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VEXATIOUS DELAYS.

Experienced in Putting the Army on a Satisfactory War Footing.

MANY WEAK SPOTS DISCOVERED.

Impediment in the Way of Army Officers Accepting Service With Volunteer Forces---War Department's Delay in Securing Tents and Hammocks---No News From the Fleets---Plans for New Torpedo Boats---Discussing War Revenue Bill in the Senate---Army Appointments Confirmed---Proceedings in the House.

Washington, May 19.—With every disposition on the part of the executive to make the present war short, sharp and decisive, it is beginning to be realized that the short comings of our military service are so many that delays are inevitable and that much work will be necessary to put the nation in efficient fighting shape. Every day brings forth some weak spot that has to be strengthened or some hidden defect, such as the discovery at this late moment that every regular army officer who accepted a volunteer appointment would forfeit his commission in the regulars and so become liable to be left out of the service entirely at the end of the war. Few officers cared to risk their future in that way; so a rush was made toward congress to secure the necessary corrective legislation. Again it has been found that the equipment of the army, small as it is in comparison with the great army of the civil war, is sadly lacking. Nearly a month after the formal declaration of war the war department today purchased a number of shelter tents and it has just secured the hammocks that experts say are essential to existence in Cuba. These preparations involve delay so that it is not remarkable that in spite of the herculean efforts of the officers of the army no positive start has yet been made toward its goal by the army of occupation. Probably it is the fact, rather than any unreadiness on the part of the navy that causes the campaign to drag in its inception, for the navy department has announced that it stood ready at any moment to furnish convoys for the troops transports provided they were started from one point.

To maintain an army of 20,000 men for six months will cost $30,000,000, according to estimates prepared by Paymaster General Stanton, and the leading officials are beginning to fear that hostilities may run along beyond this period. The reason is the growing conviction on the part of some of the officers that they must not reckon on any substantial assistance from the Cuban rebels in this campaign and moreover must meet the Spaniards in Cuba in their strongest sphere, that of the defensive.

Naval authorities are relieved of a good deal of embarrassment by the consent of French authorities at Martinique to allow the scouting vessel Harvard to remain in St. Pierre until her repairs are completed. It was supposed at first that she would be allowed only seven days stay and at the end of that time would be forced out to risk attack at the hands of some ambushed Spanish cruiser, or torpedo boat.

Work on three monitors Mahopac, Canonicus and Manhattan at League Island has advanced so far that the department expects to have them in service within a week or two. They have been supplied with tubulous boilers in the place of the rusted outboilers they have carried since the war. These monitors will be a valuable addition to the coast defense ships.

NO NEWS FROM THE FLEETS.

The absence of official news of any character from the fleets at the navy department today gave the widest field for speculation and all sorts of stories were afloat as to the whereabouts of the vessels and the imminence of an engagement. The report that came from Madrid of the bombardment of Santiago received some credence, inasmuch as it seemed to show that General Greeley, the chief signal officer, has set in motion the machinery of the navy to carry out his declared purpose of cutting the cables that afford the last connection between Havana and the outside world and thus isolate Blanco. It is not believed that the bombardment amounted to anything more than this.

PLANS FOR THE NEW TORPEDO BOATS.

Judge Advocate General Lemly today completed the circular defining the chief characteristics of sixteen torpedo boat destroyers and twelve torpedo boats provided for by congress in the present naval appropriation bill. The destroyers are to be of larger type than any vessel of that kind we now have in the service, about 400 tons, but the torpedo boats will be about the size of the average torpedo boat now in use, namely about 150 tons. Bidders are left the widest liberty in the matter of the original designs, but no bid will be considered which fails to guarantee a speed of at least twenty-eight knots for destroyers and twenty-six knots for torpedo boats. Not more than eighteen and twelve months respectively will be allowed to complete these boats and shortness of time of construction will be an important element in determining the awards.

The long expected appointments of officers to the staffs of the fourteen new major generals have been made, so that the way is now clear for the entry upon active duty of the officers who have been obliged for several weeks to remain in Washington.

MILITARY APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

Washington, May 19.—The Senate today confirmed the following army nominations:

To be assistant adjutant general, with rank of major—John A. Logan, Jr., Illinois.

To be assistant adjutant general, with rank of captain—Joseph B. Foraker, Jr., Ohio.

To be inspector general, with rank of major—Russell B. Harrison, Indiana.

To be assistant quartermaster, with rank of captain—William K. Alexander; Ambrose E. Gonzales, South Carolina.

To be commissary of subsistence with rank of captain—John H. Earle, South Carolina.

SENATE.

Washington, May 19.—While several important paragraphs in the war revenue measure were passed over today for future consideration, excellent progress was made by the senate in the consideration of the bill. Two thirds of the measure have been read, the committee amendments generally having been disagreed to.

