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EDITORIAL SQUIBS.

The Italian government has recently bought between 4,000 and 5,000 hogheads of Virginia tobacco.

Members of the Hawaiian commission were given a luncheon in Chicago and all made speeches favoring territorial expansion.

Mayor Van Wyck, of New York, has been awarded a medal for saving three young women from drowning at Freeport, L. I.

General Shafter is not a good penman, which peculiarly has characterized other soldiers of note such as Sherman, Grant, and Napoleon Bonaparte.

The Raleigh Post says "at a called meeting of the Annapolis Club Lieutenant Richard Henderson, now on indefinite leave of absence, was elected an honorary member."

The Sioux Indians don't want the war with Spain to close until they get a whack at her for discovering this country, and thus making it possible for the pale-faces to gobble up so much real estate and crowd the Indians out.

The report that Peru is purchasing some warships in Europe, and is showing a disposition to have a racket with this country on account of some alleged grievance, indicates that Peru has not kept up with the news since the war with Spain began.

Ex-Senator Edmunds, of Vermont, thinks we have land enough without pirating around in the Philippines, and has advised Mr. McKinley to drop 'em. We believe to the opinion that the gentleman from maple sugarland is legislated in this.—Wilmington Star.

An idea of the absurdity and the danger involved in saddling ourselves with the government of the Philippines is conveyed in the news that "the time of the passage of the steamer Newport, which conveyed Gen. Merritt from San Francisco to Cavite was three days."

So far as is known, the Sixteenth Pennsylvania volunteers is the only regiment which includes in its muster roll three brothers who are triplets. They hail from Jeannette, and their name is Wentzell. In the same company with the Wentzell boys are a father and son, the second lieutenant being an ordained Presbyterian minister.

The Fifth Illinois Volunteer Regiment went on a rampage the other day. They were ordered to the front and had started from Chickamauga when the order was countermanded and they were ordered back to camp Thomas. They celebrated the move backward by getting as mad a hornets, throwing their canteens and smashing their rifles on the trees, and the officers rather enjoyed the performance.

Cold storage is solving Australia's rabbit problem. Trappers are employed to catch rabbits in New Zealand, and one exporter gets in 20,000 a day. The total number sent to London this season is estimated at six millions. The dressed rabbits are packed in boxes, frozen and sent to England in that condition. If the industry continues to develop the rabbit plague, which has so long dismayed Australasia, will at length be solved.

It is a lamentable exhibition of lawlessness that is reported from Warrensburg, Mo., where six colored "ladies," of a gang accused of robbery and assault, were last Tuesday night "stripped to the waist and whipped with rawhides" by White Caps and ordered to leave the town. Although the night was dark and wet, the victims, we are told, "went cheerfully." They resisted, it appears, in "the Lovelock" or disorderly section of the town, and had made life a burden to their neighbors by their unbecoming proceedings. Still this could hardly justify contempt for legal procedure. Barbarity will soon return to this country if inefficient officers are elected and their inefficiency is made an excuse for violence. Citizens of Warrensburg, we are told, denounced the White Cap disorder, but they did not interfere, resembling in this respect citizens of Ohio and other States in recent cases of lynching.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

THURSDAY.

The troops of Camp Alger are to be moved to Manassas, Va.

The transports Massachusetts and Roumanian are hard aground at Ponce.

Congressman Joseph D. Sawyer was nominated for Governor by the democrats of Texas.

Joseph F. Johnston's re-election as Governor of Alabama will be by from 50,000 to 60,000 majority.

A special dispatch from London says a formidable rising of Carlists has taken place near Lorida, Catalonia.

A negro who attempted to poison Judge John J. Jackson, of Virginia, was sent to the penitentiary yesterday for life.

The Republicans of the First Congressional district of Maine nominated Thos. B. Reed by acclamation amid much enthusiasm.

It is estimated that 100,000 troops will be required to garrison captured U. S. possessions for some time after peace is declared.

A serious strike is threatened in Pittsburg coal district, the miners charging that the operators have failed to carry out their agreement of last year.

George Tol, a wealthy resident of New York, committed suicide yesterday by jumping from a tenth-story window of the Hotel Majestic, in New York.

The village of Medina, Spain, has been wrecked by a cyclone which killed many persons. Several houses at Hoznillos were engulfed by the floods, and a number of the people perished.

Mrs. Johanna Lillis, daughter of Wm. Lillis, of Salisbury, was arrested on suspicion of her husband's murder.

The child died of her injuries, and the condition of Mrs. Lillis is critical. No motive is known for the crime. A colored man has been arrested on suspicion.

