

OPINIONS EXPRESSED

Discussion of President McKinley's Message

AUDITOR'S CRITICISM

He says that President McKinley's Message is a Desperate and Perhaps Partially Successful Attempt to Motify Two Contending Forces.

While President McKinley's course in the Cuban crisis has been generally approved by the business men of Raleigh his recent message has been criticised by some of his former admirers. Some of the business men of Raleigh expressed themselves as satisfied with the document to a reporter today while a surprisingly large number were more conservative than the President even and said that they were opposed to intervention in Cuba and regarded interference as unwarranted, unless it was shown more conclusively than has yet been done, that Spanish officials had the Maine blown up. The large number who expressed this opinion was surprising.

However, the public prefer to hear officials criticised rather than praised so the views of a few public men will be given.

Ex-Judge Whitaker said: "I regard the message as exceedingly weak."

Dr. A. D. K. Wallace said: "The message is characteristic of the President and in keeping with his other public acts. I believe if he knew that Spanish officials blew up the Maine he would like to sit down a month and talk with them and try to convince them that they had committed a moral wrong and if they finally agreed with him he would think that he had won a great victory."

Secretary Thompson said: "I have not read the message. I got so tired waiting for it that I would not read it when it came."

Auditor Ayer had very decided views. He said: "The message is a desperate and perhaps partially successful effort to mollify two contending forces. This statement would not be properly accepted nor understood by the people generally, because generally speaking, the people only look at the surface of things, and make no inquiry as to the causes of 'great events.' An individual is more than apt to incur the charge of being a crank and perhaps a fool, by an attempt to state the causes of certain convulsions than to receive credit for an effort to afford enlightenment. The Spanish-American-Cuban trouble, is the outcome of a scheme in which the 'Almighty Dollar' is the moving power."

"A few weeks ago, a public announcement was made to the effect that Russell Sage desired to lend and would lend the United States government, \$10,000,000. A little later it was announced that the President of a great insurance company had called on the President with a view to negotiating a loan to the government of \$10,000,000. Still a little later a member of the Gould family is stated to have publicly announced that all he had was at the disposal of the government. Of course this involved a consideration on the part of the government. These three citations are indicative of a great financial clique, which has on hand a grand surplus of dollars for which an investment is being sought; and the best investment, of course, under our present financial system and regulation, is a United States bond. This clique evidently favors a war for the purpose of creating a debt, which debt it is proposed to fund into bonds and the bonds to be taken by the clique. This is one of the contending forces above referred to."

"The other contending force, which opposes war, is interested in the perpetuity of the value and validity of bonds issued by Spain, the interest on which is paid largely from the revenue which Spain derives from Cuba. This is a tremendously strong clientele represented in Washington by strong lobbies and perhaps government officials. The independence of Cuba, would practically invalidate the Spanish securities, and as a matter of course the holders of them are for peace at any price. There has been a fierce 'war' between these two forces for nearly three years."

"The President has attempted to mollify both of them."

"His message declares for intervention without favoring independence. So it can be seen that the intervention scheme would partially, if not wholly, create the national debt which is desired by these money lenders, by the expense involved in establishing an army to prosecute the 'intervention' policy. The non-independent scheme is the one given to the Spanish security holders, inasmuch as 'intervention' without independence would not impair the power of Spain to collect revenue from Cuba, and she would therefore be enabled to continue the interest on the securities held by the 'peace at any price' forces. This is the mainspring of all the trouble now going on. Everything else is the ebullition of surface patriotism—genuine in feeling perhaps, but entirely void of a knowledge of the great basic fact from which this patriotic ebullition is inspired."

"In the meantime, another clique which might be called 'neutral' as to the war business, is gratified at seeing the immense increase of the Navy, and prospective increase in the Army, which two forces may in case of necessity be called upon to enable grasping monopolists to exercise the toll and tariff

they may choose to levy upon the people."

Treasurer Worth is, of course, a peace man, but he expressed no opinion for publication.

Rev. Dr. Burns does not endorse the President's course, is the important announcement of his friends.

Dr. Joyful Laughter Ramsey said he read a few lines of the message and it was so sorry that he quit. The auditor alone gave reasons for his opinions.