Senator McLaurin, democrat, of South Carolina, opened the discussion of the bill today with a carefully prepared speech touching all of its features. He was ready, he said, to vote for any measure that would tend to bring the war to a successful conclusion. People on the island of Cuba are dying every hour. Their condition is beyond the power of description. Every day now means the loss of hundreds, perhaps thousands of lives in Cuba, he declared. Liberty on the island is at stake and the war has placed our own national prestige at stake. Concerning the proposed issue of bonds he said that there was an influence at work in this country more powerful than the president; more potent than congress. It was the silent, secret influence of the money power, which was endeavoring to force an issue of bonds. Once the senate, the forum of the people, yields to this clamor, he declared, and becomes entangled in the meshes of the money octopus, the people will suffer indeed. "There is an army in this country," said he, "just as anxious to raid the United States treasury as our volunteers are to raid the island of Cuba. To the army I refer to, no volunteers are needed. These jobbers and speculators form a greater menace to us than the war with Spain.

Senator McLaurin defended the bill as reported by the majority of the finance committee and hoped that, with the possible exception, the stamps, which he deemed unnecessary, the bill would pass as reported. He strongly urged the adoption of the proposition to issue legal notes. "It is the dealers in futures," declared Senator McLaurin, "the financial speculators and cormorants, the transportation companies, the manufacturers of ammunition who make money out of the war. Upon these, the financial burdens of the war ought to fall and not upon the families of the men who go to the front to fight for their country.

At the conclusion of Senator McLaurin's speech the clerk proceeded with the reading of the bill. When the paragraph providing for stamp taxes upon all transfers of stock was considered Senator Bacon, of Georgia, said the committee had not carefully covered the agreements to sell stock and that if it should be established that "agreement to sell," should not bear stamps unless an actual transfer of stock took place, agreements might be made and then a settlement effected between the parties without an actual transfer of stock. The paragraph was amended so as to clearly cover all agreements to sell stock whether stock actually was transferred or not.

Senator Daniel, speaking upon the tobacco schedule, expressed his gratification that the senate committee had stricken out the house provision subjecting stocks on hand to the additional tax proposed. He objected seriously to the retroactive feature of the house bill as applied to the tobacco schedule. It had aroused a storm of protest in every commercial center of the country. He declared the adoption of the retroactive feature would result in the ruin of all dealers and leave the tobacco trade in the hands of monopolists.

The proposition to place a stamp tax upon proprietary articles and perfumeries now in stock aroused a lively discussion. It was regarded as retroactive legislation and as such, was opposed by many senators. The paragraph has not been disposed of finally.

At 4:55 o'clock the senate went into executive session and at 5:35 o'clock adjournred.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The adjournment of the house until Monday postpones until next week any consideration of the Hawaiian resolutions. The impression that the committee on rules will provide for bringing up the resolution next week is strong. It is said that Speaker Reed is ready to yield to the demands for consideration and it is believed the revenue bill by the middle of the coming week will be so well on its way toward passage in the senate that action upon the Hawaiian matter in the house will promise no delay in disposing of the revenue bill. This will remove the ground for what has been weighty objection to acting upon the resolutions upon the part of Mr. Dingley and a considerable element in the house and with that out of the way it is belived consideration of the Hawaiian question will follow speedily. An agreement to postpone consideration of the Brown-Swanson election case from the Fifth Virginia district until the next session of congress was reached. Notice that the case would be called up today was given yesterday.

After passing the labor arbitration bill as amended by the senate, and experiencing a brief political tilt, precipitated by a personal political explanation from Mr. Tongue, republican, of Oregon; the house adjourned until Monday.

Paris, May 19—Senor Leon y Castillo, who has been tendered the foreign office portfolio in the reconstructed cabinet of Senor Sagasta, declines.

Suffered 20 Years.

MRS. MARY LEWIS, wife of a prominent farmer, and well known by all old residents near Belmont, N. Y., writes: "For twenty-seven years I had been a constant sufferer from nervous prostration, and paid large sums of money for doctors and advertised remedies without benefit. Three years ago my condition was alarming; the least noise would startle and unnerve me. I was unable to sleep, had a number of sinking spells and slowly grew worse. I began using Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and Nerve and Liver Pills. At first the medicine seemed to have no effect, but after taking a few bottles I began to notice a change; I rested better at night, my appetite began to improve and I rapidly grew better, until now I am as nearly restored to health as one of my age may expect. God bless Dr. Miles' Nervine."

Dr. Miles' Remedies are sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee, first bottle benefits or money refunded. Book on diseases of the heart and nerves free. Address, DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

Dr. Miles' Nervine Restores Health

ON BOARD THE NANTUCKET

More Interesting Notes Direct From the Monitor.

