

MEXICO, SEAT OF WAR

May be the Battleground if There are Hostilities.

DIAZ GETTING READY

In Case of War Between the United States and Spain, Mexico May be the Base of Operations—Preparing for Pretext.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

HAVANA, Nov. 19.—The insurgents are said to have fourteen factories in operation at Pinar Del Rio, but still reports are received of scarcity of food and clothing. The constant rifle volleys which have been heard since the invasion of Pinar Del Rio by Captain General Weyler have frightened the cattle into hiding in the mountains, where there is difficulty in securing them.

HAVANA, Nov. 19.—It appears positive that Weyler has been asked to resign because of failure in his leadership against Maceo, General Prando will probably succeed him. General Moncada while reconnoitering in the hills engaged the fortified positions of the rebels in the Grillo hills and dislodged them. In a sweeping fire of three hours at Moyano, two lieutenants and thirty-six soldiers were wounded. Almanas lost six privates.

Key West, Fla., Nov. 19.—Passengers by last steamer from Havana say this report is current that Captain General Weyler will return immediately. Spanish merchants and others on Murray street are very indignant over the report.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Mexico is known to be buying munitions of war from this country on account of the revolution in Cuba. President Diaz has been informed by some European powers that in case of war between Spain and the United States the former will try to seize Mexico for a base of operations. Diaz has secret agents in New York and many western cities purchasing implements of war to be delivered in sixty days. The agents in New York are purchasing bolts to be converted into cartridges. Mexico is endeavoring to keep her operations secret. President Cleveland has made known his attitude to Cuba, and it is said to be most friendly. This is generally pleasing to Americans. Hardly a day passes but that some reports of outrages heaped upon Americans by Weyler are received. The President is expected to take decisive action at the right moment.

WILL TAKE NO REST.

All Three Political Parties Will Keep Headquarters at Washington.

National republican committee, national democratic committee, national silver committee. Permanent headquarters of these three organizations (if they have decided) are to be established at Washington says the Washington Times.

Republican congressional headquarters are still at the Normandie, but for how long is not known. The officials of that committee are only waiting for the action of the national committee. It is expected that the permanent headquarters of the committee will be located there, and the congressional committee will be in charge. The next campaign will be fought under the direction of Mr. Babcock and his associates, and it is natural that he should have full swing.

The national committee may meet at any time, but it is probable that the members will not be called together until about the time of the opening of Congress. Then Mr. Hanna's pet plan will be thoroughly discussed and definite action taken.

Arrangements have been made for an important conference to be held by the silver leaders of the country in Washington within the next few weeks, probably shortly after the assembling of congress. The chief object will be to decide upon a plan of action for the next four years, not only throughout the country, but in congress. This conference will give the silver men a chance to air their views and decide upon what shall be done with tariff and revenue measures.

SOUTHERN GOLD MEN.

They Will Probably Be Given Recognition by McKinley.

From well-posted circles the Washington Star says it learns that many gold standard Democrats in the South not only expect recognition of their services from the incoming administration, but that they will seek recognition. From the same source it is stated that President McKinley has already thought of what action he will take in these matters; that Chairman Hanna deliberated over the question before the campaign closed, and that he promised his assistance in several instances, not on the ground that these Southern men should help elect McKinley, but on broader and stronger partisan grounds.

It will be no revelation to say that in every Southern State there will be gold Democratic applicants for positions under the new administration. It will be interesting to know that the applications will not be made on the basis of the work done for McKinley, but on the basis of what can be done for the Republican party in the South should these men be recognized.

President-elect McKinley and his administration will have put before them these facts: First, that never before in the history of the country has the Democratic party been so badly split in the South; that it is so badly crippled that the proper work will result in its being permanently disabled. Second, that the way to do this is to recognize the gold standard men and thereby anchor them safely to the Republican party and Republican principles. Third, that the nucleus of a strong Republican party can thereby be formed in every Southern State.

It will not be, it is said, the old time Republican leaders of the South who will bring these ideas to the attention of the national Republican leaders. It will be the influential business men and bankers of that section who deserted the Democratic party in the last election, and who now find the doors of the party closed to them. They do not want to return to the party, because they now find the principles of the party antagonistic to their interests. They will not join the republican party, as now constituted, because their social position will prevent it. They can afford, however, to join the party and become its leaders, if they are given the opportunity.

Every man of intelligence in the country, it is said, has long ago learned why the republican party in the south does not number in its ranks the men of standing and of brain found in the other parts of the country. The colored voter has stood in the way. The fear that he might get possession of a state has made the white men stand together, whether principle was involved or not.

