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THE WAR TARIFF.

There Are Three Changes in the Bill As Drafted and Introduced in Congress Today.

SECRETARY LONG DENIES

Emphatically Current Reports that Morro Castle Fired on Our Fleet and that Our Fleet Had Fired Back at Morro Castle.

By Telegraph to The Free Press. Washington, April 26.—The ways and means committee continued work on the war revenue measure today.

The conference committee on the army reorganization bill will not consider the senate amendments.

Secretary Long at 11 o'clock this morning authorized an emphatic denial of the reports current today that advice had been received that Morro Castle had fired on our fleet, and that the fleet had fired back.

Chairman Dingley, of the ways and means committee, submitted to the house the war revenue bill. It recites the necessity of immediately providing revenue because of the war with Spain. In the bill it is stated that if peace had continued no doubt the revenue would be sufficient.

The bill submitted today contains three changes from the bill originally drafted, as follows:

A discount of 5 per cent. on beer stamps, as fixed by the original bill, is allowed after the passage of the act.

Each telephone message is subject to a tax of one cent on messages transmitted 30 miles or more, graduated up to ten cents where the cost of sending exceeds \$5. Official telephone and telegraphic messages of the government are exempt.

The differential of half a cent on mineral waters and beverages, domestic or imported, not otherwise subject to internal taxation, in half pint bottles, is eliminated, so that the dividing line is a pint; bottles containing a pint or less, one cent; containing more than a pint, two cents.

ENLISTMENTS MUST BE FOR TWO YEARS. The letters from the war department sent to governors notifies them that enlistments must be for two years unless sooner discharged.

The adjutant general of the war department asks to be informed when the State's quota is rendezvoused.

DAY APPOINTED SECRETARY OF STATE. Judge Day has been appointed secretary of state.

SICARD SUCCEEDS ROOSEVELT. Admiral Sicard succeeds Roosevelt as a member of the board of war.

GOMEZ WANTS ARMS. Gen. Gomez has notified the United States to send arms to the insurgents.

AGREEMENT ON ARMY REORGANIZATION. The conference committee has reached an agreement on the Hull army reorganization.

The senate and house have both agreed to the conference report on the army reorganization bill.

SILVER MEN WILL OPPOSE BONDS. The senate silver men will not permit bond legislation, but will insist that revenue under the new taxes will be sufficient, but that if additional revenue is required emergency greenbacks and not bonds shall be authorized, and not compromise coin bonds.

French Neutrality. By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Paris, April 26.—The French cabinet today approves of a neutrality proclamation.

Massacre of Spaniards at Manila Feared. By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Hong Kong, April 26.—The insurgents are massing around Manila. The massacre of the Spaniards is feared.

Spanish Fleet Expected to Sail Today. By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. St. Thomas, April 26.—The Spanish fleet at Cape de Verde is expected to sail today.

MORE SPANISH INDIGNITIES.

Ward Liner Attacked and Fired On By Spanish Soldiers in Havana, Who Called the Passengers "Dirty American Pigs." Laying Submarine Mines Near Fort Wadsworth.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. New York, April 26.—The steamship Saratoga, the last Ward liner to leave Havana, arrived here this morning. The captain reports that his vessel was attacked and fired upon by Spanish soldiers, who called the passengers "dirty American pigs."

The work of laying submarine mines in the vicinity of Fort Wadsworth continued during the early hours this morning.

SOMERS CAN'T LEAVE.

British Naval Authorities Say Our Asiatic Squadron Outclasses Spain's.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. London, April 26.—The United States torpedo boat Somers cannot leave Falmouth while a state of war exists. Five sailers intending to join her crew were detained under police surveillance.

British naval authorities say that Spain's Asiatic fleet will be outclassed by the American warships in a fight off the Philippine Islands.

SPAIN TO THE POWERS.

Sends a Note of Regret at Having to Appeal to Force to Repel American Aggressiveness.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Madrid, April 26.—The Spanish government today sent a circular to the European powers expressing regret at the necessity of being compelled to appeal to force in order to repel the scandalous aggressions of the United States.

GERMANY ON NEUTRALITY.

Will Not Issue a Declaration of Neutrality in Order to Be in Position to Intervene.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Berlin, April 26.—It is announced semi-officially that Germany will not issue a declaration of neutrality. This is in order to preserve freedom of action and be in a position to intervene if it is considered necessary.

VESSELS DETAINED.