(Messenger Correspondent.)

Port Royal, S. C., May 18.

Yesterday was the most pleasant day yet spent on board by the entire crew, who were busy for several hours putting stores on board.

Jno. Maunder, Geo. Lewis and H. B. Williams went crabbing and brought back about 50 crabs. Watson, Loftin and McFarlane brought back a supply of clams and Fred Burr, Pierce (of Southport) Jno. Robinson and Gibson caught a number of black fish. The boys didn't fail to use them at supper.

Our crew, composed of Peschau, Coxwain Morse, stroke oar, and Tom Piver, Earnest Burriss, Pinner, Parker, and Hodges and substitute Frank Williams has offered to row the Passiac gig crew for a purse of $75.00 or less, to be rowed this afternoon if accepted. Our crew has four of Southport's best oarsmen and everything on the Nantucket is confident of success. The reserves all remember Tom Myers as a friend of the division and would like to have him visit us here before long. The midnight or graveyard watch reported a big blaze about a mile up the river. It is our opinion that it was a mile up the river to Port Royal proper. The Louisiana monitor Passiac tried their turret guns which are like the Nantuckets. They returned from sea last night and say the practice was satisfactory, but none of their crew hit the target today. Our monitor is taking on 40 tons of coal and the boys each have a wheelbarrow and shovel.

Harry Latham who has been on the Binnacle (or sick list) for the past few days, is out again. Bayman Allie Newbury has been with him as attendant has gone to work again. A mail box has been placed on board for the convenience of the crew, the scarcest articles on board are stamps, paper and envelopes. Wilmington papers arrive very irregularly. Nearly everybody on the ship received a letter from home yesterday. The crew put on a very large supply of stores yesterday which was better than the first lot; among them was a barel of molasses. We are expecting arms and ammunitions daily. After mess each evening some of the crew take the boats and have a half hour's row, while others go in bathing from the side of the ship, each having supplied himself with a pair of trunks.

There is a rumor aboardship that the Nantucket will soon be ordered back to North Carolina coast to defend unprotected points, which the boys are in hopes will be done. They are all anxious to be on the move. Some wish to go to New Orleans, others to the Florida coast, but the truth of the matter is that they wish to be nearer some town as there is not a single girl where we are now stationed and every few people outside of the navy yard workmen, who live some distance from the yard. M.

The Cuban question and political issues sink into significance with the man who suffers from piles. What he most desires, s relef. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures piles. For sale by R. R. Belamy.

Stolen Chickens.

At the usual hour yesterday morning when Policemen Sharp and Simmons, on duty in the southern portion of the city, started to return to the city hall from their beats at the corner of Fourth and Ann streets, they spied a young colored man stooping beneath the burden of a large bag on his back. Things appeared suspicious so the police went to investigate. Then, the bag was suddenly dropped to the ground and the carrier dusted.

The bag which contained sixteen chickens, evidently stolen, was carried by the officers to the city hall.

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. Early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wise. For sale by R. R. Bellamy.

Post Office Hours Today.

Today being a legal holiday, the following hours will be observed at the postoffice:

The registry and money order department will be open till 10 o'clock a. m.

The general delivery will be open from 7 a. m. till 12 m. and from 6 p. m. till 7 p. m.

The carriers will make the early morning delivery and collection of mail as on Sundays.

Ho, For the Blackfish Grounds.

Another excursion is on tapis for the black fish grounds. The Marion will again officiate and next Wednesday is the day set aside for this sport.

The excursion is now the principle topic of conversation among the anglers of this city. On the day designated they intend to fall in, not "reel" in "line," "catch" the boat and go to blackfish grounds; probably draw the "cork," and then "sea" what the day's sport will "net" them.

One Minute is not long, yet relief is obtained in half that time by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. It prevents consumption and quickly cures colds, croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, la grippe and all throat and lung troubles. For sale by R. R. Bellamy.

Portrait of the Late Dr. A. J. DeRosset.

A large handsome oil portrait of the late Dr. A. J. DeRosset has just been painted and will soon adorn the walls of the Produce Exchang.

The picture is a good likeness of Dr. DeRosset and is certainly a work of art. It was painted by Mrs. D. H. Lippitt.

Office Abolished.

The Southport Standard of yesterday says:

"On Saturday last orders came to suspend duty in the office of inspector of customs after the 15th of the month, which have been complied with. The office is in the classified civil service, and since the resignation of Captain T. M. Morse, two weeks ago, has been vacant, the duties being performed by Messrs. Tharp and Sellers in the meantime, as it was understood that the office would be suspended shortly.

