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## BALTIMORE ALL RIGHT.

Spanish Story of Her Disablement Officially Denied.

## A PLAN TO DESTROY CERVERA.

One Among the Many Suggestions, Is to Send Oil-Laden Ships into Santiago Harbor. The Cables Cut at Santiago Believed to Have Been Only Dummies. Miles Goes to Tampa Tomorrow. Annexation of Hawaii Offered as Amendment to War Revenue Bill. No Official Confirmation That Spanish Fleet Is at Santiago.

By Telegraph to The Free Press. Washington, May 27.—The story of the disablement of the Baltimore is officially denied.

Among many suggestions received today at the navy department for destroying Cervera's fleet at Santiago, is the following: Send a dozen oil-laden ships into the harbor when the tide is running in and set them on fire. The burning oil will float over the bay, destroying all shipping inside.

It is reported that the cables cut by the Nashville and Marblehead at Cienfuegos have been repaired. It is believed now that they were only dummies.

President McKinley, with Secretary Alger and General Miles and his staff, will visit Camp Alger tomorrow. General Miles goes to Tampa tomorrow night.

Washington, May 27.—Senator Lodge offered Newland's resolution for the annexation of Hawaii as an amendment to the war revenue bill. The senatorial annexationists declare that henceforth the two measures must travel together.

When the cabinet convened today it was without any important official dispatches throwing light on the situation.

Throughout the day a throng of public men have been in consultation with the president in regard to war appointments.

The Post says there are no new advices from the front, from Cuban or from the Philippine waters.

Secretary Long said he had no confirmation of the report that the Spanish fleet is at Santiago. He said Schley is lying in wait at the entrance to Santiago. Long says he has no reason to doubt the accuracy of the statement that the Spanish fleet is at Santiago harbor, beyond the fact that several days have passed since the report and it has not yet been officially confirmed.

### MAKING PREPARATIONS.

France Gives Directions to Prepare for Eventualities That May Arise.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Paris, May 27.—The Matin says that the ministers of war and marine have received directions for the organization of the national defenses in view of eventualities that may arise.

### BRITISH STEAMER DETAINED

And Officers Held as Prisoners by Spaniards.

By Cable to The Free Press. Kingston, Jamaica, May 27.—The British steamer Adula, which went to Cuba to bring away refugees, has been detained at Cienfuegos. The officers are reported as being held as prisoners.

### An Infamous Organization.

By Telegraph to The Free Press. Philadelphia, May 17.—The Universal Peace Union will probably be expelled from Independence Hall today on account of their sending a letter of sympathy to Segnata.

### Several Killed in a Railroad Wreck.

By Telegraph to The Free Press. Williamstic, Conn., May 27.—Several were reported killed in a serious wreck on the New England railroad at South Wadham.

### GOVERNING WATERWAYS

And Submarine Mines. Fred Grant and F. V. Greene Nominated Brigadiers. Sampson's Official Report of Bombardment of Santiago.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Washington, May 27.—Secretary Alger sent the senate a letter, transmitting a draft of the bill providing for the protection of submarine mines and regulations governing the waterways of the United States in time of war.

The regulations will be published. They impose a fine for violations. Commanders of government vessels are authorized to detain suspicious boats.

President McKinley this afternoon nominated Col. Fred Grant and Francis V. Greene as brigadier generals.

The navy department officially bulletins Sampson's report of the bombardment of Santiago. The attack began at daybreak and lasted three hours. It was intended only to ascertain the strength and location of the enemy's defenses. This information was obtained and Sampson withdrew westward. Sampson lost one killed and seven wounded.

### 45,000 AT CHICAMAUGA.

Number of Troops Continually Increasing. Sore Arms From Vaccination.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Chattanooga, Tenn., May 27.—The volunteer army here now numbers 45,000 and is continually increasing.

Today's arrivals in camp include the 69th New York, first Arkansas, fifth Missouri, and three troops of the third volunteer cavalry.

The fourth Ohio regiment is practically incapacitated for duty on account of sore arms, the result of vaccination. They have been suspended from drill for a few days on this account.

The Pennsylvania soldiers are jubilant today over the announcement that they are to receive pay for the time spent in camp before being mustered from the state.