ODD FELLOWS COLUMN

The reports of the Grand officers will soon be in the printers' hands for the coming session of the Grand Lodge. One candidate received the initiation at Main Street Lodge on Tuesday evening last. Others are soon to follow.

It is not quite four weeks to the time the Grand Lodge meets in our city and the Rebekah State Assembly is to be organized.

The memorial day proclamation has just been issued and sent out to the lodges in the State. It is a beautiful custom of the Order to commemorate the dead.

Odd Fellows appreciate the truth as an imperial virtue, but be careful what you tell them about their bad degree work.

If every Odd Fellow could and would live up to all of the teachings of the ritual the world would be conquered for fraternity inside of ten years.

Remember that the brother who is always six months behind in his dues pays in just as much money as the brother who is always six months ahead, the difference being that the one is never protected, and the other always protected if taken sick. It pays to pay in advance.

A young lady states to Bro. Leeds, of the Tallman, that she is a Rebekah, having no male relatives in the Order, and asks: "Now, if I should marry a man who is not an Odd Fellow, and he should die, would my children be placed in the Home?" We call this looking into the future. The sister seems herself, "Anxious Rebekah."

No where is the practical working of Odd Fellowship better exemplified than in the Odd Fellows General Relief Committee of our larger cities. During the past six months the General Relief Committee of San Francisco cared for 27,000 cases, at a cost of nearly ten thousand dollars. This means much when it is remembered that the work of this committee is confined to transient members. Verily, the stranger in a distant city is often the subject of much tender attention because he is an Odd Fellow.

War! war! blood and thunder; every thing gives way to the clamor for war. Who has once stopped long enough to consider the consequences of war? War excites passion, engenders hatred, violence, lawlessness, and everything that is wicked. Its consequences are seen and felt in the desolate home of the widow, and the poorly clad and poorly fed orphan, as well as the maimed for life who frequently bor by the wayside. It stops not there. It takes an age, and frequently two generations to overcome the evils brought about by war. It is peace we need, not Old Fellowship loves peace. The only war it makes is to war against vice in all its forms. Friendship toward man prompts that contest and the gentle influences of love supplies its weapons. When consecrated by truth such a war can be carried to victory. But how different the impending struggle of the hour. Oh, the passion and strife that holds sway today. But listen again. Odd Fellowship enjoins faithfulness to country. Has our country been wronged? Then when duty calls, be the struggle ever so great, we cannot fail aside our responsibility. Pax Aut Bellum is the Military Motto of the Order.

SUES THE RAILROAD.

(Salisbury Sun.) This week the Sun mentioned that a countryman had jumped from the western train at Greenlee while the train was in motion and in the fall which followed his shoulder bone was broken. Now we learn that the man has brought suit against the railroad company for damages.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Next week will be observed as a special week of prayer for missions by the members of the Tabernacle Baptist church. Beginning next Monday evening at 8 o'clock a prayer meeting will be held every night during the week and on Sunday, April 24th, a collection will be taken for missions.

MRS. RUSSELL'S GENEROSITY.

She presents Many Beautiful Flowers to the Soldiers' Home. Mr. Thomas B. Hargrove, of Northampton county, arrived at the soldiers' home yesterday. He was a member of Company H, Second Cavalry. Mrs. Daniel L. Russell made the Home a present yesterday which was highly appreciated by the inmates and officials of the home. Mrs. Russell sent them a cart load of flowers, of many varieties, and these plants will be set out by the veterans around the home and will thus afford them amusement and beautify the place.

THE SENATE MAY BE IN SESSION SUNDAY

The Body Will Not Adjourn Until the Resolutions are Passed.

MAY CALL OUT THE NATIONAL GUARD MONDAY

House Adjourned Until Monday so No Conference Resolution can be Passed this Week—A \$200,000,000 War Bond Issue for Next Week—Five Spanish War Ships at St. Thomas—Spain Calls Men Into Service—Many Senators Speak—No Vote in Sight—Senator Wellington Praises Spain's Generosity.

NATIONAL GUARD MAY BE CALLED OUT MONDAY.