"This is a most important branch office of the port of Wilmington, and when shipping increases it will be found necessary, and a reinstatement is therefore expected."

War Spirit in the Ranks.

(Correspondent of The Messenger.)

Fayetteville, N. C., May 19.—Last night the Fayetteville Light Infantry decided to put themselves immediately on a war footing and appointed the following officers to recruit the command up as rapidly as possible to 120 men: Messrs. J. G. Hollingsworth, H. McGeachey, W. McKethan, M. Haigh.

Superior court is still in session, Judge Allen presiding.

Hart's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Creosote and the Hypophosphites, if faithfully used, is a specific in the treatment of weak lungs, Consumption, Bronchitis, etc. Leading physicians recommend it. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin, and H. L. Fentress.

DEPARTURE POSTPONED.

The First Regiment Still in Camp.

TO BREAK CAMP TODAY.

Last Dress Parade Witnessed by a Large Crowd—Interest in the Democratic Convention and What it Will Do as to Fusion—Populists Divided on This Question—Grand Commandery Knights Templar—Second Regiment Ordered to Tybee Island, Ga.

Messenger Bureau,
Raleigh, N. C., May 19.

It was expected last night and this morning until 10 o'clock that the First regiment of volunteers would leave here between 3:30 and 6 o'clock this afternoon for Tampa, but at 10 o'clock noon tomorrow was named as the time of departure. This was because one of the railway companies, not expecting a movement before Friday had withdrawn some cars, which were not returned until tonight.

Headquarters and the first battalion go via the Southern railway, the Second battalion via the Seaboard Air Line, the Third battalion via the Atlantic Coast Line. Travel and campaign rations were issued today. The Second regiment will go to Tybee Georgia as soon as completed. This order also come this morning.

There were a great many people in the parade ground this afternoon to witness the last dress parade of the First regiment. Only the clothing and arms of the recruits were needed to make it a fine spectacle. The officers are well mounted. The improvement in drill and bearing has been remarkable.

Dr. John D. Spicer, Jr., declines appointment as surgeon of the Second regiment, by reason of his mother's ill health. The vacancy will probably be filled tomorrow.

The First regiment takes with it to Tampa the tents of the state guard and also 20,000 rounds of cartridges from the arsenal. Two hundred thousand rounds more will be sent it.

The state charters the Labor Mining Company of Thomasville, Davidson county, capital $100,000; stockholders, J. W. Sweet, C. B. Haughton and R. L. Welch.

The railway commission last Monday ordered a reduction of 22½ per cent on express rates on fish from Morehead City and New Bern to any other points in the state. It now issues an order that the reduced rate is to be effective June 8th.

Interest now centers in the democratic state convention and what it will do in the matter of co-operation with the populists. It is perfectly safe to bet that the democrats will not accept any proposition. The populists are divided. Of that there is no doubt. It is safe to say that many of them by no means consider themselves bound by the action of their convention. The convention made a demand that the populists continue to have a senator and five congressmen, together with the other officers they have.

The annual session of the grand commandery of Knights Templar was continued here today. The grand chapter Royal Arch Masons has concluded its session. It elects Martin S. Willard, of Wilmington, grand high priest. Next year it meets at Asheville, June 29th. Grand High Priest Willard delivered the annual address, which was very able, and was thanked by a rising vote.

The grand council of Royal and Select Masons was in session today. It was the last of the high Masonic bodies to meet.

It is learned that Governor Russell will appoint J. W. Denmark and W. J. Peele, of Raleigh, trustees of the institution for the blind here, to fill vacancies.

A revenue raid was made in Harnett county yesterday by W. C. Troy. He captured the illicit distillery owned by some negroes named Vestal, three of whose stills had previously been seized.

Revenue Storekeeper B. W. Cox, of Benson, died today. He was a brother-in-law of Editor Robinson, of the Goldsboro Argus.

Twenty members of L. O'B. Branch camp, C. V., left here this afternoon for Charlotte.

Mrs. Donald MacRae arrived to-day to visit her husband, Captain MacRae and was at Camp Grimes this afternoon accompanied by the Misses Emerson.

"I don't know, there may be others," he said, "but I have used Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup in my family for years and would not be without it." He knew better than to buy the inferior preparation that was being urged upon him." Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup" has no equal. It will immediately relieve any Cough or Cold, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Hoarseness, Croup, Bronchitis and kindred ailments. Contains no injurious ingredients, is pleasant to take and a safe remedy for children. For sale by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

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

"In a minute" one does of Hart's Essence of Ginger will relieve any ordinary case of Colic, Cramps or Nausea. An unexcelled remedy for Diarrhoea, Cholera Morbus, Summer Complaints and all internal pains. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

SECOND REGIMENT MADE UP

All the Companies in Camp by Tuesday.

