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DICTATOR AGUNALDO.

Declares Dictatorship and Martial Law Over the Philippines.

CHICAMAUGA TO PORTO RICO.

Big Expedition Left Chicamauga for Porto Rico. Gen. Garcia Has Issued a Decree Authorizing Cubans to Return to Work On Their Farms. Garcia May Disband His Forces.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Washington, July 22.—The following dispatch was given out this morning by Adj.-Gen. Corbin:

"Aguinaldo declares dictatorship and martial law over all the Philippines. The people expect independence.

"(Signed) ANDERSON."

Bound to Porto Rico.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Washington, July 22.—Two hundred officers, 5,100 men and 160 cars of freight left Chicamauga this morning enroute to Newport News, where they will embark by tomorrow evening for Porto Rico.

Garcia May Disband His Forces.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Santiago, July 22.—The greater part of Gen. Garcia's army leaves at daybreak tomorrow. Gen. Garcia has issued a decree authorizing all Cubans to return to work on their farms and plantations, assuring them protection by his forces. The decree also added permission to those in his ranks, who were recruited from farm lands, to return.

Gen. Garcia's actions justify the impression that he means to disband the Cuban forces.

ITALY AND U. S. OF COLUMBIA.

Italian Warship Said to be Authorized To Bombard and Occupy Carthage.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Rome, July 22.—Italian warships Piedmont and Dongali has sailed for Lisbon, destination not known, but they are believed to be bound for Columbia.

It is believed that Admiral Cardiani has been authorized to bombard and occupy Carthage, one of the most important cities of the United States of Columbia, and one of the oldest cities in the western hemisphere, which, while under Spain, was the most important stronghold.

The claim of Italy grew out of damages sustained by Italian citizens in the revolution of 1896. The claim for indemnity was referred to President Grover Cleveland in 1896, who rendered a decision in favor of Italy. Since that date Italy has been trying to collect the indemnity awarded by President Cleveland but has failed to do so, and is now trying to enforce payment.

PEACE HONORABLE TO SPANISH ARMS.

Gamazo, Minister of Public Instruction, Authorizes Statement That Such Will Soon Be Concluded.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Madrid, July 22.—Gamazo, minister of public instruction, authorizes the statement that peace, honorable to Spanish arms, will shortly be concluded.

TRAIN HOLD UP IN TEXAS.

Robbers Repulsed, But Conductor Fatally Shot.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Fort Worth, Texas, July 22.—The south bound Santa Fe train was held up near Suginaw last night by six men. The robbers were repulsed but escaped. The conductor was fatally wounded.

Harbor Lights Discontinued.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

London, July 22.—All the landing and harbor lights of Gijon, bay of Biscay, have been discontinued and the coast is now in darkness.

LAGRANGE NEWS.

Business Positions Accepted. A Hay Ride. Church Announcements. 57 to Morehead. Crops Need Rain. Gored by An Ox.

FREE PRESS BUREAU, LAGRANGE, July 21, 1898.

Crops are suffering for rain.

Miss Blanche Murchison has returned from Princeton.

Mr. J. L. Abbott returned yesterday from Danville, Va.

Preaching in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening.

Fifty-seven tickets were sold at this place for the Morehead excursion.

Mrs. J. Y. Joyner and children are visiting Mr. T. R. Rouse, of near here.

Miss Florence Speight has accepted a position with Mess. Creech and Fields.

Mr. E. C. Smith has been employed by Mr. O. Taylor to attend to his grocery.

Miss Almata Kennedy gave a "hay ride" to her friends to Seven Springs Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Rosa Creech has returned from a visit to Hookerton, accompanied by Mr. Oscar Taylor, of that town.

Miss Maggie Dixon, who has been visiting Miss Beatrice Kennedy, has returned to her home near Fountain Hill.

Little Pearl Jones was gored by Reubin Atmore's ox Tuesday but not seriously hurt. Intervention in time saved her possibly from death.

Rev. Mr. Frye, of Wake Forest, will fill Rev. J. W. Rose's pulpit Sunday morning and afternoon, as Mr. Rose will be engaged in protracted work elsewhere.

We apologize to the Baptist, Presbyterian and M. P. people for our error in stating that there would be services in the Baptist and Presbyterian churches last Sunday. We should have said in the M. P. church.

