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"GRAND OLD MAN" GONE

His Departure Was as Peaceful as Could Be Imagined.

TOLLING OF CHURCH BELLS

Spread the News of Gladstone's Death Quickly Throughout England. His Favorite Little Granddaughter the Only Member of His Family Absent at His Last Moments. Telegrams of Condolence From Important Personages Pour In From All Over the Civilized World.

Cable to Free Press.

Hawarden, May 19.—The news of Gladstone's death was spread rapidly throughout the country by the tolling of church bells.

The only member of the family absent from his bedside during his last moments was little Dorothy Drom, his favorite grandchild.

The end came in the most peaceful manner imaginable.

Dr. Dabie took leave of Mrs. Gladstone at 9 o'clock. She bore up bravely.

Dr. Bliss, Henry Gladstone and Dr. Dabie are preparing a statement of his last hours.

Members of the family attended early communion at Hawarden church, conducted by Rev. Stephen Gladstone. The ordinary service was prefaced with selected prayers for the burial service.

Queen Victoria, the Prince of Wales and Ambassador Hay sent expressions of condolence to the widow. Telegrams of condolence are coming continually from important personages throughout the civilized world.

BIG NAVAL BATTLE

Expected to Occur This Week South of Florida. Believed the Administration is Winking at Unfounded Rumors in Order to Mislead Spanish Spies.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Washington, May 19.—A big naval battle south of the Florida peninsula is expected to occur this week. Great secrecy is observed as to the movements of Sampson and Schley's squadrons. It is believed that the administration is winking at the unfounded rumors for the purpose of misleading the Spanish spies.

A LITTLE SKIRMISH.

A Spanish Cruiser Chased Into Harbor by the Montgomery. Spanish Vessel Disabled.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Key West, May 19.—The Montgomery had a skirmish with a Spanish cruiser off Nuevilas lighthouse, and chased the Spanish vessel into harbor. The Spanish vessel was crippled.

Monitor for New York Reserves.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Philadelphia, May 19.—The monitor Jason started for New York this morning, manned by New York Naval Reserves, and intended for the defense of the harbor.

Arriving at Chicamauga.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Chicamauga, May 19.—The first Illinois, first Kansas and fifth Pennsylvania regiments of volunteers arrived this morning.

Bismarck III.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Berlin, Germany, May 19.—Prince Bismarck is ill. Dr. Schweiniger has been hastily summoned to his bedside.

The Harvard Leaves the French Port.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

St. Pierre, Martinique, May 19.—The United States scout ship Harvard sailed for Hayti this morning.

Still Moving On to Tampa, Then for Cuba.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

New York, May 19.—Battery M heavy artillery left Fort Hancock this morning for Tampa.

PERHAPS FROM SAMPSON.

Secretary Long Received a Cipher Telegram, Supposed to Be From Sampson.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Washington, May 19.—Secretary Long this morning received a cipher telegram, supposed to be from Commodore Sampson, but the government is very cautious now about giving out news of the movements of our war vessels.

BRITISH SOLDIER SHOT

By Spanish Sentry. The English Were Out Boating and Tried to Land On Spanish Soil.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Gibraltar, May 19.—Several British soldiers while boating yesterday afternoon attempted to land on Spanish soil. The sentry shot and wounded one of the English soldiers.

REPORT OF SPANISH COALING STATION

Being Secured on the Coast of a British Possession. Of Course the Report Is Only Another Spanish Lie.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Key West, May 19.—But little credence is given the story that Minister Polo y Bernabe has secured a Spanish coaling station at Miguel, on the coast of New Foundland.

SPANISH FLEET.

Colon Newspapers Say the Elusive Spanish Fleet Is Near Costa Rica.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Colon, May 19.—Newspapers here say that the Spanish fleet is near Costa Rica. [Colon is a city on the Atlantic side of the isthmus of Panama. Costa Rica is a republic of Central America.]

SANTIAGO DE CUBA BOMBARDED.

A Spanish Report—Not Even a Mule Killed.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Madrid, May 19.—A dispatch from Havana says that Santiago de Cuba has been bombarded, but with only slight damages.

Not So Bad, as a Joke.

As a citizen of Kinston was reading THE FREE PRESS yesterday, when he came across the article regarding the failure of the Gussie to land supplies for the insurgents being due to the newspapers publishing the news of such movements, he was heard to remark: "Yes, doggone that FREE PRESS, I've been thinking the same way all the time. THE FREE PRESS had no business publishing such news."

As a result of the bad conduct of THE FREE PRESS in this particular we shall not send a correspondent to Cuba.