FIRST OFF FOR TAMPA.

It Will Break Camp at 7 O'clock This Morning—Raleigh Ladies Present a Flag to the Governor's Guard and Supply the Men With Shoes and Underclothing — The Davis' Band of Charlotte to Be Mustered In—Fayetteville Company Too Late.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., May 19.—The First regiment will break camp at 7 o'clock tomorrow and pack for the trip to Tampa. Three days' travel rations, coffee, meat for use along the route and ten days' campaign rations were provided today. The regiment will begin to leave at noon, sharp, special trains being at Pullman park, near the camp. Each battalion goes over different system of roads as follows: Regimental, field and staff, field music and Companies A, Charlotte; I, Durham; L, Concord, and M, Charlotte, of the First Battalion, on the Southern railway via Asheville and Atlanta; Second battalion, composed of companies F, Asheville; G, Shelby; H, Waynesville, and E, Statesville, via the Atlantic Coast Line, to be transported by the Seaboard Air Line as far as Cheraw, S. C.; Third battalion, composed of companies B, Goldsboro; C, Winston; D, Reidsville, and K, Raleigh, on Seaboard Air Line, via Monroe and Atlanta. Field and staff of each battalion, together with surgeon and two hospital stewards, will accompany it. The first train to depart will be that with the Second battalion. Intervals between trains will be very short. Troops will not at any station be allowed to leave the cars and all will be given ample accommodations.

There was a great crowd of visitors in camp today. Discipline was extremely strict. No one was allowed to pass beyond camp limits.

Captain Claude B. Denson at noon in behalf of the ladies of Raleigh, presented to the Governor's Guard, of Raleigh, a national flag which is to be kept here as a souvenir of the company's war service, as of course no company flags are carried in actual service.

It was reported that a member of the Goldsboro company had deserted. Captain Bain said he had sent into Raleigh to look for him and had no doubt he would turn up.

Late in the afternoon Governor Russell received a telegram from Fayetteville that the Fayetteville Light Infantry, which was formerly in the Second regiment of the state guard, called on the adjutant general and tendered the services of that historic company, so it could get in the Second regiment of volunteers. The adjutant general expressed his thanks for this tender of service, but said the three companies needed to complete the regiment had already been ordered here.

There is pleasure at the news that the entire Second regiment will be mustered in by noon next Tuesday. There are seven companies anxious to get into the regiment, but the vacancies are all filled and the time of arrival of the three companies settled. Tonight the Murphy Company, Captain Cooper, will reach Camp Russell. Tomorrow night the second Waynesville company, under command of R. G. A. Love, will go into camp and Monday night the second Asheville company will reach here and complete the regiment.

A reception was given by the governor and Mrs. Russell to the field and staff and company officers of the First and Second regiments at the executive mansion tonight. It was a handsome affair and attended by all the officers. There was music, and refreshments were served. The governor's staff were present in full dress.

Election of Masonic and Knights Templar Officers.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., May 19.—M. D. Bailey, of Wilson, was elected today grand commander of the grand commandery Knights Templar; W. E. Storm, deputy grand commander; H. H. Munson grand recorder.

W. L. Liddell, of Charlotte, was elected grand master of the grand council of Royal and Select Masons; W. E. Storm, captain of the guard, James C. Munds, grand recorder; E. P. Bailey, grand treasurer; H. H. Munson, grand steward. Both these orders meet in Asheville June 29th next year.

MANIFESTATIONS OF GREIF

From all Sections Over the Death of Mr. Gladstone—The State Department's Cablegram of Condolence.

London, May 19.—The deepest manifestations of grief are reported throughout the country. Flags are everywhere half masted, the bells are tolling, shades are drawn down and in the public galleries here the pictures of Mr. Gladstone have been draped with crape.

The queen and the prince of Wales received an early intimation of the sad news and immediately sent touching expressions of condolence to the widow.

Further details from Hawarden castle of the passing away of the great English statesman show his end was the most peaceful imaginable. There was no sign of pain or distress.

The death of Mr. Gladstone was announced to the house of commons this afternoon by the government leader, Mr. A. J. Balfour, the first lord of the treasury. He stated that tomorrow he would submit to the house an address to the queen, praying her to grant the honor of a public funeral, if such honor is not inconsistent with the expressed wishes of himself or of those who have the right to speak in his behalf, and also praying the queen to direct that a public monument be erected at Westminster. The house then adjourned out of respect to the dead statesman.

May 20.—The universal expression of grief and sympathy gathers volume hourly. Memoirs and reminiscences of Mr. Gladstone are flooding the press, which everywhere shows column rules reversed. Almost every court in Europe has wired condolences.

