

DOES CERVERA WANT TO FIGHT

The Matter is Left Wholly with him so Says Sagasta.

SPANISH SPY IS LIEUT. SOBRAL

He Has Been Sent to Atlanta for Trial After Being Identified by Seven Persons.

HE DOES NOT DESIRE IT.
By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
Madrid, May 26.—Sagasta, in an interview this morning, outlined Sparta's policy, saying there would be no fight at Santiago de Cuba, unless Cervera desires it, and that the Americans will defend it, and that the Americans will harbor very different from those destroyed by Dewey at Manila. He said if the Americans are awaiting a naval battle before they attempt to invade Cuba they will need considerable patience.

THE SPANISH TERROR.
By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
St. Pierre, Martinique, May 26.—It is now confidently asserted that the Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Terror has joined Cervera's fleet.

TO BE TRIED AT ATLANTA.
By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
Key West, May 26.—Seven persons this morning positively identified the Spanish spy arrested here yesterday as Lieutenant Sobral, Consul DeLoach's talkative henchman. Sobral has been sent to Atlanta to be tried there immediately.

THE BATTLESHIP OREGON.
By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
Key West, May 26.—The battleship Oregon arrived here this morning and it is reported that she is ordered to hastily coal and join Sampson.

STEAMER SUNK.
By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
Calcutta, May 26.—The steamer Mecca was sunk in a collision with the steamer Lindula near here and fifty of the Mecca's passengers were drowned.

THE BLOCKADE QUIET.
By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
Key West, May 26.—The Hornet arrived here this morning and reports everything quiet along the blockade.

A SPANISH RUMOR.
By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
Madrid, May 26.—A Spanish report alleged to have come from Manila, says the American cruiser Baltimore had been disabled by an interior explosion.

ANOTHER EXCUSE.
By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
London, May 26.—Letters from the Canaries say Camara has been detained at Cadix because the wrong projectiles had been furnished his fleet.

AMERICAN CRUISER SIGHTED.
By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
London, May 26.—A dispatch from Lloyd's Singapore reports an American

WHAT NEXT?
By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
Washington, May 26.—Jerry Simpson has offered to raise a regiment composed exclusively of Populists.

CUBAN REFUGEES.
By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
New York, May 26.—The British steamship Aveona arrived here this afternoon with twelve refugees from Havana.

A MESSAGE BY A PIGEON.
By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
San Francisco, May 26.—A message from the volunteers en route to Manila aboard the City of Peking arrived here this morning by carrier pigeon.

ALL RESPONDED BUT ONE.
By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
Washington, May 26.—All the States report an eagerness to respond to the second call for volunteers except Wisconsin, which says it can't afford the equipment.

ATTEMPT TO DESTROY OREGON.
By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
Key West, May 26.—The Oregon's log shows that while coaling at Rio Spanish Sympathizers attempted to blow her up. Thirty dynamite bombs were found in the bunkers. The Brazilian authorities were unable to detect the miscreants.

TO ATTACK CERVERA.
By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
Madrid, May 26.—A dispatch from Havana says American warships are concentrating before Guantanamo, near Santiago, apparently for the purpose of attacking Cervera.

WAR COUNCIL TODAY.
Washington, May 26.—An important war council is progressing at the White House.

ARMY AT CHICAMAUGA.
Chattanooga, May 26.—Troops are flocking from all sections. A formidable army is already assembled.

DEMOCRATS IN SESSION TODAY

Col. J. S. Carr was Temporary Chairman.

HON. C. M. COOKE NOW IN THE CHAIR

Platform Committee out for Several Hours—Convention May Last all Night.

The Democratic clans gathered early. Yesterday found the city well filled and today the crowd was all here.

It had been announced that the convention would be called to order promptly and members of the press an hour before that time the crowd began to pour into the Academy of Music.

The lower floor was crowded, the gallery was full and on the stage was a goodly gathering of officers of the convention and members of the press.

At 12:15 o'clock Chairman Clement Manly, of Winston, brought the convention to order and requested them to be seated.

Rev. Eugene Daniel, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, offered prayer for the guidance of the convention.

Mr. Manly, in calling the convention to order, said: "I congratulate the Democratic party of North Carolina, which has such a splendid accession of representative, I congratulate you gentlemen, for representing this grand party and I congratulate the people of North Carolina for having such a party to control their destiny."