By Telegraph to The Press-Visitor. Washington, April 16.—Adjutant General Corbin has just made a statement that United States forces will all commence a southern movement, Monday, if Congress passes the resolution by that time, the National guard will be called out.

FIVE SPANISH WARSHIPS COMING

By Telegraph to The Press-Visitor. Washington, April 16.—Five warships have been sighted off the island of St. Thomas. They are believed to be Spanish vessels.

MAY BE SUNDAY SESSION.

By Telegraph to The Press-Visitor. Washington, April 16.—Negotiations are in progress of the house and Senate leaders looking to a possible arrangement for the house and Senate to remain in session tomorrow and come to a final conclusion upon the Cuban resolution.

SENATE IN SESSION.

The Vote Will Probably be Taken Some Time Tonight. By Telegraph to The Press-Visitor. Washington, April 16.—When the Senate met this morning it was with the understanding that before adjournment today the vote will be taken on the foreign relations committee's resolutions. The exact time for the vote cannot be stated but it will probably be late this evening. There is a possibility that the legislative session today may be carried over to Sunday. If House can be prevailed upon to hold in session the joint action of Congress can be finally arranged so that ultimately the resolutions will go to Spain Monday. This is not likely.

SPAIN'S ARMY

Every Able-Bodied Man Called Into Service. By Cable to The Press-Visitor. Madrid, April 16.—Spain is gathering her military forces for war. Every able bodied subject, capable of bearing arms or serving in the navy, has been called home from every foreign country.

CONSUL ORDERED HOME.

By Telegraph to The Press-Visitor. Jacksonville, April 16.—The Spanish Consul here has been ordered home.

POWERS DEFEATED.

By Cable to The Press-Visitor. London, April 16.—England has defeated the powers in their efforts to coerce the United States into saying in an event of that kind she will be the active ally of the United States.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GUARDED

By Cable to The Press-Visitor. Madrid, April 16.—The American consulate is under guard in Cadiz owing to some disturbance.

LEE CONFERS WITH OFFICIALS.

By Telegraph to The Press-Visitor. Washington, April 16.—Gen. Lee conferred with President McKinley, General Miles and Secretary of War Alger today regarding plans for the capture of Havana and other military and strategic matters.

NUMBER THE SOLDIERS.

By Telegraph to The Press-Visitor. Washington, April 16.—It was decided today for the war department to provide each soldier to Cuba of the invading army with an aluminum tag, numbered for the purpose of identification.

ST. LOUIS AND NEW YORK SAIL.

By Cable to The Press-Visitor. Southampton, April 16.—The American liner St. Louis sailed for New York on her regular trip today. The New York sails this afternoon in response to an urgent telegram.

A BALLOON CORPS.

By Telegraph to The Press-Visitor. Denver, April 16.—Sergeants Baldwin, Myers, Burnett, of the signal corps, departed from Colorado and started for New Orleans today. They will form a war balloon corps for use in defense of New Orleans.

Mr. Benjamin Baker left this morning for Baltimore.

INFANTRY FOR NEW ORLEANS.

By Telegraph to The Press-Visitor. Cheyenne, April 16.—Eighth infantry started to New Orleans this morning.

TWENTIETH INFANTRY STARTS.

By Telegraph to The Press-Visitor. Leavenworth, April 16.—Under Col. Hawkins twentieth infantry hurried this morning on board a special train for the southeast.

FOURTH INFANTRY.

By Telegraph to The Press-Visitor. Chicago, April 16.—Fourth infantry left Fort Sherman today.

EQUIPPING BATTERIES.

By Telegraph to The Press-Visitor. New York, April 16.—The United States tugs Unions and Wampatuk sailed for Norfolk today and carried new armament. They were decked with war paint and were saluted by all the river craft in sight. Tugs are hurrying ammunition to the harbor fortifications today by nightfall the batteries will be thoroughly equipped.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY.

Washington, April 16.—Postmaster General Gary today issued an order that employees of his department who enlist, in case of war, shall be granted leave of absence without pay, their positions to be held open for them. ADA REHAN HONORED.

ROBT. McLANE DEAD.

By Cable to The Press-Visitor. Paris, April 16.—Robt. McLane, former United States Minister, died suddenly this morning.

"FAUST" TUESDAY.