To the Judicial Convention.

The following delegates from Lenoir county left today to attend the judicial convention, which meets at Wallace, Duplin county, tomorrow: Mess. Y. T. Ormond, T. C. Wooten, Plato Collins, J. F. Taylor, T. B. Ashford and J. B. Temple.

Mess. W. W. Ormond, Jno. F. Hooker and P. S. B. Harper, of Greene county, and Mr. T. C. Whitaker, of Jones county, also took the cars here to attend the convention.

Tomorrow's FREE PRESS will contain a telegraphic report of the convention.

Changes in A. & N. C. R. R. Offices.

The Newbern Journal says W. R. Walters is to be removed as master mechanic, and the place filled by W. H. Smith, of Canada, a Populist, now engaged in the truck business in Craven county, who says he was once division superintendent of a northern railroad.

The Journal also says that Joseph W. Watson is to be removed as auditor and succeeded by G. L. Hardison, who was Populist representative from Craven in the last legislature.

Methodist Bishops Elected.

Baltimore, May 17.—Rev. Dr. Warren A. Candler, of Oxford, Ga., and Rev. Dr. H. C. Morrison, of Nashville, Tenn., were elected bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, today by the general conference in session here.

"I hate to bother you, pa," said the small boy home for the holidays, "but really I'd like to know—" "Well, what?" "How it is that baby fish don't get drowned before they've learned to swim." —Hit-Bits.

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LITTLE BOMBARDMENT.

Report Confirmed of Bombardment Of Santiago de Cuba.

THE RESULTS WERE SLIGHT.

A Rush Order for 30,000,000 More Cartridges. Second Cablegram From the Oregon. Miles Wants 130,000 Rifles Quick. Men Ordered to Man the Holland Submarine Boat.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Washington, May 19.—Semi-official advice confirm the report of the bombardment of Santiago de Cuba. These advices state that the Purifas, Amphitrite and Minneapolis attempted to cut the cable, and were fired on by the forts. The American vessels responded with only slight results.

The war department has issued a rush order for 30,000,000 more cartridges.

A second cablegram was received this morning from Capt. Clark, commander of the battleship Oregon, but the whereabouts of the Oregon, Marietta and Buffalo is still kept secret. The Oregon touched at Barbadoes yesterday, and was ordered to hurry to her secret destination.

Gen. Miles wants 130,000 Krag-Jorgenson rifles immediately.

Officers and men have been ordered to man the Holland submarine boat. It is believed that this boat has been purchased by the government.

DEWEY BEATEN BY SPAIN.

His Rival in Love, a Dashing Young Spanish Diplomat.

A Washington dispatch to The Herald says: Club chatter among intimates of Commodore Dewey revives the fact of a previous encounter with Spain, in which he did not come out first.

Love, not war, was the source of the original trouble. The devotion of Commodore Dewey to Miss Virginia Lowery, the handsome daughter of Archibald Lowery, one of the most prominent and wealthy of the "residential set" in Washington, is well known here. Miss Lowery was beautiful and when very young became engaged to a dashing, impecunious secretary of the Spanish legation, Count "Jack" Burnett.

Her father refused to sanction the affair, but Miss Lowery kept during 20 years her plighted troth. Three seasons ago, with the consent of her father, she became the wife of the Duke D'Arcos, her devoted and loyal admirer, who not only inherited a title and estate, but represented his country as minister to Mexico.

They say Dewey resented bitterly his defeat by a foreigner, and it is probable that he sent hot shots at Manila with added vim, recalling the horrid day when Cupid set Spain's flag above the stars and stripes on the trim craft of his heart's desire.

How Dewey Got Plans of Manila.

Cincinnati, May 17.—Mr. William Doherty, an ornithologist and entomologist has just returned from the Philippine islands via Hong Kong and San Francisco. He succeeded in passing the Spanish customs officers at Manila with complete plans of the city, the harbor, the fortifications and minute details of their armament, from Consul General Williams to Admiral George Dewey. The plans and drawings were concealed in a newly laundered shirt, which was folded, pinned up and banded in the usual style and put with other clothing in his trunk. Arriving at Hong Kong early in April he delivered the supremely important papers to Admiral Dewey on the Olympia.

Urging European Alliance.

London, May 18.—The Madrid correspondent of The Standard, telegraphing Tuesday, says: "The Spanish papers resolutely discuss the expediency of continental alliances, which they affect to consider one of the principal objects of the future cabinet. The republican papers urge an alliance with France and Russia, at the same time agreeing with the monarchial papers in expecting much from the attitude of Emperor William. The ministerial papers are equally keen and bitter for alliances against England."