All the troops of cavalry with Shafter's army and the eight companies of Roosevelt's Rough Riders, have been ordered to proceed to Montauk Point, L. I.

General Shafter has been directed to use all the transport facilities he can command, and to send the troops north as rapidly as possible.

The excessive heat of the last three weeks or more culminated yesterday in one of the most terrific electrical storms that ever visited Philadelphia. The rainfall was the heaviest in the history of the local weather bureau. In one hour and three-quarters 5.41 inches of rain fell. Telegraphic and telephone service throughout the city was practically at a standstill. The cellars and first floors of hundreds of business houses and dwellings were flooded.

The largest whaleback ever built, the Alexander McDonough, was floated at West Superior, Wis.

It is reported that the Spanish garrison at Manzanillo, Cuba, has offered to surrender to General Garcia.

Gen. J. B. Weaver was nominated for Congress by the free silver parties of the sixth Iowa district.

A lawsuit growing out of five cents worth of sugar, originated between colored people in Leaksville Tuesday.

The Paris Temps says this country has expressed a desire to enlarge the scope of the reciprocity treaty existing with France.

Three gold seekers are said to be hurrying to return from the Copper river region because of threatened starvation.

The Queen of Denmark, it is stated, is not sick, and the departure of the Princess of Wales from England is now thought to have been due to a quarrel with the Prince.

Hon. G. N. Curzon has stated his willingness to accept the post of Viceroy of India.

Spain's answer to the peace terms of the United States was presented in Washington by M. Canales. It is understood that Spain concedes the main points, some details are unsettled.

The battleship Texas was placed in dry dock at the navy yard Wednesday. An examination of her hull shows that except for a slight dent in her keel made by striking coral reef off Dry Tortugas, she is in fair condition. It is thought Texas will remain at the navy yard.

Mr. Taylor Mason and sister are returning from Ashboro to their home in Grant township in a one-horse wagon and in attempting to cross the track were run over by the train, which ran over their wagon, killing Mason outright and injuring the woman so severely that she is not expected to live.

Mrs. Duncan McRae, the venerable widow of the U. S. Consul to Paris under President Pierce, and her daughter, Miss Virginia, were sorely distressed in New York, by their property being advertised by a Loan Association. Friends came to their rescue. The family are North Carolinians and were once wealthy. Such is the ever changing tide in the affairs of life.

In Stafford county, Va., yesterday, two men were suffocated in a well by foul air.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's troops, it is reported, are to be sent to garrison Havana when peace comes.

The steamer Hiawatha recovered and buried thirty bodies of the victims of the La Bourgogne disaster.

General Miles, having heard that the roads were mined, has changed his route for moving on San Juan.

Opera House managers, it is said, are to be paid for the use of the building.

Admiral Cervera, with his son, visited Baltimore and called at the Cardinal's residence on their way to Fort Monroe.

The funeral of Archbishop Walsh, of Toronto, took place with impressive services in the Cathedral of that city.

Dispatches to London from Peking assert that England is getting disinterested out of the way in China because Russia has bribed Chinese officials.

A Newfoundland telegraph operator cables a report that a large liner had been lost, with all hands on board, near Belle Isle, but there is nothing to confirm the story.

M. Cambon is said to have assured President McKinley that Spain will comply with the peace terms of the United States, but desires time to understand all of them.

The Merritt Wrecking Company has received advices from Santiago that the Infanta Maria Teresa is now floated, and is found to be in fairly good condition as to her machinery and boilers. She will shortly start for Norfolk under her own steam.

A row boat containing Mrs. Otis Frohman, her three children, aged 4, 14 and 16 years, respectively, and Annie Siebelin, and manned by three sailors from the yacht of Col. Report, whose guests they were, was capsized in Raritan Bay, New York, drowning Miss Siebelin and the three children.

The steaming Nimrod, valued at \$40,000, a dredge valued at \$75,000 and two scows valued at \$82,000, belonging to Rittenhouse Moore, of Mobile, were lost at some 40 miles off Appalachicola, Fla., in Tuesday night's storm. Captain Allen and four of the Nimrod's crew were drowned.

One of the most daring and successful bank robberies ever perpetrated in Michigan was carried out Thursday night. The gang was composed of six men, who came to town on a bander. Four were placed on guard outside the Union bank, which is a small wooden building. Three charges of dynamite were exploded before the robbers got at the money and escaped. The loss is between \$3,000 and \$7,000, mostly farmers' deposits.

WAR NEWS.

PLAN OF THE ARMY.