Vice President Hobart cables The Daily Chronicle as follows: "Not even in his own land was Mr. Gladstone more highly esteemed and venerated than in the United States. His death has been well-night a national calamity to us and it occurred at a time when our people are closely drawn by ties of sympathy and mutual interest toward the nation to which his long career of public usefulness was so generously dedicated."

Washington, May 19.—The following telegram was sent by the secretary of state today:

"Hay, Ambassador, London:

"Through appropriate channel express to Mr. Gladstone's family the sympathy and sorrow of the American people at the passing away in the ripeness of years and fullness of honors of one of the most notable figures of modern civil statesmanship."

When a man is suffering with an aching head, a sluggish body, when his muscles are lax 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.

SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS

Meeting of the General Assembly in New Orleans

New Orleans, May 19.—The general assemby of the Presbyterian church, south, convened at Dr. Palmer's church, on South street today. The gathering was called to order by Moderator Goetchius, who then delivered an admirable address. One hundred and sixteen members were present.

The first business was the election of the moderator. There were five names put in nomination. On the second ballot the Rev. E. M. Green, of Danville, Ky., received ninety-six votes, and, on motion, his election was made unanimous. Dr. Green was then escorted to the platform and retiring Moderator, Goetchius surrendered the gavel into his hands. In accepting the gavel Dr. Green said he would have to be either more or less human did not he appreciate the honor which according to an unwritten law of the assembly could only befall a man once in his life time. He served notice that he was not a parliamentarian and begged indulgence for any short-comings that might be his as the presiding officer of the assembly.

Dr. Palmer requested to be permitted to make an announcement first on behalf of the Presbyternan churches of New Orleans. He desired to express the pleasure it afforded New Orleans to have the assembly here and to bid them a most heartfelt welcome. He then announced that there would be a reception in the evening at the Y. M. C. A. given by the ladies of New Orleans Preshbyterian churches. For convenience sake and as the visitors were scattered over the city and as it was perhaps a little long for the delegates to wait from breakfast at 8 o'clock to dinner at 6 o'clock, the ladies would each day entertain them at luncheon in Artillery hall. He suggested that it would be a good plan for the assembly to meet at 9:30 o'clock in the morning and continue in session until 1 o'clock, take luncheon and reconvene at 2 o'clock thus having a chance to remain in session until 5 o'clock if necessary. Dr. Palmer announced that the city's fairest and best would wait upon the delegates at Artillery hall and that if there were any bachelors in the party a good opportunity would be presented to make amends for the past.

The assembly then adjourned to 9:30 a. m., tomorrow.

The reception at the Y. M. C. A. was a great success, nearly every delegate attending. Before the reception the delegates visited the Bethel mission in a body.

Why allow yourself to be slowly tortured at the stake of disease? Chills and Fever will undermine, and eventually break down the strongest constitution. "Febri-Cura" (Sweet Chill Tonic with Iron) is more effective than Quinine, and being combined with Iron is an excellent tonic and Nerve medicine. It is pleasant to take, and is sold under positive guarantee to cure or money refunded. Accept no substitute. The "just as good" kind don't effect cures. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE DAY.

The War Department is Greatly Behind in Equipping the Soldiers Called Into Service.

The Navy Department Has No News to Give Out as to the Fleets.

The Firing at Santiago de Cuba is Supposed to Have Been in Consequence of Attempt to Cut the Cable From That Port.

The Second Regiment of North Carolina Volunteers Will Be Completed Monday and Will Be Sent to Tybee Island, Ga. The First Regiment Leaves for Tampa Today.

The Spanish Flying Squadron is at Santiago de Cuba.

Soldiers From the Gussie Who Landed on Cuban Soil Killed Five of the Spanish Company Which Attacked Them.

Two American Warships Appear Off Santiago and Draw the Fire of the Enemy.

Seven Warships Are Sighted Betweea Jamaica and Santiago de Cuba, Sailing West.

The Spanish Secure a Coaling Station at French Colony, New Foundland.

Forty-Two Persons Are Reported Killed by the Tornado in Iowa and Adjoining States.

The Spanish Loss at Cienfuegos Was Very Heavy.

France Gives Assurance of Her Friendship.

The Royal is the highest grade baking powder known. Actual tests show it goes one-third further than any other brand.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

THE SPANISH FLEET

Is Definitely Ascertained to Have Reached Santiago de Cuba.

ATLANTIC PORTS THREATENED.