Misses Sadie Hardee, Fannie Allen, Nancy Best, Pearl Hardee, Carrie Taylor, Meadames J. M. Hadley, Glenn Mewborn, Addie Joyner and Lily Dale Joyner, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Best and Vivian took in the Washington excursion Tuesday.

UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR AT JACKSONVILLE.

The North Carolina and Wisconsin Soldiers Came Near Having a Pretty Serious "Engagement."

Jacksonville, Fla., July 20.—The first Wisconsin and the first North Carolina regiments had a little mix-up today.

A man from each regiment was fighting near the sentry's line, when a Wisconsin guard attempted to stop them.

The southerner ran over the line into his own camp, which adjoined Wisconsin regiment's camp. The Wisconsin guard pursued him, whereupon the North Carolina guard came out, and the two forces met with "charge bayonets."

It was getting to be interesting, as the blood of both details was up, when the guard of the second Virginia came across the road and separated the contending factions.

It was hot for a few minutes, and but for the intercession of the Virginians some one would have been seriously hurt.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK.

By an American Shell, But it was all Due To An Accident. How it Happened.

Kingston, Jamaica, July 20.—The British ship Trafalgar came to grief a few days ago in the harbor of Santiago.

During the earlier days of the bombardment a lot of shells were fired by the American fleet at the defenses at the mouth of the harbor, and many shells buried themselves in the earth without exploding.

Some enreprising natives dug them up and sold them for curios. One was purchased by the captain of the Trafalgar.

It was taken between the decks and examined. The powder within was found to be hardened. When a chisel was used to remove the obstruction it hit the detonating cap, exploding the shell.

Two men were killed and five wounded. Pieces were driven through the ship's side and led to her sinking.

Senator Pritchard's Narrow Escape.

Asheville, N. C., July 20.—United States Senator J. C. Pritchard, of North Carolina, left his home Sunday to attend court at Burnsville. It has just been learned that when crossing a swollen mountain stream his buggy was overturned and the senator had a narrow escape for his life. He had an exhausting struggle with the flood. His horse and buggy were swept away and the senator came to Burnsville bruised and moist, and with several ugly cuts, none of which are serious.

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HOBSON IN NEW YORK.

Arrived There Unexpectedly on The St. Paul.

BRINGS SECRET MESSAGES.

Sampson's Report of the Sinking of Cervera's Fleet and Secret Messages to The President Taken by Hobson to Washington. The Hero Was Given a Most Enthusiastic Reception.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

New York, July 22.—Lieutenant Hobson arrived here unannounced and unexpected this morning on the St. Paul.

Hobson brings the most important message received here since the late stirring scenes at Santiago. He brought Sampson's report of the sinking of Cervera's fleet and the capture of various ships by the fleet, and also secret messages to the president.

It was not until Hobson stepped on the deck of the St. Paul shortly after 9 o'clock to take a boat for the shore that his identity became known. As he stepped ashore one of the most enthusiastic receptions ever given to a war hero greeted him. The officers and crew of the Newport threw discipline to the winds and crowded about the dock, mingling with hundreds of citizens who had heard the news of Hobson's arrival.

There was much cheering and congratulations for the hero, the most daring hero of the war.

Hobson left shortly after his arrival for Washington.

COMPLIED WITH FRENCH DEMAND.

Haytian Government Withdraws Its Decree Expelling Madame Hermans for Her Conflict With President's Wife.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Port au Prince, July 12.—It is reported here that the Haytian government has complied with demand of the French government for the withdrawal of the decree of expulsion issued recently against Madame Hermans, a French subject and also a resident of Port au Prince. The expulsion was ordered on the grounds that she was a person dangerous to the public security after her conflict with the wife of the president in the cathedral over the possession of a chair.

The decree of expulsion will be annulled, thus closing the incident.

A Job in Everything.

News-Observer.

From the day that the present Republican administration took charge of affairs in North Carolina, scandal has succeeded scandal, and job has followed job until the people have come to expect nothing else.