Arroyo Bay, Aug. 2.—The last of Haines' brigade has just been landed and Brooke has established headquarters. Grant's Fourteenth are badly wanted but the transports Massachusetts is stuck in the mud at Ponce.

The design is to take Guayama tomorrow and advance over the mountain to Cayey. Beyond is Aybenite where the enemy is concentrating a movement which Brooke will head off while troops on the Ponce road come up behind.

The Cincinnati and Gloucester will shell Guayama and protect the advance of the troops. Resistance is thought unlikely until over the mountain.

The trouble with the Sixth Massachusetts is said to be the outcome of the refusal of the whites to return the salutes of negro officers of negro regiments. Wilson has moved his headquarters from Ponce to Juama, Diaz.

ROUGH RIDERS TO LEAVE.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Roosevelt's Rough Riders were to-day ordered to Montauk Point. They will come with Wheeler's cavalry on the first favorable transportation from Santiago.

ARROYO SURRENDERS GLADLY.

Ponce, Aug. 3.—The city of Arroyo, thirty miles east of Ponce and twenty miles nearer San Juan surrendered to-day. The Wasp and the Gloucester were ordered there this morning. The inhabitants on hearing of their coming assembled on the beach headed by Alegre and a priest.

Lieutenant Wood of the Gloucester went ashore shortly after 11 o'clock and the people immediately crowded about him cheering. The crowd then cleared away to allow the priest to talk to Lieut. Wood, resulting in the intention being made known that the citizens wanted American rule.

It is said that the city is important as a railroad leads from there to Cuyana and direct to the military road to San Juan.

Troops were landed this afternoon at the harbor of Arroyo from the St. Louis and the St. Paul, including the Third Illinois and the Fourth Ohio.

SHAFER'S ARMY COMING BACK.

SANTIAGO, Aug. 4.—Gen. Shafter received orders at 11:45 to remove his entire army north immediately. Six transports that are here will take the first shipment, embarkation beginning tomorrow. There is great rejoicing among the troops and great bustle and activity at headquarters to comply with the orders.

Other transports are expected soon and a dozen vessels will soon be carrying soldiers back to the United States. The first troops to go north are the Third and Sixth regiments of cavalry. First regular and First volunteer cavalry which includes the Rough Riders.

Wood remains behind as military governor.

Those suffering from yellow fever and infectious disease will be left behind and every precaution will be taken to provide safe and healthy arrival of the troops.

The volunteers will be shipped in the following order: First Illinois, First District of Columbia, Seventy-first New York, Ninth and Second Massachusetts, Eighth Illinois, Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Michigan.

FIRST DETACHMENT OFF.

Newport News, Aug. 4.—The transport Hudson cleared this morning for Porto Rico with the first detachment of the Third Brigade consisting of the first Kentucky volunteers under Castleman of the first army corps under command of Grant.

THE SAMPSON-SHLEY CONTROVERSY.

Washington, Aug. 4.—An important revelation has been made in the Sampson-Schley controversy on their respective claims for credit for destroying Cervera's fleet. The matter has caused some little debate and the whole subject will be ventilated in Congress.

It seems that when the flagship headed eastward on the memorable third of July, in order to enable Sampson to hold an important conference with Shafter, a message was communicated by Sampson to the other vessels of the fleet to disregard signals of the commander-in-chief, the meaning of which was that in the absence of the commander-in-chief the authority devolved on the senior officer Schley, and signals from the flagship would be only as means of communicating with the shore.

Therefore it is held that Sampson's reported signal "close in mouth of harbor" would be disregarded by other vessels of the fleet. There is no doubt but that Schley would be blamed if Cervera had proved successful.

A board of inquiry will be detailed by the Navy Department. Schley is universally credited with the victory.

THE SICK SOLDIERS.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Shafter reports the sanitary condition of his army at Santiago for Wednesday as follows: Total sick, 3,778; total cases of fever, 2,696; new cases fever, 449; deaths 9.

SPANIARDS DEMORALIZED.

Santiago, Aug. 5.—The warships Massachusetts and Dixie arrived this afternoon and started to coaling. The commander of the Wilmington reports that the Spaniards are demoralized at Manzanillo and would quickly surrender their forces to the Americans.

AGUINALDO WRITES.

Hong Kong, Aug. 5.—The following from Aguinaldo has been received by Consul Wildman: "I have read in the newspapers that I am getting the big head and am not behaving as I promised. In reply I ask why should the Americans expect me to outline a policy for the present or future and fight blindly to her interests when the Americans will not be frank with me? Tell me, am I fighting for annexation, protection or independence. It is for America to say, not me.