Mr. Manly paid a tribute to the boys who have gone to the front to die or return in honor saying that 95 per cent of them are Democrats.

In closing, he prayed for harmony and said: "We may be divided today but tomorrow we are a unit."

Mr. Manly then presented the temporary chairman, Col. Julian S. Carr, whose appearance met with wild applause.

Col. Carr, in addressing the convention, said: "Fellow Democrats: I greet you. I am deeply sensible of the very handsome honor which my distinguished friend, Hon. Clement Manly, the very worthy chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, has conferred upon me, in naming me as temporary chairman of this honorable body."

He then presented the Democratic party in any capacity, and oh, my countrymen, how delighted I am to lead the van, when patriotic and devoted Democrats such as surround me today are willing to follow. How happy I am to stand even temporarily as the exponent of the party who has stood as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night by the best interests of North Carolina.

Like the white plume of Henry Navarre, he is a sign of victory. Being as you are, fellow Democrats, of the people—coming as you do, fresh from the people, animated only with purposes and resolves, that promote the best interests of all the people, I bespeak for the deliberations of this convention your wisest, patriotic and most patient consideration. Here and now is not the time for hurry, or personal ambitions, the lives, fortunes, welfare and future of 1,200,000 Carolinians are in your hands; therefore be patriots, quiet yourselves like true men, and may the God of truth and right endow you with ability to discharge your duty, faithfully, honestly and fearlessly.

Whatever proposition characterized with honor that will vouchsafe the return of harmony, happiness, peace and prosperity to dear distracted and beleaguered North Carolina, that may be submitted to the deliberations of this convention, standing foursquare upon the great fundamentals of Democracy, may Heaven give you strength to "shew to the line—let the chinks be seen."

Might I have the ear of the Democratic party—I would beseech you to resolve this day—to know no foe within the Democratic fold. Be it your concern to give combat only to our common enemy. Be your own wisdom and reason your suspicions—compromise your differences and forget your dislikes. Let not Democrats strike Democrats, but strike for your altars and your fires.

Strife for the green graves of your sires. For North Carolina and the Democratic party. Let each one resolve this day, that our first and highest duty, shall be to North Carolina, that victory shall not fail the Democratic party in this contest for the lack of any effort or sacrifice on our part.

How, indeed, let us draw our swords, flinging away the sheaths and swear upon the naked steel that we will win this fight for North Carolina, and the Democratic party, or be borne from the field upon our shields. The convention is now ready for business."

The following District organizations were announced:

FIRST DISTRICT.
Committee on Platforms—Thos. J. Jarvis, of Pitt county.
Committee on Credentials—L. I. Moore, of Pitt county.

Committee on Permanent Organization—W. G. Lamb, of Bertie county.
Vice President—C. F. Warren, of Beaufort county.

Members of Executive Committee: C. E. Abney, of Carteret county. E. B. Winborne, of Hertford county. E. G. James, of Pitt county. W. B. Rodman, of Beaufort county.

SECOND DISTRICT.
Committee on Platforms—Claude Kitchen, of Halifax county.
Committee on Credentials—J. H. Carr, of Warren county.

Committee on Permanent Organization—W. A. Dunn, of Halifax county.
Vice President—W. A. Allen, of Wayne county.

NUMBERS OF HOBOES FIGHTING STOCK

Complaints from all Sections of Piling-up of Tramps

A Tribute to North Carolina Soldiers in all Wars

Complaints come from all sections of the State to the authorities here stating that hobo tramps are becoming numerous in this section and from all reports there appears to be some sort of tramp organization working both small and large towns in North Carolina.

Recently Chief of Police Norwood has received letters from thoroughly reliable parties in several towns asking him to keep a sharp look-out for certain parties who are doing much disastrous work in many sections.

Raleigh as yet seems to have escaped the alleged burglars and thieves and it is believed the recent excellent work accomplished by the Raleigh Police Department and others here in the arrest and conviction of the burglar Hayes, sentenced to life imprisonment in the State Penitentiary, the arrest of Langdon, the forger, now in Wake county jail, the discovery of the Birmingham Andrew Perry, and the exposure of our midst of the valuable two well known blackmailers, besides numerous other evidences of the efficiency of the department has protected the city from the crusade of "hobo" thieves.

