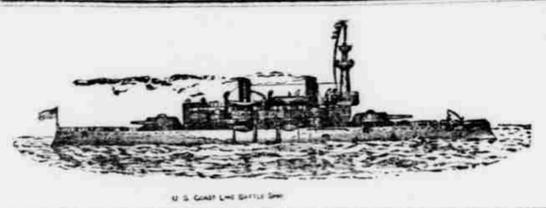


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FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL
 War News Refused the Public by the Administration.
 RIGID CENSORSHIP ENFORCED.
 Attempts Being Made to Persuade the President to Postpone the Invasion of Cuba—Plans Frequently Changed—The "Board of Strategy" Conducting the War—Senator Daniel's Speech.

COVERED IN ONE COLUMN
 Epitome of Important War News For Week Just Ended.
 New Spanish Cabinet Formed.
 The Spanish ministerial crisis was solved Wednesday by the formation of the following cabinet:
 President of the Council of Ministers—Senor Praxedis Sagasta.
 Minister of Foreign Affairs—Senor Leon y Castillo.
 Minister of War—Lieutenant Colonel Corrales.
 Minister of Marine—Senor Anson.
 Minister of the Colonies—Senor Romero-Olivas.
 Minister of Finance—Senor Lopez Pelaez.
 Minister of the Interior—Senor F. R. Cajal.
 Minister of Justice—Senor C. Grotard.
 Minister of Public Instruction—Senor Gamazo.



LATEST WAR NEWS.

The Situation Briefly Stated in a Telegram to The Messenger.

New York, May 25—4 P. M.
 President McKinley has called for 75,000 additional volunteers, and this number will be apportioned among the various States at once.
 The battleship "Oregon" is now coaling at Jupiter Inlet, Florida. This vessel, after its run of over 13,000 miles from San Francisco, is in excellent condition and will be assigned to one of the American fleets now in Cuban waters.
 Arrangements have been completed by the Government for the occupation of the island of Porto Rico immediately.
 The Government has no news to make public concerning the different fleets. There has been no battle yet.
 The prisoner at Key West with charts of the torpedo beds of New York harbor in his possession turns out to be Sobral, the former military attaché of the Spanish legation at Washington.

When a contrast was the reception of the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment by the Baltimoreans on Saturday night to that given the same historic regiment on the 10th of April, 1861, when passing through the Monumental City. Thirty-seven years ago this command was jibed, cursed, stoned and some of its members shot by the mob; on Saturday night it was pelted with flowers and cheered to the echo, the Confederate Veterans succeeding in leading the demonstration of welcome. These are the scenes which fire the heart with enthusiastic patriotism and proclaim to the world as to every action of our united country that one flag is the flag of all. It is worth all this war will cost, if they could not have been brought about otherwise, to have these things realized by the people throughout the United States.

Now that Wm. J. Bryan is to organize a Nebraska regiment and lead it to battle as its Colonel, the gold bug organs are wishing him unbought success, expecting probably that, fearless leader as he is, he stands a good show of getting killed. Anything to beat free silver, you know.

A knot is 6,086.7 feet—also the length of a lifetime. A vessel making 20 knots an hour goes at a speed of 23 1/4 land miles. Forty persons, however, can make 20 knots in much less time.

It is no discredit to the patriotism of a man who volunteers to serve his country and is rejected because physically inefficient. Remember this, ye gabbling stay-at-homes.

A. B. C.—Alamance, Bethel, Cardenas—records the fact that the first blood shed in the Revolution, the Civil, and the Cuban wars was that of North Carolinians.

The Spaniards would like to know if the game-law is off of them in the United States every month in the year.

There is one law against riding the bicycle which cannot be repealed—the law of gravitation.

Another length of that Manila rope will hang this war higher than Haman.

The Spaniards seem to need that great ship—marksmanship.

Wonder if Blanco wouldn't like to have a few Spanish mackerel.

Give Back the Flags.

With the outbreak of the Spanish war the American civil war seems to have ended for good. Lee and Wheeler are wearing blue uniforms, and they and many others who wore the grey, or whose fathers followed the fortunes of the Confederacy, are now marching under the stars and stripes. Nor is this all. Senator Foraker, of Ohio, one of the most ultra Northern partisans, says "it would be a good thing at this time to return the Confederate battle flags."

The Cincinnati Commercial Tribune, a strong republican paper, says: "The time to give back the captured flags has come. Ohio wants no longer the trophies taken from her sister States so long ago. She would rather restore them once more into the hands and tender care of those who first bore them aloft, as a token of love for her sister Commonwealths whose defeat in war has long since been turned into a victory of peace and plenty."