The wires, it is alleged, will be laid for two parties of white men in the south. The new republican party may embrace fewer white men than the old democratic party, but it will have as much brains and as much money, and in time will draw to it a majority of the white men.

It is said on good authority that President McKinley will give good places to many southern gold democrats, but he will not be able to give them a majority of the best places in their respective states. He will have to recognize the men who worked for his nomination at St. Louis. After that is done he will be able to give places to the new men.

Fair and Warm.

The most interesting feature on the map this morning is the appearance of a severe cold wave in the extreme northwest. The barometer at Elmira has risen nearly half an inch, to 30.90, while the temperature has fallen 20 degrees below zero. A fall of 30 degrees during the past 24 hours occurred at St. Paul, 40 at Davenport, 34 at Chicago and Kansas City and 35 at St. Louis. The cold wave is spreading rapidly southward.

The storm has moved off the England coast. Light rains occurred in the Lake region and Ohio valley.

The weather remains fair and warm in the south and east.

A Business Manager in Trouble.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

New York, Nov. 19.—Claudius E. Harrell, manager of the Columbia Art Rooms, Fifth avenue, has been looked up in Ludlow street jail in default of twelve thousand dollars, charged with converting art goods, valued at fifteen thousand, belonging to the firm Goodrich and Blairman, Manchester, England.

BUTLER FOR 1900.

Said to be Figuring for the Presidential Ticket.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19.—The statement of Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina to the effect that Bryan could not receive the votes of the Populist party in 1900 unless he should be the candidate and nominee of that party rather than of the democracy, has been the subject of much comment among the silver men who have been looking forward to the next presidential campaign for a continuance of their fight for the free coinage of the white metal through a fusion of democrats, populists and silver republicans.

Mr. Butler's words are being taken with a large amount of anxiety, and it is said that the North Carolina Senator has been forced to come out with that declaration as a matter of self-protection, in view of the attack made upon him by the late vice-presidential candidate of his party, Mr. Watson.

During the last days of the campaign Mr. Watson made most of the populists have a very tired feeling because of the belief that he was ready to place his personal ambition above the principles for which the populists had been contending and which had been incorporated in the democratic platform and were advocated in so decided a manner by Bryan. They were ready to cover Watson with abuse for his course as a kicker, and as election day drew near they felt less and less patient with his constant prating over his grievances.

Mr. Butler's ambition is more than state wide. He has achieved the highest honor that the old north state can bestow upon him. He is too afraid a politician not to realize that the country is not yet prepared to elect a president from a southern state, but he believes, it is said, that the vice presidency might go there, while the first place on the ticket would be filled by a man from one of the central west and perhaps doubtful states. Mr. Butler is applying that art, which he understands well, the art of keeping one's self in the front of the column, and what better way could there be to do it than to announce to the country that his party is a star of the first magnitude, looming up in the south and west, and rising to a point where it may guide its members to victory in 1900.

Silver democrats profess to believe that Mr. Butler wants to solidify the rank and file of his party behind his banners, being careful not to allow Tom Watson to take a place ahead of him in the confidence of his party. And all this it is believed by many democrats is being done with a view to lifting Butler on the national fusion ticket in 1900. "Bryan and Butler," and to be able then to have this straight ticket endorsed by both populists and democrats. If the populists should spring their convention ahead of the democrats and nominate Bryan and Butler many politicians say that the chances would be very largely in favor of its indorsement by the democracy if general conditions do not change in four years.

The Swedish Quartette Tomorrow Night.

The Wilmington Messenger, speaking of the Swedish Quartette, which will appear here tomorrow night, says: "The Swedish Quartette, which has long ago established itself as a favorite in Wilmington, gave a delightful entertainment at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium last evening. The announcement that they would do so packed the auditorium with one of the largest audiences we have ever seen on a similar occasion. It was moreover a cultivated, discriminating audience composed of Wilmington's best people.

Wilmington has not seen the superior of the Swedish Quartette company in the class of entertainments they give. Certain it is that all who were present last night had a rare evening's enjoyment.

"Accompanying the quartette is Miss Bertha Webb, a vocalist of marked accomplishments. Her playing is remarkable for its technique, and the audience was so appreciative that they gave her encore after encore. Miss Jennie Shoemaker is another talented young lady connected with the company. She is a reciter of splendid gifts, and the audience called her back time and again. She is a fine elocutionist and is graceful and attractive. She also gave a droll performance which has never been equaled before a Wilmington audience."

Work at Republican Headquarters.

The official returns from all the counties save 13 have been received at Republican headquarters. These are expected within the next few days.