Pipe lines were completed today throughout the park, hence there will be no more shortage of water.

### PREPARATIONS AT TAMPA.

Shafter and Fifth Corps Will Be First to Land in Cuba. Lee's Corps Numbers About 8,000.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Tampa, May 27.—The formation, drilling and other preparations for the regular volunteer troops in Florida, arranged by a general order yesterday, continues being executed today.

Maj. Gen. Shafter and the fifth corps will probably be the first to land in Cuba. This corps is composed of regulars, with the exception of the seventy-first New York and second Massachusetts. The corps also embraces a cavalry division, composed of the first and tenth, and the third, sixth and ninth under Wheeler; also an artillery brigade under Col. Randolph. In all 18,000 men.

The seventh corps, under Lee, embraces all the other volunteers here and at Jacksonville—about 8,000 men.

### HAS CERVERA LEFT?

Belief Growing That He Left Saturday. Schley Heard From. Three Yellow-Funneled Warships Sighted and Small Squadron Goes to Meet Them.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Key West, May 27.—The belief is growing that Cervera left Santiago on Saturday.

Schley's dispatch boat has just arrived. The flying squadron was off Cienfuegos Sunday. Five rifle shots were fired from the shore. Only a few small boats were in the harbor. The squadron headed for Santiago.

Three yellow-funneled warships are reported having been sighted off Sandy Key light. A small squadron left to meet them.

### Discomforts of Rainy Season.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Key West, May 27.—The fleet is experiencing the discomfort of the violent rain storms of the present rainy season on the Cuban coast.

## REFUSED FUSION.

Democratic Convention Respectfully Declined Populist Proposition.

## PROMPT AND FINAL REFUSAL.

Burst of Cheering Greeted Committee's Report. Executive Committee Instructed to Entertain No Further Proposition. Only Three or Four "Nays." A Strong Platform Adopted. Synopsis of Platform. Butler Now On a Trade With Republicans.

Special to The Free Press. Raleigh, May 27.—The Democratic State convention was in session today five hours. It did grand work for the party. Everybody is delighted.

The chief feature of the work was the prompt, complete and final refusal to fuse with the Populists.

Mr. Josephus Daniels, secretary of the committee on platform and resolutions, read the report of the committee, recommending that the convention adopt the following resolutions in respect to fusion: "Resolved, That the proposition for fusion submitted by the Populist committee, be and is hereby respectfully declined.

"Resolved 2nd, That the Democratic executive committee be and the same is hereby instructed to entertain no further proposition for fusion."

The burst of cheering which followed the reading of the above lasted fully half a minute. Then the resolutions were adopted. Only three or four "nays" were heard. Then there was another demonstration.

### THE PLATFORM.

The platform is long. It ratifies the last national Democratic platform (adopted at Chicago).

Denounces the Republicans for passing the Dingley tariff bill.

Favors an income tax.

Denounces the Republican party for defeating the Teller resolutions, and for its determination now to issue bonds.

Demands that the silver seigniorage in the treasury be coined.

Declares for free silver coinage at a ratio of 16 to 1.

Suggests that greenbacks or treasury notes be issued to meet the expenses of war.

Deplores the war, but pledges earnest support to the government in prosecuting it to a successful conclusion.

Favors a union of the silver forces in congressional elections, to carry in effect national Chairman Jones' letter.

Commends Wm. J. Bryan's great and gallant fight during the last presidential campaign.

Denounces the scandal, extravagance, incompetency and corruption of the present Republican State administration.

Denounces the laws of the last two legislatures turning cities and towns over to negro domination, and pledges the enactment of such laws as will give security to property and to the people.

Denounces the placing of negro committeemen on public school boards to supervise white schools.

Opposes the removal of cases from the State to the Federal courts, and favors legislation to prevent it.

Favors fair and just election laws.

Favors rule by the white men of the State.

Condemns free passes over the railroads.

Favors the election of United States senators and State railway commissioners by direct vote of the people.

### ABOUT BUTLER.

A prominent Republican said at noon today: "Senator Butler is on a trade with us right now." Congressman Fowler was Butler's personal representative here during the convention. Fowler left for Washington today. He would only say: "I am not disconcerted."

