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HOBBSON IN WASHINGTON.

His Arrival Was the Event of the Week - Received With a High Honor - Cordially Complimented by the President - His Mission Was in Well Ahead of Prospects of Reaching Spanish Shores.

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The exact purpose of his visit was explained by an order issued by Admiral Sampson instructing him to proceed to Washington and inform the Secretary of the work done upon the Cristobal Colon.

About 5:30 o'clock Lieutenant Hobson, accompanied by Secretary Long, went to the White House to pay his respects to the President.

The lieutenant modestly acknowledged the compliments of President McKinley and quietly turned the conversation to the subject of his mission to the United States.

Concerning the efforts that are being made to save some of the Spanish ships, he informed Secretary Long that two of the vessels, the Reina Mercedes and the Infanta Maria Teresa, would be saved certainly, and he expressed the utmost confidence that the Cristobal Colon could be saved also.

Lieutenant Hobson is enthusiastic in his efforts to save the ships and hurried back to New York to take up the subject of his mission with the wrecking company.

The plan adopted by Democratic Chairman Simmons for a series of political-social assemblies, partaking of the picnic nature, to be held at various points throughout the State, appears to be a good one.

With Hawaii we have added \$4,000,000 to our national debt, and we must add millions of money to fortify the coast and improve Pearl Harbor, and island and solve problems which may tax our posterity to solve.

SPANIARDS TENDER FAREWELL.

Captain Moran Kisses His Men Down the Line - The Rauced and Eloquent Spanish Prisoners Wept - The Minister Out of Cervera's Men.

PONTOLEON, N. H., July 11.-The Spanish prisoners who were brought to this port in the auxiliary cruiser St. Louis, from Santiago, numbering 692 of the men who formed part of the crew of Admiral Cervera's fleet, are to-night sleeping peacefully and in comparative comfort.

Many of the prisoners had wounds that were still unhealed and their beads and arms showed the effects of the terrible battle in which they fought.

The unloading of the motley crowd was witnessed by thousands of people on shore and in boats, and it may be said with all sincerity that during the two hours occupied with the task not a word of abuse was heard.

When the muster out, as it seemed to be, was finished, the men were formed in line and marched into the military barracks attached to the fort as prisoners for them.

One of the most touching incidents of the day was the farewell Captain Moran took of his crew before he went down the line.

When the men saw the action of their commander, they wept as if their hearts would break, and the captain walked down the line, shaking each by the hand.

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Robert Moore, of La Fayette, Ind., says that for centuries the wire fences were used for miles of the frontier.

A NEW COLONIZATION SCHEME.

At Fairbrother's Plan for a Populist Colony - Everything Free and an Offer for Every Body.

Wishing to give the widest publicity possible to a plausible scheme and plan which I have formulated, I naturally address this communication to The Observer. Now that the United States has annexed the Sandwich Islands, I propose to secure a land grant embracing one of the eleven, and establish a Populist colony.

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Dunville, Va., July 10, 1898. P. S. As the colony increases, new offices will be created.

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BLOW UP THE POWDER MILL.

The Fatal Blow of a Chinaman - He Had Killed a Fellow-Countryman and Had Taken Refuge in the Magazine of the Mill, Where He Defied Arrest - When the Officers Minded for the Door He Fired the Powder.

OAKLAND, Cal., July 16.-The works of the Westport Flat and Explosive Company were blown up at 5:30 o'clock this morning, five deputy sheriffs and constables who were trying to arrest the murderer were killed. The dead are: Deputy Sheriff Charles White, son of Sheriff White, George Woodman, D. C. Cameron, Constables Gus Koch and J. J. Lorr; Mrs. Hill, Gooch Ng Chung. The Chinaman had blown himself in the magazine and forced it up when the attempt to arrest him was made.

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GARCIA WRITES TO SHAFER.

The Cuban Warrior Explains Why He Has Given Orders to His Men to Withdraw Co-operation With the American Forces - He Returns to the Interior.

NEW YORK, July 23.-A dispatch from Santiago gives the following as being a letter sent by General Garcia to General Shafter:

"Sir: On May 12, the government of the republic of Cuba, ordered me as commander of the Cuban army in the west, to co-operate with the American army, following the plans and obeying the orders of its commander.

"I would agree, sir, that the army under your command should have taken possession of the city, the garriçon and forts.

"I would give my warm co-operation to any measure you may have devised to hasten the American military law to hold the city for your army and to preserve public order until the time comes to fulfill the solemn pledge of the people of the United States to establish in Cuba a free and independent government.

"I view of all these reasons, I sincerely regret to be unable to fulfill any longer the orders of my government, and therefore I have tendered today to the commander-in-chief of the Cuban army, Major General Gomez, my resignation as commander of this section of our army.

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DEMOCRATIC OPPORTUNITY.

Greater Problems Than the Cuban Question Will Grow Out of the War - Richmond Dispatch.

Not since the birth of the republic has there been such a congressional campaign of more momentous importance and interest to the American people than the one just ahead of us.

We hope and believe that ever the congressional campaign is over peace between this country and Spain will have been concluded and the work of emancipating Cuba from Spanish tyranny will have been accomplished.

In this situation are embodied the paramount issues growing out of the war. To surmise and crystallize the question is whether we shall continue to hold fast to the anchor of the doctrine of the fathers, which has proved the safety of our Republic since its birth.

Yes, the Democratic leaders will have a grand opportunity in the coming congressional campaign. They will have opportunity of going back to first principles, and of bringing into striking contrast with laterday Republicanism the cardinal principles of true Republicanism.

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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

Senator Russell's Name and Woodard's Name Will Be Proposed - Richmond Dispatch.

The Republicans held their State convention in Raleigh on Wednesday of last week. Pritchard was not there, Russell entered the hall amid great applause, and the convention adjourned without respecting a request from the Governor for a chance to make a speech.

There was a fight as to endorsement of Russell. That part of the resolutions finally went in, without calling any names, in the following shape:

Resolved, that the administration of the State, because, first, the finances have been wisely, economically and honestly administered; second, the laws have been ably, fairly and impartially administered, and rights and property secured therewith; third, there are marked and gratifying signs of progress and development in all material conditions of the State, exhibiting the return of prosperity and the satisfaction of the people.

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