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GOVERNMENT'S PLANS

Said to Be Showing Definite Shape and Forming

FOR THE INVASION OF CUBA.

Porto Rico Campaign Goes Forward On the Heels of the Santiago Movement. No Attention Paid to Peace Talk.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Washington, June 13.—The plans of the administration are now showing definite shape and forming for the invasion of Cuba.

The Porto Rico campaign goes forward upon the heels of the Santiago movement if not simultaneously.

The third expedition to Manilla will sail probably Wednesday.

If overtures for peace have been made by foreign representatives abroad, none have been received by the representatives of foreign powers here, and no attention is paid to peace talk.

The Guantanamo skirmish is being discussed here.

Despite the report to the contrary, one cable to Cuba remains uncut.

When the administration is assured that troops are landed in Cuba and that three expeditions are en route to Manilla, the army will be ready to capture San Juan, the capital of Porto Rico.

General Grant's Characteristics.

He was possessed of a moral and physical courage which was equal to every emergency in which he was placed. He was calm amid excitement, patient under trials, sure in judgment, clear in foresight, never depressed by reverses or unduly elated by success. He was fruitful in expedients and had a facility of resource and a faculty of adapting the means at hand to the accomplishment of an end which never failed him. He possessed an intuitive knowledge of topography, which prevented him from ever becoming confused as to locality or direction in conducting even the most complicated movements in the field. His singular self reliance enabled him at critical junctures to decide instantly questions of vital moment without dangerous delay in seeking advice from others and to assume the gravest responsibilities without asking any one to share them.

His habits of life were simple, and he enjoyed a physical constitution which enabled him to endure every form of fatigue and privation incident to military service in the field. His soldiers always knew that he was ready to rough it with them and share their hardships on the march. He wore no better clothes than they, and often ate no better food. There was nothing in his manner to suggest that there was any gulf between him and the men who were winning his victories. He never tired of giving unstinted praise to his subordinates. He was at all times loyal to them. His fidelity produced a reciprocal effect and is one of the chief reasons why they became so loyally attached to him. He was never betrayed by success into boasting of his triumphs. He never underrated himself in a battle; he never overrated himself in a report.—General Horace Porter in Century.

About Telegraph Poles.

The number of poles used for telegraph wires per mile varies from 20 to 32 on minor lines to 26 to 30 on main lines. These poles are of regulation height, in order that the lowest wire shall not be less than 12 feet from the ground, and as the poles are set into the ground from 4 to 6 feet they measure from 20 to 22 feet in length. The sag, or dip, varies of course with the number of poles per mile and the condition of the atmosphere, but the average is about 14 feet.

In France it is a punishable offense for any one to give infants under one year any form of solid food unless such be ordered by written prescription signed by a legally qualified medical man.

San Francisco Ashore.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Highland Light, Mass., June 13.—Dispatches report that the San Francisco ran ashore during a dense fog this morning half a mile from High Head life saving station.

Aid Sent the San Francisco.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Boston, June 13.—Two tugs have been sent to aid the San Francisco.

First Bid for Bonds.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Washington, June 13.—The first bid for issuing \$200,000,000 under the new war revenue bill comes from a syndicate composed of the National City Bank, Central Trust Company, and Verinulze & Co., of New York, for all or only part of the amount.

German Reichsrath to be Prorogued.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Vienna, June 13.—Premier von Thun Hohenstein informed the presidents of both houses of the reichsrath today that the reichsrath will be prorogued by imperial decree.

Ten Buildings Burned.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Titusville, Pa., June 13.—Ten buildings were burned at Spartansburg early this morning, causing heavy loss to the village.

Prairie Goes to Sea.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Philadelphia, June 13.—The cruiser Prairie went to sea at 11 o'clock this morning.

PROBABLE NAVAL SERVICE.

North Carolina Naval Militia Likely to be Mustered into Service at Once. Particulars Regarding the Matter.

A special from Raleigh Saturday to the Newbern Journal says: Adjutant General Cowles today received a telegram from Secretary Long, of the navy, saying that he had referred General Cowles's telegram concerning the North Carolina Naval Reserves to Rear Admiral Erben, of New York, who has the command of them.