The Charleston Delayed at Mare Island---Havoc of Our Warships Among Spanish Soldiers at Cienfuegos---France's Assurance of Friendship---Spanish Coaling Secured on New Foundland. Spain's Threat to Chastise Dewey---Strict Censorship of the Press---An Alleged Spanish Spy Captured---A Fleet off Nova Scotia.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 19.—A special to The Times-Union and Citizen from Key West, Fla., says: The Gussie expedition did not fail entirely. Two native Cuban scouts were landed west of Havana on the second day out. Spanish guerillas had been assigned to the duty of patrolling the shore. A boat from the Gussie landed twenty men. They had hardly set foot upon shore before a furious volley was fired at them by the guerillas who were concealed in thickets on the crest of the low hills. The American party advanced, were halted when in range and the order "Fire" was given. They fired as one man sending three volleys at the guerillas, who scattered like chaff before the wind. Five of them were killed, including a captain, whose bloody cap and sword were taken and brought back as trophies. The two scouts made their way on into the interior.

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Kingston, Ja., May 19.—3 p. m.—Two American warships whose names were not discernable from the shore appeared of Santiago de Cuba yesterday while the steamer Adula, which has arrived here from that port with refugees, was in the harbor. They approached and drew the fire of the batteries at the harbor entrance. It is not certain whether the warships replied to the fire or not. The firing continued from noon to 1 o'clock. Captain Walker, of the Adula, when coming out, could not see any marks on Morro castle, and inferred that the American warships drew the fire of the batteries to learn the range.

There was much excitement in the city. The regulars and volunteers were called out and new earthwork batteries erected on each side of the harbor entrance. The number and calibre of the guns are unknown, but it is known that there are twenty-one torpedoes in the channel electrically connected with the shore. The cruiser Mercedes, whose boilers are disabled, has been anchored so she can take the channel for three hundred yards and the merchantship Mexico, of Barcelona, mounting four small quick firing guns, is in the harbor. Several steamers and schooners are at the wharves.

A few days ago a German steamer brought 16,000 bags of rice to Santiago de Cuba. Rice and sardines are the principal food supplies. Last night, when about sixty miles from Santiago de Cuba seven large steamers moving in two columns crossing the Adula's course going west. They were evidently warships but their nationality could not be identified. The Adula brought 255 passengers.

A description is given by the first mate and five seamen of the Adula as to the fleet that crossed her course a few minutes after midnight this morning. Four of the seven ships were large cruisers and three were small. They were distant about four miles when the lines of the course intersected about thirty miles off the north coast of Jamaica. The Adula's crew believe they were the squadron under Admiral Cervera, and it is feared that, if they were on the way to Cienfugos, they may destroy the American blockading squadron.

SPANISH FLEET AT SANTIAGO.

Madrid, May 19.—A message from Santiago de Cuba confirms the arrival of the Spanish squadron.

A direct message from Santiago de Cuba confirms the report of the arrival of the Spanish squadron there. The dispatch says the event has caused intense enthusiasm at Santiago de Cuba.

TO ATTACK NORTH ATLANTIC SEAPORTS.

London, May 19.—A dispatch to The Star from Montreal, published today say Senor Polo y Bernabe has secured, by cable, a coal depot near St. Pierre, the French colony, off the south coast of New Foundland at which the Cadiz squadron will coal, previous to attacking the Atlantic seaboard of the United States, while the Cape Verde squadron commanded by Admiral Cervera draws off the squadrons commanded by Rear Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley.

THE CHARLESTON DELAYED.

Vallejo, Calif, May 19.—The cruiser Charleston, that sailed yesterday for Manila with ammunition and supplies for Admiral Dewey is back at her berth at Mare Island yard with her condensers out of order. The accident is trival, but Captain Glass concluded that it would be better to return to the navy yard and secure the benefit of the facilities there than to repair the damage at sea. The Charleston will make another start within the next forty-eight hours.

OUR WARSHIPS' HAVOC AMONG THE SPANISH.

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Key West, Fla., May 19.—The Spanish loss during the recent engagment at Cienfuegos is known to have been much heavier than at first reported. Three hundred Spaniards were killed and several hundred wounded. Great damage was done along the coast. Soon after the engagement the United States cruiser Marblehead picked up several Cubans in an open boat some miles down the coast, including Colonel Oriz, Lieutenant Olvarez and three privates from an insurgent camp near Cienfuegos. They reported that the Spanish losses and the damage wrought by the shells from the war ships were very heavy. The hospitals at Cienfuegos, they said, were full of wounded; and fear prevailed everywhere that the American warships would return to complete the work of destruction.

During the engagement, the Marblehead threw 450 5-inch shells into the Spanish forces, and 700 shots from her secondary battery. The gunboat Nashville threw as many more shells and 1,500 shots from her secondary battery.