Eleven Detained Outside of Sandy Hook By the New Order.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. New York, April 26.—When daylight broke today eleven steamships were swinging at anchor outside of Sandy Hook, having been detained by the new order preventing vessels entering the harbor between sunset and sunrise.

Blanco Urges Spaniards to Be Brave. By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Key West, April 26.—It is learned that Gen. Blanco has issued a proclamation to the Spaniards urging them to be brave, and telling them that the American invaders will be repelled by the Spanish arms.

Spanish Warship Cruising Nova Scotian Waters. By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Sidney, Nova Scotia, April 26.—A Spanish warship is reported to be cruising Nova Scotian waters. One has been sighted off the main coast.

The Irish Commend Our Cause. By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. London, April 26.—The Irish members of parliament have met and passed resolutions commending the action of the United States in reference to Cuba.

800 Marines Leave for Key West. By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Fort Monroe, April 26.—The transport Panther with 800 marines aboard left for Key West today, convoyed by the cruiser Montgomery.

Spaniards Will Pursue Privateering. By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Madrid, April 26.—Regarding privateering Minister Sagasta says the Spanish government's position will be the same as before the declaration of Paris.

Three Prizes Captured. By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Key West, April 26.—The Mangrove and Newport have captured three prizes.

PROBABLY A BIG PRIZE.

Perhaps 1,000 Spanish Troops and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars in Gold Captured.

TWO MORE PRIZES.

The Mangrove Bringing in a Large Transport Captured off the Cuban Coast. A Big Schooner and a Chunky Sloop Captured.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Washington, April 26.—The navy department, through channels not available to newspapers, has received information that several vessels of Commander Sampson's fleet sighted a large steamer, supposed to be the Montserrat, fifteen miles east of Matanzas. They signalled to pursue her and immediately put off after the prize. They have not been heard from since. The Montserrat carries 1,000 soldiers and half a million dollars in gold.

PERHAPS THEY HAVE CAPTURED THE BIG PRIZE. Key West, April 26.—The Mangrove is bringing in a large transport captured off the Cuban coast.

The gunboat Newport, Commander Tilley, is steaming out of the harbor. Two more prizes have been captured. One is a big schooner, the other a chunky sloop.

OUR HOPE NOT REALIZED—NOT THE SOLDIER AND TREASURE SHIP. Key West, April 26.—The Mangrove's prize is the big Spanish liner Panama.

THE TREASURE SHIP CAPTURED AFTER ALL. Key West, April 26.—The steamer Montserrat with 1,000 soldiers and \$500,000 in gold aboard is reported as captured by Sampson's fleet.

WET QUARTERS

At Chattanooga. Floods of Rain Falling. No Shelter for Horses. Soldiers Delayed in Getting Settled.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Chattanooga, Tenn., April 26.—There are floods of rain falling in the valley this morning. There is no shelter for the horses, and the soldiers are delayed in getting settled.

Columbia Sailed This Morning.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Newport, April 26.—The Columbia sailed this morning, destination unknown.

Mines in Portland Harbor.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Portland, Maine, April 26.—Torpedoes and mines were laid in the harbor here today.

GRAINGER'S ITEMS.

April 25, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Barwick were visiting in Kinston Sunday.

The farmers seem to be in a rush this week transplanting tobacco. The gardens and early vegetables look very promising in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Raspberry and sister, Miss Ella, spent Sunday in Grifton. The farmers say the cut worms are playing havoc with the corn these cool nights.

Dr. Wm. Cobb Whitfield, of Quinerly, called in to see us Saturday, while on his way to Kinston.

Our boys say, owing to the excitement over the war question, they will not organize any baseball team for this season but will spend their leisure time in drilling so as to be ready at any time.

Mess. Sam and Clay Faulkner were home Sunday, visiting their parents. The former is telegraph operator at Ayden and the latter at Kinston. They are clever boys and we are always glad to see them come home.

BUCKLESBERRY ITEMS.

April 25, 1898. Miss Berchie Goff is visiting Miss Mary Sutton this week.

Mr. Abert L. Sutton went to Goldsboro last Thursday and returned the same day. Miss Cora Field, of near Kinston, was visiting at Mr. Joe Sutton's last week.

Misses Hopsy and Florence Sutton attended the picnic at the new bridge Saturday.

Miss Mami Gardner will give a picnic at the new bridge next Saturday. Everybody is invited to come and bring a fall basket.

NEWBERN NEWS ITEMS.

Narrow Escape. Lecture by Bishop Haid. A Bad Practice. Services at Christian Church.