It is a well-known fact that since the department attained such a high standard of excellence the "hobo" tramp near the Pilot Mills has become almost vacated, whereas before the department was organized many tramps could be found at their rendezvous north of this city any night in the week.

The news comes from many small towns where many houses and stores have been entered and much valuable stock taken away and these people are anxious to have the criminals apprehended.

The tramps seem to be bound southward where possible that they are attempting to reach the far southern cities where the troops are being mobilized, for reports from that section state that there were never such a number of tramps in the State of Florida as are now gathered at Tampa alone.

The first reports of the tramps come from Maryland several weeks ago and last week the scene of operations shifted to Virginia soil. Now North Carolina gets its turn and the only hope of averting trouble is constant activity on the part of the police. This Raleigh is assured of, for never was the city in better condition, nor has there been so much police force ever more thoroughly kept in the most alert condition and frequently by evolutions.

Raleigh does not fear any invasion on the part of the hoboes, though during the last few days burglars and vagrants have become more numerous than at any time in the history of this city.

There is much work to be done this summer on the county roads and at the rock quarry and it is probable a visit from the hobo gang would be of value to the city and county at this time for vagrants will not be tolerated by the city authorities. This is right. It is good to know that that justice is administered by an able mayor.

ART EXHIBIT AT PEACE.
Largest China Display Ever Made at Public Institution.

The public was welcomed at Peace Institute this morning and this afternoon and many friends of the institution visited the art rooms, where the handsome work of the young women of this city was displayed.

The art work at Peace Institute has reached the highest standard during the history of the school and the china exhibit is the largest yet made by a Peace Institute art class. The work done in part by Miss Margaret E. Blythe, of Selma, and Miss Helen Dinwiddie, of Clarksville, Tenn., is deserving of the highest praise. These young women will tomorrow receive certificates of proficiency and they will be proud of the honor won for, under the careful instruction of Miss Dee Beebe, they have been most successful.

Miss Witherspoon, of Newton, has decorated the exhibit several designs from still life, which show both talent and skill. Among the many paintings from Nature not one is true to life than the "Basket of Apples" by Miss Mae Davis, of Galveston, Texas, and "The Girl with the Basket" by Miss Davis.

Miss Frances Davis, of Galveston, also has several handsome pieces of china on exhibit. Among those whose work in china decoration is especially mentioned are Miss Melver, of Gulf, Miss McKenzie, of Florence, S. C., Miss Reinhart, of Lincolnton, and Misses Janie and Mary Dinwiddie.

Miss Frances Hoke, of this city, has several pieces of excellent work in the exhibit, among the number being a quaint picture from nature. The cast drawings by Miss Emily Dinwiddie, are superb. The work is difficult, but is rendered so beautifully.

On entering the art room two pieces of tapestry, the work of Miss Kerr Mebane, of Mebane, first attract the eye and these receive much complimentary mention from critics.

The exhibit is, as a whole, equal to any ever made in Raleigh and reflects a heaping measure of credit upon both the instructor, Miss Dee Beebe, and her pupils.

Tomorrow morning the commencement exercises will be held in the chapel and the fair young graduates will receive their diplomas from President James Dinwiddie.

G. A. R. HONOR BAGLEY.
Mr. Sherwood Higgs this morning received a telegram from the Meade Post, G. A. R., of Philadelphia, the largest and most honored of all posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, stating that they will tomorrow send a handsome floral tribute to be placed on the grave of Ensign Worth Bagley on Decoration Day. The design will be placed at Mr. Higgs store tomorrow and will be given to Mayor Russ to be placed on the grave of Ensign Bagley.

MASONIC.
Hiram Lodge, No. 40, A. F. and A. M., will meet in special communication this evening at 8 o'clock for work in the Third Degree. Visiting brethren invited to be present.

WARSHIP ASHORE.
By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
St. John, Newfoundland, May 26.—A steamer thirty miles hence, apparently a warship. Painted dull gray, yellow smokestack.

WEST RALEIGH CONCERT.
At West Raleigh Baptist Church a concert will be given on Friday night, May 27th, at 8 o'clock. Admission free. A collection will be taken for the benefit of the Sunday School library. Suitable books are solicited from friends of the school, and will be received during collecting. An interesting programme of recitations and songs has been arranged. The entertainment will close with a cantata.