I can take Manila as I have defeated the Spanish elsewhere but what would be the use. If America takes Manila I can save my men and arms for what the future may bring. Now good friends, come, I am not both a fool and a rogue. Interests of my people are as sacred to me as the interests of your people are to you.

(Signed) AGUINALDO.

Russia Against England.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE SUN.] There is great uneasiness on all sides here in view of the changed situation which is regarded as bringing England and Russia within a measurable distance of open conflict.

Legislative Jobbery.

The Stately Enterprise says: "The last legislature of North Carolina was a remarkable body of men. In looking over the Auditor's report we find many interesting items. In one charge there seems to be some false economy. It is for soap for various departments, \$5.40. It must have been a lack of soap that caused so much dirty work in that brilliant body of men. In the state senate there are 50 members. The senate chamber is not larger than our court room in Stately county, yet took 20 men, working at \$2.50 per day, to attempt to keep it clean. Besides these 20 busy men, fifteen boys (pages) at \$1 per day were necessary to attend the wants of the High Lords. Let the taxpayers consider this: sixty-five dollars per day to hire help to attend the 50 senators and keep in order a room not larger than our court room. If you doubt that it took so much money, when you are in town we will show you proof of these facts. The Auditor's report further shows that the amount paid during the session of 1897 was as follows, viz: Salary senate members, \$14,142.50; for employes in senate for session 1897, \$11,592.25. The employes in the senate lacked only \$2,550.52 of receiving as much as the senators. The question is, what did all of the employes do? The question to the voters is, do you expect by your vote to allow a continuation of such a state of affairs?"

Durham Sun: Farmers have wheat to sell now, and it has fallen from \$1.80 to from 60 to 80 cents a bushel. When we finish with Spain we have some important home affairs to look into.

MUST STAMP RENT RECEIPTS.

They are Subject to a War Tax of Twenty-five Cents.

Rent receipts are taxed twenty-five cents now. Parties renting out houses should remember this. We clip the following from the New York Herald:

"Collector Charles H. Treat, of the Second New York Internal Revenue district, received yesterday a ruling from Commissioner Scott affirming his decision that rent receipts must be stamped, as being the only evidence of contract between lessor and lessee. Commissioner Scott rules that the receipts for months, years, or in the description of a memorandum or contract for the hire, use or rent of any land or portion thereof and to be accordingly subject to the tax of twenty-five cents.

"The ruling would seem to clear away the doubt which has heretofore existed in the minds of both landlords and tenants."

The Credit System.

The credit system, which has been more abused than any other great privilege that a free people ever enjoyed, will have to be amended or restricted in a great measure if good results are to be expected from it. The system has been proven in most cases a curse rather than a blessing, and caused trouble, sorrow and heartaches, where peace and happiness might have reigned had there been a strict enforcement of the rule "Pay as you go." The credit business has been the making of many dishonest people, who have taken advantage of trusting friends. Some doctors think it an outrage to be required or even requested to pay their honest debts, and they often take advantage of such laws as may be on the statute books to beat the man who has befriended them of need and trouble. The system is wrong, unless backed by suitable laws that can be enforced to the letter.

Good News from the East Again.

A well known traveling man, who is one of the most observant citizens of the State, returned yesterday from a visit through eastern Carolina and reports that the Democratic party is in better shape there than it has been in ten years.

Our informant, who spent much time in the counties of Duplin, Sampson and Wayne, says the Democrats in those counties are greatly encouraged. Populists, who left the party several years ago, are now returning. The ticket in Duplin, he says, is the best the Democrats have ever put up there. Similar reports are coming from all over the State. The people are at last determined to overthrow fusion misrule. There will be no mistake in this election.

Our Money Power.

The new war taxes are bringing in a revenue of between eleven and twelve million dollars a month.

At the highest estimate they represent the interest at 3 per cent, on a bond issue of \$5,000,000,000, at the lowest estimate they represent the interest on \$1,400,000,000.

The principal of the public debt of the United States on July 1, 1898, was \$2,773,000,000. This represented the cost of carrying on the four years' war for the preservation of the Union. Now by a simple enactment which would have been passed in three days if needed we have raised income enough to pay the interest on more than the whole of our great war debt.

It may be doubted whether any other nation in the world is financially so strong as the United States.

White Girl Sent to the Pen.

A gentleman who came in from Greensboro this morning said the sheriff of Rockingham county carried a white girl to the penitentiary this morning. She gets two years for stealing a watch. Our informant did not learn the girl's name.—Winston Sentinel.

It is said that since 1893 there have been forty bicycle deaths to every death from football.