John Griffith opened his first downtown engagement in "Faust" before an enthusiastic audience. His production is more elaborate than it was last season and his company is far more satisfactory. The young player shows marked improvement, too, a circumstance that is much to be commended, as he has such an admirable voice, so pleasing a presence, and such undoubted dramatic talent, that his future must be brilliant. His Mephisto is intelligent and humorous, and the lines are read with fine effect. In the garden scene he was particularly good, the irony and biting sarcasm being delivered with keen understanding.—Chicago Dispatch.

THE MYSTIC THIRTEEN.

The Boy King of Spain is Alfonso XIII—he is 13 years of age; the first step in the war with Spain was taken on the 13th of April, the date that the House passed the Cuban resolutions; and the 13th of April was the actual commencement of the civil war, the firing on Fort Sumter.—Plymouthville Observer.

APEX CANNING COMPANY.

Articles of agreement were today filed by J. J. Rogers, Guy V. Barnes and R. C. Rivers for the organization of the Apex Canning Company at Apex. The capital stock shall be \$100,000 with the privilege of increasing to \$500,000. The business of the corporation shall be the canning of all kinds of fruits and vegetables and the preparation of fruits and vegetables and the manufacture of shipping cases.

MEETING WILL CONTINUE.

Rev. Dr. A. C. Barron has decided to remain in Raleigh and continue the special services now being held in the First Baptist church. He will preach tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 8 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

Rev. Dr. J. W. Carter will occupy Dr. Barron's pulpit in Charlotte tomorrow.

Mrs. N. G. Whitfield has returned from Durham.

A GOOD 'UN ON THE 'GUYNER.

His Wit and Sagacity Amplified This Morning. (Wilmington Review.)

Have you heard the latest on His Excellency Governor Russell? He arrived here a day or two ago from the Imperial City and betook himself to the court house this morning possibly to adjust the slate for the coming elections. During the forenoon His Highness had occasion to go into one of the rooms of the court house to look up some documents and there-by hangs a tale. Now, the door to this room has a night latch but of this the Governor was not aware and after he had entered, allowed the door to slam thus imprisoning his manly person. When he attempted to go out he realized the sad truth—he was locked in.

It has been asserted that the Governor hasn't strong lungs but don't believe it—he awoke the dying echoes in the vast building and kept up the outcry until some one came and let him out and then did our wise Governor learn that he could have obtained his liberty by simply turning a knob. Verily our Governor's sagacity is great.

ORGANIZE STATE GREAT COUNCIL.

Mr. Walter E. Faison of this city received a letter from Great Inebonnee Robert T. Daniel, of Griffin, Georgia, in which he states that he will come to this State and organize a State Great Council of the Improved Order of Red Men at Elizabeth City June 14th. An effort was made to have the first Great Council held here but Elizabeth City was selected. Special railroad rates will be secured.

FAIR SUNDAY.

The Ladies Can Appear in Their Easter Garb Tomorrow. The forecast of the weather bureau for Raleigh and vicinity says: Fair, warmer, tonight and Sunday; Monday fair.

The weather this morning is fine throughout the entire country. A few light showers occurred on the north Atlantic coast, where there are a few evidences of a storm now in the Atlantic. The high barometer is now central over the Gulf State, with low pressure over the northern section of the country, conditions favorable for warmer weather. The temperature has risen in the central valley and west.

BISHOP CHESHIRE AT GOODSHEPHERD.

The Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, Jr. D. D., Bishop of North Carolina, will visit the Church of the Good Shepherd on the night of Wednesday, April 20th, and administer the apostolic rite of confirmation. The sermon on this occasion will be preached by the Rev. Thomas Bell, Rector of St. Timothy's church, Wilson, N. C. Service will commence at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

THE MOVEMENT IN NEW YORK AND LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Table with columns: Months, Open, High, Low, C. os. Data for April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, April 16—4 p. m. Spot good demand, but business only moderate. Prices hardening. American middling 3 1/2-32. Sales estimated 12,000. Speculation and export 1,000. Receipts 11,000. American 10,700. Futures opened steady, demand moderate, closed firm.