### THREE SPANISH SPIES.

Found on Government Reservation at Key West. Spies Shot a Sergeant in the Arm and Escaped. Spanish Cruiser Sighted and Chased. Famous German Sharpshooters Accepted.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. New York, May 27.—A Journal special from Key West states that three Spanish spies were found on the government reservation at Key West by a sergeant of infantry. The spies shot the sergeant in the arm and escaped.

A Post special from Key West says that a Spanish cruiser has been sighted fifteen miles hence and was chased by the Bancroft and Wilmington.

New York, May 27.—The famous German sharpshooters who distinguished themselves at Williamsburg, two hundred in number, were this morning notified that the government will accept their services.

### Two Men Killed by Powder Works Explosion.

By Telegraph to The Free Press. Hazardville, Conn., May 27.—Two men were killed by an explosion in the powder works here this morning.

### More Damage by the Hail Storm.

The damage to crops by the hail storm Wednesday night was quite severe in some sections.

Mr. Jesse Jackson, of Neuse township, says his cotton crop was destroyed by the hail. It seemed to end at his place. It appears to have been a narrow streak from Mr. Shade Jackson's via the Williams place to Mr. Jesse Jackson's. Mr. Jesse Jackson says if the weather is suitable within a week or ten days he will replant his cotton. If he has to wait over ten days for suitable weather, he will plant corn where the cotton was destroyed.

The residence of Mr. W. E. Taylor, in Neuse township, was struck by lightning, during this storm, on one end, tearing a window all to pieces, tearing a few shingles from the roof and splitting some of the weather boarding. Mr. Taylor had insurance in the Farmers' Mutual company and his loss was assessed at \$8.

Mr. E. R. Rouse, a progressive farmer, who lives three miles north northeast of Kinston, informs us that a large tree was blown down in his yard, falling alongside his house. The hail, he thinks, ruined his tobacco crop. His cotton was badly damaged, especially where it had been chopped out. Mr. Rouse says his neighbors were damaged in about the same way by the hail.

"My wife," said Tangle, "is a mind reader." "Pity my lot," said Jangle. "My wife is a mind speaker."—Tit-Bits.

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## ON TO SPANISH SPIES.

Sobral's Arrest Leads to Further Important Discoveries.

## GETTING AT THE HEAD SPIES.

Two More to Be Arrested Immediately. Supposed to Be Jointly at the Head of The Spanish Service in America. Washington Spy Sent a Daily Letter to His New York Accomplice, and the Latter Cabled It in Cipher to France, Thence to Madrid. Fast Spanish Scout Ship Chased.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Key West, May 27.—In connection with the arrest of Lieutenant Sobral as a spy, two more spies, in New York and Washington, will be arrested immediately. One is a lawyer, a former employee of the Cuban colonial government, and the other a merchant.

They are supposed to be jointly at the head of the Spanish secret service in America. Both are prominent men.

The Washington spy sent a daily letter to his New York accomplice, and the latter would cable the same in cipher to France, whence it would be transmitted to Madrid. He was paid as high as \$750 for a single cablegram to Havana, which asked that ten dollars be placed to the credit of Senorita Maria. This was a palpable blind.

Ten soldiers arrived this morning from Dry Tortugas enroute to Fort McPherson. They said that a telegram was received at Tortugas yesterday from Washington, announcing that Schley had bottled up Cervera's fleet in Santiago harbor.

Key West, May 27.—The Wilmington sighted a Spanish scout ship yesterday afternoon, fifteen miles off Sandy Key light. The Spaniard was a three-masted steamship, with yellow smokestack and apparently of 4,500 tons. The Wilmington pursued her vainly.

Later the Bancroft spoke the Wilmington and asked if she had seen the Spaniard which chased the Eagle. While the ships were speaking the Spanish vessel appeared. The Bancroft pursued her, the Wilmington being on short coal supply. The chase went southeast.

For three nights now a strange vessel has been hovering around Key West, disappearing in the morning. She is apparently speedy.

The Wilmington reports the blockade all quiet.

### THE MARKET.

By Telegraph to The Free Press. New York, May 27.—July cotton 6.53. July wheat \$1.14%. Tone of wheat market bad.

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