C. Whit Gaskins, Manager Newbern Department. NEWBERN, N. C., Jan. 26, 1898.

THE KINSTON FREE PRESS is for sale by all newsdealers.

Judge T. R. Purnell arrived last night to preside at the Federal court which convenes this week.

The services at the church of Christ still continue, and tonight the subject selected is "The Stuff that Makes Young Men and Women."

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Leo D. Haid will lecture at St. Paul's Catholic church tonight, and has selected for his subject, "The Relation of Christianity to the Will."

The boys have a practice of jumping on the train as it passes through the city. We would caution them against this dangerous practice as it sometimes results in serious damage.

Among the passengers on last night's train to attend court this week, were Mess. F. M. Simmons, of Raleigh, C. B. Aycock, of Goldsboro, J. W. Grainger and J. A. Pridgen, of Kinston.

The writer spent yesterday among the hospitable people of Kinston, and only regrets that he could not stay longer. He wishes to use this method of thanking the editor, Mr. Herbert, and his wife, for the many courtesies shown him while there.

Yesterday evening, as the train was leaving Dover, Mr. W. E. Dowdy had a narrow escape from being run over by the train. Mr. Dowdy lives near Fowler's Ferry, on the opposite side of Neuse river from Newbern. He had been working at Dover and was at the station to take the train home, and was just about to board the train, when he slipped, falling between the platform and train. As the train had then left the station, the writer could not see whether he was seriously hurt or not, though we hope not.

Spain Sanctions Privateers.

London, April 25.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Sunday, says:

Spain adopts privateering in fact, but not in name. The reservation in the decree issued means very little, and what the cancellation of agreements with the United States means can well be appreciated, particularly by Americans remaining behind in Cuba and those who own property there. Five days are granted for American vessels to leave Spanish ports.

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

The cabinet council this afternoon (Sunday) discussed the conduct of the war and measures it is proposed to submit to the cortes. Senor Puzicerver, minister of finance, will submit his projects on Tuesday next. Every occasion is being seized throughout the country for patriotic demonstrations.

LAST NIGHT'S BULLETINS.

The following bulletins were received after going to press yesterday:

The declaration of war passed the senate without amendment. The president signed the declaration as soon as it was presented to him.

A special from Key West said the United States cutter Winona seized the Spanish steamer LaCumina, which was taking in ballast. The LaCumina is a fine freight steamer and came into port without knowing of war.

Any kind of printing at THE FREE PRESS office.

BRITISH NEUTRALITY.

Proclamation Issued is the Routine Document and Lays Down the Rules for the Belligerents.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS INTERVAL

Must Be Between the Departure of Vessels of Opposite Sides. Armed Vessels Must Not Take Prizes in British Waters.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. London, April 26.—The British proclamation of neutrality, issued today, is the regular routine document and lays down rules for the belligerents.

There shall be twenty-four hours interval between the departure of vessels of the opposite sides. The ships now in British ports must leave in such time. Such vessels may take coal sufficient to carry them to the nearest port of their own country, and must not recalc in British waters within three months without special permission. Armed vessels must not take prizes into British waters.

BLANCO IS CONFIDENT.

Says He Can Defend Havana Without Aid of Spanish Warships. Gomez Will Aid Us With 30,000 Insurgents.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Havana (Via London), April 26.—Gen. Blanco cabled to Madrid that he can defend Havana without the aid of Spanish warships.

Gen. Gomez, the insurgent chief, announces that he will aid the United States with 30,000 men in attacking Havana.

SPANISH VESSELS EXEMPT

From Interference Before May 21st, if Loaded at American Ports.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Washington, April 26.—By proclamation the president exempts Spanish vessels from interference or seizure, if loaded at American ports before May 21st.

STRABANE ITEMS.

April 25, 1898. There will be service at Union Sunday.

Mr. E. B. Isler, of Jones county, and Mr. A. R. Kennedy, of the A. & M. college, spent Saturday night at Mr. W. L. Hardy's.

Rev. Simeon Isler, of Goldsboro, spent Saturday night at Mr. H. W. Davis' and went Sunday morning to fill his appointment at White Hall.

The Union Sunday school had their annual picnic last Saturday at Hardy's bridge. Though fish were very scarce there was quite a festival prepared for the large crowd that attended. We think it was very much enjoyed by all.

A Rapid-Fire Paper.

A newspaper may be small yet effective. A rifle ball is a little thing, but properly aimed, and with the right kind of stuff behind it, it may be relied upon to make a deep and lasting impression.—Durham Sun.

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