THE FOLLOWING WERE THE CLOSING QUOTATIONS OF THE LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Table with columns: Month, Price. Data for April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKET.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today. Wheat—May 1.00; July 80; Corn—May 30; July 31; Oats—May 25; July 24; Pork—May 9.77; July 9.90; Lard—May 5.17; July 5.25; Clear Rib Side—May 5.12; July 5.20.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price. Data for St. Paul, Northwestern, Rock Island, Southern Preferred, Louisville & Nashville, Chesapeake & Ohio, Cons Gas, American Tobacco, Missouri Pacific, Manhattan, Western Union, Burlington and Quincy, Jersey Central, U. S. Leather.

SHORT STATEMENTS

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND IN THE CITY.

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Points and People Pertinently Picked and Briefly put in Print.

Mr. A. F. Page is in the city.

Chief Justice Faircloth went to Goldsboro this morning.

Mrs. Alfred Williams went to Grimesland on a visit today.

Mr. J. Dünn Huffman was in the city today on his way to Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williamson left today for Baltimore and New York.

Mr. S. T. Brown, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. James Shepherd of this city, left for Goldsboro today.

J. M. Moody, Esq., of Haywood, has announced himself a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in the 9th district.

The many friends of Mr. Charles Snuggs were delighted to see him out on the street again today after his recent illness.

Mr. Jacob S. Allen has completed a handsome residence for Miss Charlotte Montgomery Williamson on North Person street just beyond the Winder place.

It was decided yesterday that the next session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly shall be held at Asheville. That place made a very favorable proposition. The secretary will send out the official announcement in a day or two. Efforts are to be made to have a great gathering of teachers.

The Cape Fear Lumber Company has the contract for furnishing the lumber and shipwork for the new addition to the deaf, dumb and blind asylum in Raleigh. This is a pretty big job and we congratulate our friends of the Cape Fear on securing it.—Greensboro Telegram.

A prominent Republican who has recently been to Washington says that he had a talk with Senator Pritchard and there is no doubt about Mr. C. T. Bailey's appointment as postmaster soon. He thinks if the matter is not overlooked in the pressure of business the nomination will be made Tuesday next.

Mr. A. M. Sullivan, who keeps dates very well, tells us that today 49 years ago, April 15th, a big snow fell in North Carolina. The leaves on the trees, he says, were big as a man's hand and the wheat was out in bloom. Everything was killed by the cold at the time. He says the woods smelled bad for ten days.—Salisbury Sun.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD.

A letter from Locust, Stanly county to the Albemarle Enterprise, has the following:

"Mrs. Sente Furr was found dead near her home last Sunday. She had been in bad health for several years, though she seemed to be as well as common on Sunday morning and sent the children off to Sunday school and preaching, and when they returned home they found her in an old field a hundred yards or so from the house dead, had died apparently without a struggle. Her husband, Mr. Wilson Furr, was found dead in his yard several years ago. It was thought by some that a mule colt killed him, though others thought otherwise."

CHRIST CHURCH.

Rev. M. M. Marshall, D. D., Rector. First Sunday after Easter. Early Communion 8 a. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. Divine service and sermon 11 a. m. Evening Prayer 5:30 p. m. Services during the week: Wednesday 8:30 p. m. and Friday 10 a. m. Free seats. All invited.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Jno. A. Mills, Superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor. Every member requested to be present at 11 o'clock service as the pastor will make report of homes secured for delegates to convention.

POPULIST PRIMARIES.

The Populist are preparing for their primaries, which will be held throughout this county Friday after next, preliminary to their county convention which will meet here April 30th. They are sawing wood.

Representative Ferrall of this county, was asked today if there would be fusion and his reply was: "The Democratic party is not dead yet but it will be after the election."

Another Populist says the people in his part of the county are not in favor of fusion with any party unless more concessions are made than have been yet suggested. Of course, to a Populist "concessions" merely means offers.

SERVICES AT THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

First Sunday after Easter. Holy Communion at 8 a. m. Sunday School at 9:15 a. m. The regular services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Seats all free. Public cordially invited.

LEAVING HAVANA.

By Cable to The Press-Visitor. Havana, April 16.—According to public opinion many believe the probability of war great. The Segranica sails today crowded with passengers. The city is quiet.