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MORE DEFINITE NEWS.

The information contained in the special dispatch to THE CHRONICLE today is the most definite of any which has been received for several days. The granting of passports to Senor Polo means that diplomatic intercourse between the two nations is at an end. Spain has been granted forty-eight hours in which to evacuate Cuba. There are some who still hope that Spain will surrender Cuba rather than endure a war, but this is highly improbable. Spain will fight and fight bitterly as long as her resources last.

It is not underestimating the American army and navy to say that in the Spaniards they will have foes of first-rate metal. They are murderers it is true; but they are fighters also, and in this instance will have courage born of desperation.

The people of the United States must not make the mistake now that they made in 1861, when they underestimated the power of the enemy. The great civil war was entered into on the part of the North with the expectation that ninety days would see it settled; yet it dragged on for four weary years. As a nation we must go to the fight rating the enemy as a foe which can only be overcome by hardest efforts.

Let us hope and pray that the conflict will be a short one; but let us not be surprised if it continue longer.

GENERAL HOWARD'S WORDS.

One of the greatest soldiers in the civil war was General O. O. Howard. For gallantry and patriotism he was conspicuous, and though time has made its many changes, his patriotic fervor is undiminished. This is what he says regarding the impending conflict with Spain.

My heart goes with a people who against cruelty and oppression are struggling for a free government. The Cubans, like our fathers of '76, deserve independence. In a public address more than a year ago, I advocated giving them belligerent rights, and later publicly and privately have favored the recognition of their independence.

Intervention to secure human rights and stable government in Cuba and all possible indemnity for the cruel Maine episode, where our sailors were slain without pity in time of peace, is the president's leading. It is the president's message. Sinking every personal wish, I will now follow the president; he bears the responsibility to God and the people, and will honestly discharge his duty.

Like words come from North and South. Whatever other troubles the country may have, the old complaint of sectionalism has been removed, and this nation is bound together more firmly than at any time in its history. It takes a little trouble like that we are having with Spain to bring out this fact clearly.

Now that war is upon us, let it be a short one. If America must strike the first blow, let it be done with such force that few more will be needed. There can be no question where victory will finally rest, but there is a possibility of untold suffering and the loss of thousands of brave lives if the struggle be much prolonged. It is to be hoped that President McKinley will give Spain but little time in which to meet the demands of congress. Every day means much in the way of preparation. The United States is able to occupy Cuba immediately and prevent the landing of a Spanish force, and it would be pleasant news to read of this being done.

While the war with Spain goes on

there will be no cessation in the grab for offices among the fusionists of Oregon. The only thing which will stop that is a Republican majority on the 6th of June. With harmonious action such a victory is certain; without it the fusionists may parcel out the offices among the chosen few.

JOHN WANAMAKER'S EXAMPLE.

General Harrison's postmaster general, John Wanamaker, has set an example of patriotism which rarely has been equaled and which could not be excelled. First of all, he offers his personal services to the government upon the field of battle. He is no stay-at-home patriot. He says to others who would risk their lives for their country, "Come," not go. But he does not stop there. Far from it. He is one of the largest employers in the country, and here is the notice he has posted in his mammoth store in Philadelphia:

Notice—In order that our men may have easy minds in considering and arranging their affairs in the event of being called upon for military service, this notice is posted to say:

1. That all the positions thus vacated will be reopened to return to when the military service is over.

2. That all salaries will continue in full in such absence for actual service, and be paid to the authorized representative of their respective families.

3. An insurance to the amount of \$1,000 will be paid by the firm in case of each death while any of our people are actually engaged in military service.

Money, like nature, "speaks a varied language," says the Inter Ocean. In this case it speaks the vernacular of patriotism, and that, with an eloquence rivaling the highest flights of the orator or statesman. Nor is this act of Mr. Wanamaker a momentary spasm, due to recent excitement. Some months ago another member of the Harrison cabinet, ex-Secretary of State Foster, went to Philadelphia at the request of the administration to make a plea for the Cuban relief fund.

He was given free access to the consular correspondence in the state department in the preparation of his speech. An immense audience awaited him, and he made a very strong presentation of the needs of the Cubans. Observing Mr. Wanamaker in the audience, he called upon him to speak at the close of his own address. In response Mr. Wanamaker took the position that the way to afford relief to the starving Cuban was to free the island from Spanish despotism. Then, for the first time in the evening, the audience became enthusiastic. The sudden silence which had prevailed during Mr. Foster's address was broken and a wild scene of cheering followed. Mr. Foster's object in calling out his friend and cabinet colleague was defeated. It was a striking case of building better than one knew. In justice, however, to Mr. Foster it should be added that he was well pleased with the turn the affair took, for his researches in preparing the address had convinced him that nothing short of the army and navy of the United States could afford effective relief to Cuba.

It was still another member of the Harrison cabinet, Senator Proctor, who by his speech on his personal observations in Cuba did so much to create the present public sentiment in favor of the Cubans. A fourth in the cabinet list, General Noble of St. Louis, has been outspoken in his vigorous Americanism.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Elkins was for a short time secretary of war under him, President Harrison has especial occasion to be proud of the showing his cabinet is making in the present emergency.

The destruction of the Maine will be regarded as something more than an incident when the American sailor fighters meet the Spanish murderers in the first engagement. "Remember the Maine!" will be the battle cry which will cheer the Americans to victory.