REFUSES TO VOLUNTEER.
By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
New York, May 26.—Colonel Appleton said this morning that the Seventieth New York still refuses to volunteer.

Clerk Warren V. Hall, of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, will raise a company for the Third N. C. Regiment. He has arranged for indefinite leave of absence. His company will be composed of men from Wake and four western counties.

The electrical apparatus is being placed in the Capital Club's new building, which is nearing completion. The club at first expected to occupy their new home July 1st, but it is probable they will not move into their new home before August.

Mr. Joseph B. Batchelor left today to visit his daughter, Mrs. Harry Loeb, of Waynesville, Ga.
Mr. G. Sam Bradshaw, of Asheboro, is attending the Convention.

GLADSTONE LYING IN STATE.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
London, May 26.—A great silent crowd began at 6 o'clock this morning to file bareheaded past the body of Gladstone, lying in state in Westminster hall, and that thousands were waiting to be admitted, all wearing some, and many complete mourning.

Lady Harcourt, wife of Sir William Harcourt, was among the first to view. The body lay upon a draped with simple folds of black silk, resting upon a black dais, surmounted with white silk. The coffin was made of two shades of oak with plain brass handles.

Four massive silver candelsticks were placed around the dais. Seventy-five thousand persons had passed at noon.

John Willard, a young promoter, son of Grigam Willard, failed for a large sum.

The government is watching Spain obviously with the intention of granting France permanent free use of Cur-tax. Russia is exercising similar vigilance in regard to Port Mahon. The action taken by the Spanish manifestly with an object of securing the support of France in negotiations for peace with a view of retaining the Philippines. England is prepared to resist to means to prevent France obtaining possession of Centa.

ANOTHER GRAPE VINE.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
Madrid, May 26.—A dispatch from Manila says the Americans attempted to land arms and ammunition at Pinacayan and the Spanish army in ambush allowed the Yankees to land, then routed them, capturing the supplies.

The newspapers here advocate cutting the American cables in retaliation.

CRISIS THREATENED.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
Madrid, May 26.—Financial differences are threatening the cabinet with a crisis. The Herlala publishes a dispatch from Havana that the American warships have shelled Port Hbario. The Spanish are evacuating Cardena Bay, where the inhabitants are erecting fortifications. Twelve American warships have made a demonstration no Cienfuegos.

HARDLY TRIED.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
Washington, May 26.—It is widely reported that McKinley has offered to surrender the Philippines and refrain from bombarding Porto Rico, upon condition that the Spaniards evacuate Cuba. Officials however, decline to discuss the matter.

KNEW IT WAS HOPELESS.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
Hong Kong, May 26.—Capt. Coucha, commanding Spanish cruiser Don Juan de Austria, says that the commanders of Spanish fleets at Manila knew the fight was hopeless, but public opinion with an eye to the coming election, met Dewey in an open fight, but Man-tino forbade it. The engines of the Don Austria Duella was broken, and the Don Juan de Austria had only two guns capable of firing, while the Marquis del Duero had but one.

RACE WAR IMMINENT.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
Key West, Fla., May 26.—Reputable citizens believe martial law is now the only way to prevent a race war. Owing to the report, yet unconfirmed, that a mining was shot by a negro last night. The streets are thronged today. Thousands of natives blue jackets and soldiers threatening vengeance. The crowds are seeking negroes and several lynchings are imminent. Northern troops and soldiers particularly are violent against the black.

Sheriff Knight finds it very difficult in preserving order. Commodore Remy in preserving order. Commodore Remy sailors.

NEWS FROM MANILA.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
Madrid, May 26.—A dispatch from Manila via Hong Kong says: One hundred Spanish soldiers evacuated Corredor Island on the 16th for lack of ammunition. A terrible rebellion in the province of Panagasinan, insurgents pillaging and massacring.

Dewey is attempting to furnish arms to the insurgents. The rebel chief Matabala, province of Zambale, has submitted to Augusti. Carolines revolted. The natives perpetuating frightful violence.

AT CAMP DAN RUSSELL.

There has been no happening of even ordinary interest at Camp Dan Russell today. The men stood the rain well and no damage or disorder was caused by the pouring torrents.

Col Burgwyn, Major Dixon and the other officers are looking forward to the Germania Band from Seranton, Pa., arriving tonight at 2 o'clock.