Secretary Hyams is now at work in procuring the name and address of every Republican in the State. One book will be used to hold the name and address of the voters in each county.

STOCKHOLDERS MEET.

Seaboard Divisions Elect New Directors.

HOFFMAN ENDORSED

Ryan Did Not Turn Up as Was Reported—Officers' Reports Make a Good Showing—No Friction in Any of the Meetings.

The stockholders of the Raleigh & Gaston and Raleigh & Augusta Air Line divisions of the Seaboard Air Line system met this morning at the offices of the company on Halifax street. The meeting was attended by President R. Curzon Hoffman, Vice President St. John and a party of Baltimore and Virginia stockholders.

Directors of the two Seaboard divisions were elected for a year and the management of Messrs Hoffman and St. John endorsed. There was no friction at all in either the meetings of the stockholders or directors. A report was sent out from Washington, D. C. last night to the effect that Mr. Ryan, of the syndicate which failed in an attempt to get control of the Seaboard, would be here and that he would make the stockholders meetings exceedingly interesting. Mr. Ryan and none of his associates were in evidence this morning.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Seaboard was first held. The following stockholders who accompanied Mr. Hoffman and Mr. St. John from Baltimore and Norfolk were present: W. W. Chamberlain of Norfolk; Judge Lee R. Watts, of Portsmouth; J. L. Minis, of Baltimore; Chas. F. Mayer, ex-president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad; W. B. McAtee, of Baltimore and John M. Sherwood, of Portsmouth. In addition to these gentlemen there were present a number of local stockholders, among the number being Mr. Wm. R. Tucker, Mr. W. C. Stronach, Maj. J. B. Batchelor.

The following stockholders were elected directors of the R. & G. division: R. Curzon Hoffman, president; Louis McLane, W. W. Chamberlain, W. R. Tucker, W. C. Stronach, Judge Lee R. Watts and Maj. J. B. Batchelor.

The only change in the directorship was the election of Judge Watts in place of Mr. Chas. Fisher. The latter named gentleman is said to be out of sympathy with the present management.

A large majority of the stockholders were present and the small volume of business was rapidly transacted. The reports of the officers were submitted and they made a very satisfactory showing. The receipts of the road for the past year have been the greatest in the history of the road. The administration of the present management of the Seaboard was endorsed by resolution without a dissenting vote.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Raleigh & Augusta railroad was held immediately afterwards. Reports of the officers were also submitted and revealed a most gratifying showing. The following directors were elected:

R. C. Hoffman, President, Louis McLane, W. W. Chamberlain, B. N. Duke, Benahan Cameron, J. L. Minis and Judge Lee R. Watts.

Judge L. R. Watts, was the only new director elected. The stockholders of the Durham and Northern and the Palmetto railroads met later in the afternoon. The stockholders of the Durham and Northern here today from Durham were:

George W. Watt, B. N. Duke, Leo D. Harbit and T. H. Martin of Durham and A. H. Bridgers of Henderson.

President Hoffman, Vice President St. John and party arrived here this morning in their private cars. They leave this evening for Atlanta to attend stockholders meetings of the C. C. and N. and the Belt Line Railroads.

MILKMEN IN A TRUST.

The White Liquid has Been Raised in Price 2 Cents.

Raleigh isn't sporting a surplus of circuses, football contests and other exciting incidents which are whirling time along in some of our neighboring cities, but it has a trust—a genuine trust.

Yes, the milkmen have resolute and affirmed and the price of milk is two cents per quart more, this week than it was the preceding week. While this monopolistic organization has not secured a title, it is understood that it will apply to the clerk of the court to be incorporated as "The United Trust of Raleigh, Oberlin and East Raleigh Milkmen and Milkmen."

Some persons have expressed the opinion that Gov. Elect Russell's determination to convert the laws at the Executive Mansion into a cow pasture and general grazing ground was the direct cause of the formation of the trust, but the idea is scouted.

Some scheming politicians are already saying that the people should rise up in their might and knock out the oppressive trust which has seized the "dear people" of Raleigh in their clutches.

Let no man say aught of the milkmen for they have only raised their products to legitimate price. Herebefore the white liquid has retailed at only eight cents per quart, now it is eight.

TWO MEN KILLED.

The Chattanooga Train and the Mountain Helper Collided Near Old Fort.

The Chattanooga special did not arrive here yesterday until late in the afternoon. An accident at Fort Mill in which two lives were lost caused the delay.