This afternoon Adjutant General Cowles received the following letter from Lieutenant C. H. Arnold, of the United States navy, at Charleston, S. C.

"I have been directed to enlist the members of the Naval Militia of North Carolina, into the service of the United States as an auxiliary naval force.

"Members presenting themselves will be required to pass physical and professional examinations, and will be given ratings for which they may be best found qualified.

"The officers and men will be notified that while the intention of the department is that their services shall be used as far as practicable for necessary coast defenses, they must be prepared to serve wherever the department deems their service necessary.

"Enlistments will be for one year's general service, unless discharged.

"A discharge will be granted upon request, providing the exigencies of the service will permit.

"Officers will be examined for grades to which they may be appointed, for one year if successful, and according to the duties they will be expected to perform."

Immediately upon the receipt of this letter Adjutant General Cowles wired Lieut. Arnold to know where he wished to muster the men into service, and suggested Wilmington, N. C., as the best point.

The Pope and Rome.

The Osservatore Romano thus explains why the pope does not appear on the streets of Rome: "If the pope went about in Rome, he would inevitably be made the object of demonstrations of respectful enthusiasm on the part of the faithful, and by a natural reaction these demonstrations would be followed, by others of a hostile character. The pope would be simultaneously applauded and hissed and surrounded by tumults and faction fights. The government would render military honors to him, but it could not long tolerate in the streets of Rome demonstrations in favor of the pope, who, after all, is a dispossessed sovereign."

"Does your wife do much fancy work?" "Fancy work? She won't even let a porous plaster come into the house without crocheting a red border round it and running a yellow ribbon through the holes."—Tit-Bits.

OFF FOR CUBA AT LAST.

First Expedition Sailed at Daybreak This Morning.

15,000 TROOPS ON THE WAY.

No Official Report Yet of the Engagement of Marines at Guantanamo, Where Our Side Lost Several Lives, Among Them Being John Blair Gibbs, of Virginia. Our Troops Expected Off Santiago Thursday.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Washington, June 13.—There is no official report of the engagement of marines at Guantanamo harbor, when Assistant Surgeon John Blair Gibbs, of Richmond, Va.; Sergeant Chas. Smith, of Smallwood; Private Wm. Dumphy, of Gloucester; Private James McKolgan, of Stoneham, Mass., were killed after thirteen hours fighting.

A dispatch says the army of invasion sailed at daybreak from Key West, 15,000 strong.

Today Crowninshield said he had no advices that Manilla has fallen.

The first troops which sailed from Key West today comprised 773 officers and 14,564 privates.

Expected Off Santiago Thursday.

By Cable to The Free Press.

Mole St. Nicholas, June 13.—The expedition under Shafter will land near Zachara bay, nine miles west of Santiago. Operations against Santiago will begin immediately upon their arrival. The 26,000 infantry, three squadrons of cavalry and a regiment of artillery are expected off Santiago Thursday.

GERMANY DENIES.

Denial That She Intends Holding a Conference Regarding the Philippines.

By Cable to The Free Press.

London, June 13.—All dispatches from Berlin this morning deny that Germany has any intention of calling a conference regarding the Philippines.

May Not Responsible for the Report.

By Cable to The Free Press.

London, June 13.—Ambassador Hay says that he is not responsible for the report that Manilla has fallen to the Americans or insurgents.

Curfew.

N. C. Baptist.

The curfew ordinance is growing. About 400 towns and cities in this country have already adopted it with universal approbation. It is working admirably. Of course there was at first a great deal of ranting and kicking and injunction suits, but it was only a short time before all was quiet and the boys were going home when the curfew rang. The law is eight or eight-thirty in the winter and nine in the summer.

Some think these laws are infringement of personal liberty. They are for the general well-being of society and are justifiable. The boy who is out at night is the boy out of which the criminal is made and the State has the right to protect itself against this class. Col. Alexander Hoagland, of Kentucky, has spent 15 years in this work and with marvelous success. He says the following ordinance has met the situation in a wonderful degree:

1. Compelling officers of cities and towns to apprehend and restore to their homes all tramping and truant boys and girls.
2. To prevent imprisoning youths in station houses, jails and workhouses with old criminals.
3. To protect children in dissipated and immoral homes.
4. That county commissioners open at their county seats and larger towns an intelligence office where boys and girls can register for homes or employment free of expense.
5. Through State law or municipal ordinances compel all youths, unless accompanied by parents or guardians, or absent on leave, to be at their own homes after late hours of the night (usually nine o'clock).

