nichols will again be with the Beaneaters this season, and he is a "bean" that is not distasteful when eaten by others than Baltimoreans (Orioles.)

At Notre Dame several days ago that gallant ex-coxswain and manager of the White Stockings, Capt. A. C. Anson, was presented with a significant silver bat, the exact size of the wagon tongue the "vet" in days past used to induce the ball to go. The bat is made of the purest silver, but it has no advantage over Captain Anson, for he is a "sterling" character.

The western clubs are now undergoing the usual spring training, but this medicine will have to be wonderfully in effect before they will ever be able to spring as high as the clubs of the east can rise.

The Reds have gone to Texas to keep from feeling the cool breezes, their green condition, and the Cubs intend to sting down in Georgia, by permission of the authorities. The Colts are at Waycross, Ga., "gambling on the green," within and without doors; the Bridegrooms are fishing a short way from Lakewood, playing around the farm, instead of dodging trolleys; New York will soon be at Lakewood, much to the distress of the advance party of the second part; the Indians are massacreing the natives of Hot Springs, Ark.; Washington intends to stay home, for fear of being hurt on account of being a remembrance of congress; the Phillies go to impose upon the good people of Cape May; the Pirates stay at their own abiding place, by permission of the rest of the world, and the Beaneaters will farm in Virginia.

Cleveland has a mascot, a real live left hand twirler named Kauffmann. The Indians have already been "horse skin" dotted on left hand pitchers, but before have always been unable to secure one. Paradoxically speaking they got left and they didn't get left.

Tucker has been transferred from Washington to Brooklyn, and will soon be titled scientifically "Trolley Dodger Tommie."

Six of Baltimore's birds have refused to sign, saying that they are too fly to serve for low salaries. More trouble for Manager Hanlon.

"Big Injun" Zekelexis joined Cleveland Monday, and upon hearing of United States vs. Spain his stoical disposition became angered, and when searched for later was found to be getting balls over a bar. Well, "with all his faults we love him still."

St. Louis has released Outfielder Lally to the Columbus club of the western league for Cooke and Daniels. The Browns believe the adage "two heads are better than one," although "most any old thing" will be better for them.

Railroad Engineer

Testifies to Benefits Received From Dr. Miles' Remedies.

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