The Philadelphia Press, another leading republican paper, says: "It is believed that the time has come when the North should no longer cherish these tokens of a divided country. The spirit shown by the South in the war with Spain, the loyalty it is displaying to the flag of the Union, the readiness to volunteer and bear its share of the burdens, and the willingness for the time being to sink all political differences and present a united front to the enemy have made a profound impression on the country. It was the final and convincing proof that the war between sections is ended, that the country is united, as it never was before in aim and purposes and that the American people form an indissoluble nation."

It is announced that at the annual meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic, which will be held in Cincinnati in September, a proposition will be made for the return to the South of all the battle flags captured during the war.—Baltimore Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23—Had the Administration been as successful in bottling up that Spanish fleet, which is flitting around in Cuban waters, as it has been in bottling up every particle of interesting war news, the end of the war would be in sight. Of course every body recognizes the necessity for keeping news of contemplated movements out of the newspapers, lest their publication should aid the enemy, but there is no good reason why this state of affairs should exist. Had every cable from Cuba been cut as soon as war was declared, and the same rigid censorship been put into effect upon European messages (that is now exercised, Spain could have derived no benefit from the publication of war news by American papers. If the present censorship be followed by results, there will not be much complaint, but if it be merely a cloak to hide the blunders of somebody, Congress will not long remain silent.

Orders have been issued in profusion to our fleets in Cuban waters, and there is, of course, a general hope that they will succeed in finding and fighting the Spanish—no one doubts that we can lick it if we can get at them—but Secretary Long seems to like it for granted that the Spaniards can avoid a light just as long as they may desire to.

Those who for one or another reason are desirous of dragging the war on indefinitely have again been trying to persuade Mr. McKinley to postpone the invasion of Cuba until fall. They have got a new argument now—that it will take four months to make as much ammunition as they think the army ought to have before being sent to Cuba. They also ring the changes on the old argument that military operations on a large scale cannot be carried on in Cuba during the rainy season, which usually begins about the tenth of June and continues for six or eight weeks—an argument long ago disposed of by the active campaigns of the insurgents during rainy seasons. If the statement about ammunition be true, which there is reason to doubt, there is something radically wrong about the War Department. It is supposed from the hurrying of volunteers to the south, that the invasion of Cuba will be pushed at once, but plans have been changed so often that it is difficult to say what will be done.

Czar Reed has the Hawaiian annexationists on the anxious bench. The other four members of the committee on rules are evenly divided and it is for him to decide whether the committee will report a special rule for the consideration of the annexation resolution, without which the resolution cannot be brought to a vote. As a sort of answer to criticism from every direction, it has been semi-officially announced that the Naval War Board, popularly known as the "Board of Strategy" and spoken of by some irrevocable persons as the "Board of Lettargy," which is composed of naval officers, has nothing to do with conducting the war, but is merely charged with the duty of advising Secretary Long. This will strike most persons as an attempt to make a distinction where there is no difference. If Secretary Long did not consider the advice of the board worth being followed, the board would speedily be abolished. It would be safe to say that every important order issued by Secretary Long has been upon the advice of this board. It would be the most natural thing in the world that both Mr. McKinley and Secretary Long, neither of whom has had any experience in naval fighting, should seek the assistance of naval officers in conducting that branch of the war. The unnatural thing is that such a statement should have been allowed to have been made. The Naval War Board has certainly done all the conducting of the war that has been done from the Washington end; otherwise is any credit, it should not be deprived of it any more than it should be shielded from criticism.

Senator Daniel made one of the strongest speeches yet made against an issue of bonds, and in favor of paying the expenses of the war as we go along, rather than saddling them upon posterity. Replying to the contention that the issue of bonds proposed was intended for effect upon Spain, Senator Daniel said that if the desired effect could be assured he was ready to vote to issue the bonds. "But," he impressively continued, "if Spain was not convinced at Manila that this country was in earnest in this war, then Sampson and Schley and Miles and their lieutenants have some arguments to submit to her that will prove to be even more assured vehicles of conviction than any issue of bonds could be." He declared the stamp tax to be the most odious and pestiferous tax invented by man.

Two Millions a Year.
 When people buy things they want to make them last. The people of the United States do not buy things carelessly. They buy things that will last. A year ago the people of the United States bought more than \$1,000,000,000 worth of goods. They bought more than \$1,000,000,000 worth of goods. They bought more than \$1,000,000,000 worth of goods. They bought more than \$1,000,000,000 worth of goods.