The Salisbury World gives the following thrilling story of the disaster:

The Chattanooga vestibule which left Salisbury at 9:30, was in charge of Will A. James, for many years an engineer on the Western, and John Howard, the fireman. The few minutes which it had lost in starting were soon made up and when the train pulled by Old Fort nothing unusual had happened and still less was expected. At the foot of the mountain just beyond Old Fort, a helper has always stood since the construction of the western, to help pull the trains up the heavy grade that lies beyond this point. For sixteen years W. A. Terrell has run the helper, and this too without a conductor. And for just as many years has he maintained a reputation for care and attention to his duty.

But last night he was overruled with work. Ringling's circus was to pass over in two sections and one section had already been pulled up. Mr. Terrell had received orders to meet the other section at Denton and it is supposed that his mind was concentrated on this thought exclusively and he failed to remember that No. 16 was due at the very moment that his engine entered a cut about four miles beyond Old Fort. It was the work of an instant. Two headlights came in view too late for the steam to be turned off by either engineer; there was a crash, a muffled noise of escaping steam and the awful tragedy of the night was ended.

The train bands quickly went out to where the two engines stood. John Howard, poor fellow, was the first man seen. He stood between the engine and tender, one hand resting on the roof of the engine and the other on the tender—dead. From the tender of the same engine engineer Will James' head and half his body were hanging from the window with two ugly scars on his forehead, while within, his right leg broken below the knee and the entire flesh of the calf torn off, fastened him down. And in this excruciatingly painful position he was found, fully conscious. A telegram received from Old Fort at 8 o'clock this afternoon states that the physicians are discussing the advisability of amputating Mr. James' leg, although they fear that he will die before they begin the operation.

Engineer Terrell was also quite badly hurt, although the extent of his injuries cannot be learned.

Bryan's Small Majority in South Dakota.

GUILTY OF NO CRIME.

Person Impersonating a Minister in Marrying a Couple.

In the case of State vs. Brown, which the Supreme Court has recently decided, it is held by Faircloth, C. J., that a private citizen, impersonating an ordained minister, who solemnizes marriage between a man and woman, is guilty of no crime, either at common or statute law.

The case comes from Pender, and the parties thus married, Joseph W. Smith and Mary E. Newkirk, are satisfied and living together as man and wife. The defendant, B. J. Brown, impersonated a minister of the missionary Baptist denomination.

The jury found Brown guilty, but he was discharged, judgment having been arrested by the Judge. The Solicitor, M. G. Richardson, appealed, but, as seen, was not sustained by the Supreme Court.

If the court now decides such a marriage valid, "best man" can be utilized as parson, and the magistrates and registers of deeds cut out of many spring fillings in the way of fees.

AROUND THE CITY.

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TODAY'S MARKETS.

New York, Nov. 19. Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., Bankers and Brokers, 30 Broad street, New York.

[By Private Wire.]

MONTHS.	OPEN-ING.	HIGH-EST.	LOW-EST.	CLOS-ING.
January	7 52	7 54	7 45	7 52
February	7 59	7 61	7 51	7 58
March	7 66	7 69	7 58	7 65
April	7 72	7 75	7 60	7 70
May	7 78	7 78	7 69	7 75
June	7 77	7 79	7 73	7 77
July	7 83	7 83	7 68	7 80
August
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October	7 46	7 39
Novemb'r.
December	7 40	7 43	7 35	7 42

Closed steady, sales 274,000.

New York Stock Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

Sugar	117
American Tobacco	104
Burlington and Quincy	812
Chicago Gas	761
Des. and Ost. Feed
General Electric	338
Louisville and Nashville	502
Manhattan	974
Rock Island	714
Southern Preferred
St. Paul	764
Tennessee Coal and Iron	294
Western Union	871

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Wheat—December, 77½; May, 80½.
Corn—December, 24½; May, 26½.
Oats—December, 19½; May, 21½.
Pork—December, 6.30; January, 7.40.
Lard—December, 3.65-67; January, 3.85-87.
Clear Rib Sides—Dec. 3.60; January 3.67.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

October-November	4.17
November-December	4.13 b
December-January	4.11 a
January-February	4.10 b
February-March	4.09
March-April	4.09 b
April-May	4.09 b

Closed quiet.

Cotton opened about unchanged, became steadier, but eased off again, declining 7 points below last night. Later on the market improved again, closing steady about unchanged as compared with yesterday's close. Liverpool and New Orleans houses were covering towards the close, realizing profits on their short sales. Southern spot markets are easier, but have not declined in proportion with futures.

Receipts continue liberal. They are estimated today at 49,000 bales against 46,000 last week and 26,000 last year.

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