Fifteen hundred Spaniards were stationed in an improvised fortress on a neck of land, and upon this, the ships concentrated their fire, and it was here that most destruction was wrought. During the heavy fire of shells and just after the light house was blown up, five Spaniards who were running together in an attempt to escape, were picked off by a shell from the Marblehead, the gunner being ordered to fire upon them by Ensign Pratt. They were torn to pieces.

The men who manned the cutters did so under instructions and they withstood the galling fire poured upon them with the utmost calmness.

The Cubans were supplied with six thousand rounds of ammunition, and all but one of them got ashore.

London, May 20.—The Madrid correspondent of The Daily News says: The Spanish correspondents say that Gibraltar has received within a fortnight 100,000 tons of coal and large quantities of ammunition.

The new Spanish cabinet nearly came to grief on Senor Gamoz's demand that it should not be bound by the outgoing ministry.

The government intends to increase the means of defence of territories exposed to a foreign greed and is considering the necessity of keeping a basis of operations in Spain.

In the Philippines a majority of the people are loyal, and the Americans and their few native allies are unable to conquer another acre of soil. Spain will, therefore, keep at home the 7,000 troops intended for the Philippines until further notice and will immediately send the Cadiz reserve squadron to Manila to chastise Dewey.

STRICT PRESS CENSORSHIP.

Tampa, Fla., May 19.—All the newspaper correspondents at Tampa were today notified that in future all dispatches must be placed in the hands of Lieutenant Miley, of General Shafter's staff, for approval. The censorship in future will be very rigid and it is said that it will be kept in force until after the invasion of Cuba takes place. It is the intention to keep the Spanish government in complete ignorance of the movements of the army, if possible, and every means will be exerted in order to do so.

A SUPPOSED SPY ARRESTED.

Under orders from General Shafter, officers of the Ninth cavalry stationed at Port Tampa, have placed under arrest a boy who is suspected of being a spy in the service of the Spanish government.

The alleged spy, whose name is Garcia, is said to have had with him when arrested documents of a decidedly incriminatory nature. He is but 18 years of age, and has lived in Tampa most of his life and strongly asserts his innocence. In this statement he is supported by prominent railroad and state officials who are acquainted with the lad. General Shafter, it is said, is inclined to the belief that Garcia is guiltless, but a rigid investigation will be held tomorrow. Pending the investigation Garcia will be kept in close confinement.

SPAIN TO GET COAL AT MARTINIQUE.

St. Pierre, Martinique, May, 19.—The Spanish torpedo boat destroyer, at Fort de France has completed her repairs and is ready to leave at any moment. The Spanish ambulance ship Alicante today changed her moorings from the inner to the outer harbor in order to take on coal.

The British steamer Twickenham with 2,000 tons of coal has arrived at Fort de France. It is reported that a contract has been made with the Spanish government under which the Twickenham is to furnish coal for a two months' basis at Fort de France. The French government has thus far refused to allow the Alicante to coal from the Twickenham, but the Spanish consul has obtained permission for a five days' wait from the Twickenham before declaring at customs. The excitement among the Spanish sympathizers is very great.

FRANCE'S ASSURANCE OF FRIENDSHIP.

Washington, May 19.—As a result of several recent exchanges between the officials of this state department and those of the French embassy an agreeable understanding has been reached which gives assurance of a continuance of the traditional friendship existing between the United States and France. It has served to make clear that each government has the fullest confidence in the friendly attitude of the other and that any criticisms of animosities around by recent incidents in the war have not been shared by the government officials of either country.

M. Robineau, of Paris, who is prominently identified with Parisian journalism, has arrived here. While representing Le Temps and Le Matin, which are identified with the French government, he also has a semi-official mission to perform. He is accredited by M. Hanatoux, the French minister of foreign affairs, to the French embassy, and through this official channel he has been received at the White house and by representative men of the administration. As a result of his calls at the White house M. Robineau's cable to the Parisian papers will represent that the most cordial feeling is entertained in the highest administration circles in Washington toward the French government and people. At the same time M. Robineau has given assurances to the officials here that the government authorities of France entertain the highest regard for the United States and in no way feel a sympathy of friendship toward Spain in her present conflict with this country.

Madrid, May 20.—4 a. m.—The Spanish fleet on arriving at Santiago de Cuba found there two American warships which retired with all speed. The queen regent has cabled congratulations to Admiral Cervera.

A FLEET OFF NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax, N. S., May 19.—A report just received from Getson's Cove, western shore of this province, says nine warships were sighted off Indian island, near Cape la Havre, this morning heading in a southerly direction. Their nationality could not be discerned.

Newport News, Va., May 19.—Officers at Fortress Monroe, who are in a position to speak authoritatively, deny that any of the cables connecting the mines in Hampton Roads have been cut, or that the explosives have been tampered with in any way.

HORRORS OF WAR.

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