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Beauty Is Blood Deep
 Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascares candy cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean by stirring up the liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly yellow complexion by taking Cascares candy cathartic. It is the best blood purifier for all ailments. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed. 10c, 25c, 50c. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

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Battleship Oregon Safe.
 Secretary of the Navy Long gave out the welcome information Wednesday that the battleship Oregon, the second largest craft in the American navy, had successfully completed her long trip from San Francisco, making the entire circuit of South America, and was safe.

Spanish Get Coal Station.
 A dispatch from Montreal, published Thursday, said Senor Polo y Berruete had secured, by cable, a coal depot near St. Pierre, Miquelon, the French colony off the south coast of Newfoundland, at which the Cadiz squadron would coal previous to attacking the Atlantic seaboard of the United States, while the Cape Verde squadron, commanded by Admiral Cervera, drew off the squadrons commanded by Rear Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley.

Tampa Camp to Be Divided.
 TAMPA, Fla., May 24.—Plans are being made to establish camps at several points near Tampa. Water being the principal requisite water are being bored at Seffner, at Dade City and several other points that are high and dry and convenient to railroad lines.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.
 The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by White & Yancey, Marion; W. H. Dissaway, Old Fort.

Coffee Will Not Be Taxed.
 WASHINGTON, May 24.—Coffee will not be taxed in the war revenue bill. This statement is made on the authority of Representative Hopkins, member of the house ways and means committee.

Cubans Enroute to Coast.
 NEW YORK, May 24.—A Key West special says: The Cubans are fighting their way to the coast, where they will join our forces of invasion.

Admiral Nelson said of the Spaniards: "In time of peace they are great braggadoecios, in time of war great cowards, but great thieves all the time."

KEEP POSTED—The New York Journal, Knoxville Tribune, Charlotte Observer, and Asheville Gazette, at Swindell's news counter.

WINTER underwear and the weather are at war.

If you want extraordinary value in envelopes, see the kind that sell 25 for a nickel at Swindell's.

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How many people know that the remains of Christopher Columbus lie in the Cathedral at Havana?

Belfast linen paper, 25 cents a pound, at Swindell's.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
 Take Lincolne's Remedy. Quinine Tablets. All druggists return the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents.

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Her War Hat.
 Alas! 'Tis hard to leave you thus, Distracted and forlorn; But, hubby dear, remember this, That man was made to mourn. My duty takes me to the front, 'Tis true, love bids me stay; But sternly I repress my heart And still I sweet Cupid nay! But, hubby dear, I fain would know, I can no longer wait! Oh! tell me, dearest, ere I go— Is my war hat on straight?

The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.
 From the Fairhaven (N. Y.) Register.
 Mr. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had used ever did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by M. F. Morphew.

Poles for a telephone line are being placed along the route from Marion to Bakersville. It is expected that communications may be made within a few weeks.

How To Look Good.
 Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver is inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach is disordered, you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys are affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alternative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys, purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at White & Yancey, Marion; and W. H. Dissaway, Old Fort. 50 cents per bottle.

The mica mines of Mitchell County are being steadily worked and the industry will furnish considerable revenue to the county.

An Enterprising Druggist.
 There are few men more wide awake and enterprising than White & Yancey, Marion; Dissaway, Old Fort, who spare no pains to secure the best of everything in their line for their many customers. They now have the valuable agency for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. This is the wonderful remedy that is producing such a furor all over the country by its many startling cures. It absolutely cures Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all affections of the throat, chest and Lungs. Call at the above drug stores and get a trial bottle free or a regular size for 50 cents and \$1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

The commencement exercises of the University of North Carolina takes place May 31st, and June 1st.

"It is the Best on Earth."
 That is what Edwards & Parker, merchants of Plains, Ga., say of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, for rheumatism, lame back, deep seated and muscular pains. Sold by M. F. Morphew.

The Fifteenth North Carolina Teacher's Assembly will meet in Asheville June 14-18.

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 Cascares candy cathartic, the most wonderful medicinal discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, acts gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleaning the entire system, dispels colds, cures headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of it. C. C. T. & Co., 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

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 Then see our new lines, Spring and Summer, percales, dimities, organdies, for evening dresses, Irish dress linen, lawns, plaids, silks for any purpose, calicoes, dotted swiss and trimmings; general line of Gentlemen's Neglige Shirts.

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J. S. DYSART.
 Marion, N. C., May 6, 1898.—t f.

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DRY GOODS.
 Our lines of ORGANDIES, DIMITIES, PERCALES, LINEN CRASH are hard to beat. A full stock Bleachings. 10-4 Sheetings.

STRAW HATS.
 An excellent line just arrived, price ranging from 5c to \$1.75 each.

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