The agitation of this question is coming. You should be prepared to do your Christian duty concerning it. We want to see it tried in North Carolina.

Old papers for sale at this office.

NEWBERN NEWS ITEMS.

Prospects Bright for Thomas. Reserves Will Probably Receive Orders Wednesday. A Letter From Key West. A Small Fire.

C. Whit Gaskins, Manager Newbern Department.

NEWBERN, N. C., June 13, 1898.

A letter received Saturday night by Lieut. Daniels, from Commander Geo. L. Morton, states that the Reserves will probably receive orders Wednesday.

It is gratifying to the friends of Hon. Charles R. Thomas, the Democratic candidate for congress from this district to know that he is gaining strength every day, and that the prospects for his nomination are very bright.

Sunday morning at 3:15 the fire alarm sounded from box 54. The fire was located on West street, and proved to be a dwelling house occupied by colored people. The fire was inside the house, and burned the whole interior.

A letter from Mr. Haywood Howerton, one of the crew of the auxiliary cruiser Manning, from Key West, stated that they were to leave that place to transfer the marines from the Panther to the bay of Guantanamo. He said he had seen Henry Rhodes and Will Credle. Will Credle was among the 900 marines on board the Panther, and were taken from Brooklyn. He says they were both looking well and in good health. Haywood goes on to say that he is well and has only been sick once and that was caused from eating too many pineapples.

GEN. HOKE'S VIEWS.

He Thinks the Philippine Islands Should Be Sold to Japan.

Col. F. A. Olds writes to the Wilmington Messenger:

"The ablest ex-Confederate general now living in this State said to me today: 'My idea is sell the Philippines to Japan and thus pay the cost of the war and make a firm friend and ally of that country; then take and hold Cuba and Porto Rico. They are naturally ours. Then build quickly the Nicaragua Canal.'

"He went on to say, and what he says is always worth the reading: 'The Spanish army is already crushed. Our navy is magnificent in morale. But the Spanish army will fight. You will see that. I look for desperate fighting at Havana. But it will have to be taken and it will be taken. Of that there is no doubt.'"

This is General Hoke, of course.

Of One Overmastering Idea.

Hardware Trade.

The giants of the race have been men of concentration, who have struck sledgehammer blows in one place until they have accomplished their purpose. The successful men of today are men of one overmastering idea, one unwavering aim, men of single and intense purpose. "Scatteration" is the curse of American business life. Too many are like Douglas Jerrold's friend, who could converse in twenty-four languages, but had no ideas to express in any one of them.

LEE TO STRIKE HAVANA.

But Probably Be a Long Time Hence.

COPPINGER TO PORTO RICO.

Hard Work at Chattanooga. Vigorously Equipping Soldiers, So It is Stated. 20,000 Soldiers Could Be Sent From Camp Thomas in an Emergency.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Tampa, June 13.—Gen. Coppinger is in command of the troops left here. It is believed that he will take the next expedition, its destination being Porto Rico.

Gen. Lee's corps is not likely to be sent to Porto Rico but will go to Cuba when the time comes to strike Havana.

Chattanooga, Tenn., June 13.—For the first time in many days the atmosphere is cool and delightful at Camp Thomas. The hot spell is broken and the soldiers will devote the entire week to hard work. The equipment of the soldiers is being vigorously prosecuted. Today 20,000 men could be sent in an emergency.

COTTON MARKET.

Reported by W. A. Potterfield & Co., Raleigh, N. C.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Raleigh, N. C., June 13.—New York cotton futures showed some strength at the opening but later lost it on reports of better crop conditions. The close was steady.

June opened 6.52 and closed 6.51. July opened at 6.50 and closed 6.52. August opened at 6.57 and closed 6.54.

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