The news comes from a reliable source that even in the matter of transporting the colored troops to Fort Macon from Morehead City a Carteret Republican got the job at a fancy price. Captain Sprinkle, who owns a line of boats, offered to carry the troops and their baggage at 15 cents per head, when less than 50 were to be transported at one time, and at 10 cents for all above fifty. Did he get the contract? Not much. It was let to Thos. Duncan, who owns no line of boats, at 25 cents each, and he had to hire boats or sub-let the job.

There is no department of government in North Carolina, administered by State or federal officials, that is not tainted with fraud, corruption, jobs or incompetency.

Lowest Price for Cotton.

New York, July 21.—On the cotton exchange here today cotton declined to the lowest price it has been for fifty years at this season of the year, the August price being 5.79.

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NEWBERN NEWS ITEMS.

Cake Walk Tonight. Will Locate at Trenton. Signal Corps Received Their Discharge From the Service.

C. Whit Gaskins, Manager Newbern Department.

NEWBERN, N. C., July 22, 1898.

A telegram, received here yesterday, stated that the signal corps, consisting of Mess. J. L. Hartsfield, C. C. Thornton, Sam Hyde, Ed Hardison and Don Wood, had received their discharge from the U. S. service, and would be home Sunday morning.

There will be a cake walk at Stanly Hall tonight, and plenty of fun and amusement is promised those that attend. After the walk refreshments will be served. Price of admission 10 cents. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Newbern reel team.

About the 1st of August Mr. H. J. McSoreley, a prominent young attorney of this city, will locate at Trenton and offer his professional services to the people of that section. Mr. McSoreley is a young man with fine business qualities, and has made a good record since his start in the profession. We wish him success.

Report That Watson Will Not Attack Spain Denied.

Special to Newbern Journal.

Washington, July 21.—Secretary Long denies the report that Commodore Watson's fleet will be disbanded or that the attack on Spanish coast cities has been abandoned.

He says everything possible is being done to hurry its departure for Spain.

The administration determined to strengthen the fleet to the utmost extent possible, so as to produce a moral effect in Europe which will be beneficial to the United States and prevent foreign governments from interfering in the terms of peace to be made.

The president deems it the policy of wisdom to place under Commodore Watson's command a fleet whose number and effect will be sufficient to make the European sneer give way to cordial friendship and acquiescence in the demands to be made of Spain as the price of peace.

The departure to Spain will, however, be deferred until the Porto Rico expedition is cleared, which is ordered to be immediate.

The government has made arrangements to establish a postal service in Cuba as fast as it is occupied by United States troops. Letter postage to all parts of the island in the possession of the American army will be two cents.

A Convention of Pie Eaters.

The Republican State convention was fittingly designated as a convention of "pie eaters." It was composed, with only a very few exceptions, of office-holders, who ran it on a "cut and dried" plan.

Negroism was exalted. "Oh, yes, I am a negro office-holder," said Geo. H. White, "and there are many other negroes that are going to hold office. They are being built to order. I want to invite the issue of the white man against the negro. I want to meet it in the black belt, and whether they meet me or not, I am going to have them to hear me."

And the above was applauded by the base white men present.

Big Confederate Veterans' Meeting.

Atlanta, Ga., July 20.—Ten thousand veterans and their friends filled to overflowing the big auditorium at Piedmont Park this morning and cheered the living heroes of Confederacy and the names of the dead. Glowing tributes were shown on the records and achievements of the sons of the South in the war with Spain.

GEN. MILES LEFT AT LAST

Cleared Thursday Afternoon and is Now on the Way

TO PORTORICO UNDER CONVOY

That is Strong. Big News Expected First Of Next Week. No Corroboration Report Watson's Fleet Be Disbanded. Believed Schley Will Be Next in Command Under Watson and That Expedition Be Started at Earliest Possible Moment.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Washington, July 22.—It is officially given out this morning that Gen. Miles cleared yesterday afternoon and now on the way to Porto Rico under a strong convoy.

Secretary Alger says he expects big news the first of next week, and is rapidly pushing preparations to send the expedition.

No corroboration can be found that Watson's fleet will be disbanded. No definite answer has been had, affirmative or negative. It is believed that Watson will have Schley as his second in command, and that the expedition will be started at the earliest possible moment.

Camara's Fleet Going to Ceuta.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Gibraltar, July 22.—It is now assured that Camara's fleet is coming to Ceuta.

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