NEWBERN NEWS ITEMS.

Diocesan Council. M. E. Sunday School Picnic Today. Baptists Picnic Friday.

C. Whit Gaskins, Manager, Newbern Department.

NEWBERN, N. C., May 19, 1898.

The Tabernacle Baptist Sunday school picnic at Morehead City Friday. Price of tickets \$1, dinner not included.

A large number of delegates arrived last night to attend the annual council of the diocese of Eastern Carolina, which convened today at 10 o'clock.

The annual picnic of Centenary Methodist Sunday school was held today. The steamers Pearlle May and Carolina conveyed the party up Neuse river. It was noticeable that there was a picnic from the scarcity of young people on the streets.

WAR NEWS NOTES.

Later reports show the little torpedo boat Winslow in much worse fix than was supposed. It will probably be necessary to take her to Norfolk for repairs.

The navy department has issued a circular inviting bids for three battleships, sixteen torpedo boat destroyers, twelve torpedo boats and four harbor defense monitors.

Every indication is that the Spanish fleet is avoiding a battle with the American fleet, and the U. S. government has determined to push the war to as speedy a conclusion as possible.

It is believed that the admiral of the fast flying Spanish squadron will attempt to break the Cuban blockade and relieve Gen. Blanco, whose forces are reported to be suffering for want of supplies.

Admiral Dewey gave orders to the Concord and Boston to proceed to Iloilo and recapture the American bark Saranac, which was recently seized by the Spaniards there. It is expected they will also compel the town to surrender.

Spain is preparing to resist the power of the United States to the utmost. To regain her lost colony of the Philippines is among the projects. Through English reports from Gibraltar it is reported that fourteen warships are getting ready for the Philippines and on the ships will be 11,000 troops.

The Spaniards claim that Sampson bombarded San Juan without having given the customary notice. It is on the other hand stated that the Spaniards fired on Sampson's flag of truce, which alone was cause enough to have caused the bombardment. The forts were badly damaged but not silenced.

The minister of the Dutch government says the Dutch authorities at Curacao did not give either aid or comfort to the Spanish fleet. As the state department at Washington had no positive proof by which it could convict the Dutch government of unfriendly action, the matter was dropped, without the filing of a formal protest.

A Gigantic Tobacco Trust.

St. Louis, May 17.—The Republic will say tomorrow: "Indications point to an early consummation of the deal for the organization of the gigantic Continental Tobacco company. It is understood that the capital stock of the new corporation will be fixed at \$50,000,000 and that it will take in all of the big ping tobacco factories in the United States."

Destructive Fire.

Attleboro, Mass., May 18.—Fire this morning destroyed the business section of the town. Fourteen factories, occupied chiefly by jewelers, a dozen dwelling houses, and numerous storehouses and barns were burned. Loss is estimated at \$1,000,000, partially covered by insurance. Five thousand people are thrown out of employment.

THIS "CUTS NOISE" NOW

Spaniards Derive Some Comfort Out Of a Report

ABOUT GERMAN DISCOURTESY

In Failing to Salute American Blockading Squadron. But With Anglo-Saxon Alliance the Only Satisfaction Other Nations Could Get Would Be From Contemptible Little Acts of Discourtesy, and That Sort of Thing "Cuts No Ice."

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Madrid, May 19.—A dispatch from Havana says that the German warship Geier pointedly neglected to salute the American squadron on her arrival at Havana, but saluted the Spanish forts. The commander of the German vessel visited Captain General Blanco.

To Be Exchanged For the Captured Correspondents.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Washington, May 19.—Arrangements have been completed for the exchange of the New York World's newspaper correspondents, Thrall and Jones, for Col. Cortijo and Surgeon Julian. The latter are imprisoned at Fort McPherson.

German Report of Spanish Fleet.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Key West, May 19.—The German steamer Venetia reports having seen the Spanish fleet coaling at Martinique on the 16th.

3,000 Troops to Manila Tomorrow.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

San Francisco, Cal., May 19.—It is reported that the City of Pekin leaves tomorrow with 3,000 troops for Manila.

The Markets.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

New York, May 19.—Cotton less active than yesterday, owing to a majority of the local shorts being driven in by talk of the impending manipulation. July opened 6.40; August 6.46.

Wheat opened, July \$1.13, advanced to \$1.13 and eased to \$1.13.

Pork opened irregular—July opened at \$12.20, went to \$12.30 and declined to \$12.15.

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