ENGLISH HEARTS BEAT TRUE.

We have the keen emphatic sympathy of England. It would be very strange and unnatural if this were not so. If, for example, England had followed the bent of her inclina-

tion, and had scourged the Turk for his Armenian atrocities. American sympathy would have gone out in a tidal wave to the English nation. Or even if England were grappled in a war with Spain, and that war were not pitched on the high plane of human freedom, she yet would have our moral support and sympathy.

We need not question, says the Spokesman-Review, therefore, the sincerity of these English expressions of sympathy and friendship, because they unquestionably spring from the heart. And very pleasing they are. Already they have knit the bond of friendship between America and England more closely and firmly than at any time since the revolution.

England has given a substantial token of support by classing coal as contraband of war. The full weight and importance of that step has not been clearly understood. It is no exaggeration to say that it may deter Spain from fighting for Cuba. It means that if war result, neither England nor her colonies will sell coal to the warships of either warring power.

Apparently that might seem of equal advantage to Spain and the United States. As a matter of fact it directs a severe blow at Spain's hope of conducting a successful naval campaign in American waters. Deprived of coal, the warship is a lifeless, useless hulk. It can neither fight nor run away. The Spanish warships operating in American waters must buy coal to be effective. They cannot get it in American nor British ports. There is a strong probability that the South American republics will follow England's lead. In that case, Spain would be placed at a tremendous disadvantage.

This prompt and friendly act of England's, coupled with the pressure which the vatican and some of the continental powers are still exerting to persuade Spain to yield up Cuba, and comply with America's demands, may yet prevent a war.

THE CHRONICLE A MORNING PAPER.

Realizing that The Dalles has long needed better news facilities, THE CHRONICLE has completed arrangements whereby these shall be obtained. On next Tuesday morning THE CHRONICLE will appear as a morning paper, containing a full telegraphic report of all the latest news. As it is now, the people of The Dalles are compelled to wait till the arrival of the Portland papers to learn of important events which have transpired during the preceding night and day. This delay will hereafter be obviated by the enterprise of THE CHRONICLE in placing the news of the world before its readers at the breakfast table.

To successfully accomplish this undertaking, a great outlay of expense will be required. This paper has always enjoyed a generous support of public patronage, and it will not only be necessary that it should continue, but be increased. The expenses of telegraphic dispatches will be large, while a considerable outlay will be incurred in securing additional help in the mechanical and news departments.

The management of THE CHRONICLE hope and trust that the people of The Dalles will appreciate the effort it is making to provide them with the latest dispatches and complete local news, and will cheerfully lend their assistance in maintaining the high standard to which this paper aspires. THE CHRONICLE will do its part, and if the citizens will but do theirs, the result will be satisfactorily attained.

At any rate the experiment will be made, and then it will be seen if The Dalles can support a morning paper publishing telegraphic dispatches as other cities of like size are doing.

State Encampment, G. A. R.

At a very full meeting of the committee on music, held yesterday afternoon, it was unanimously voted to accept the offer for that occasion of the services of the band and orchestra of the 14th U. S. Infantry, now stationed at Fort Vancouver, Wash. The chairman of the executive committee has been in correspondence for some time with the band leader, and the presence of this noted band is now assured for the first evening and for the parade next day.

Arrangements are being made to have the local band also. This should, and will, prove a great attraction.

PRESIDENT SIGNS

Resolution and Ultimatum Sent to Spain.

POLO HAS APPLIED FOR PASSPORTS

The President Demands in His Ultimatum That Spain Shall Evacuate Cuba.

Special to THE CHRONICLE.

PORTLAND, Or., April 20.—

The president this morning signed the resolution, and has sent the same with ultimatum to Spain, giving that government until Saturday to get out of Cuba.

Senor Polo, Spanish ambassador to the United States, called at the state department this morning for passports for himself and staff.

A Havana special states if that city is taken the Americans will find it in ruins.

It is not expected that Spain will comply with the ultimatum, and a movement will consequently commence on Cuba at the expiration of the time given. A less hopeful view for a quick campaign is taken. Some believe that the war will possibly continue a year.

In the ultimatum the president demands that Spain shall evacuate Cuba. This demand is absolute and no half-way reply will be entertained.

THIS MEANS A WAR

President's Ultimatum Rejected.

WOODFORD GETS HIS PASSPORTS

This May Be Considered a Practical Declaration of War—Woodford Homeward Bound.

Special to THE CHRONICLE.

PORTLAND, April 21.—The ultimatum of the president reached Madrid this morning and was immediately presented to the Spanish government by Minister Woodford. It was at once rejected and Minister Woodford was given his passports.

This is a practical declaration of war. Spanish Minister Polo left Washington yesterday via Halifax. It is expected that hostilities will commence at once.

The flying squadron sailed from Key West this afternoon bound for Havana.

THE FIRST SHOT

United States Cruiser Nashville Captures a Spanish Lumber Vessel—Only One Shot Fired.

WOODFORD REACHES THE FRONTIER

The United States Minister Reaches His Day's Journey Safely After Some Exciting Experiences.

Special to The Chronicle.

PORTLAND, April 22.—A special from Key West says:

LIST OF TEACHERS

In Commission in Wasco County Oregon, with Postoffice Address, March 1st, 1898. Arranged by C. L. Gilbert, County School Superintendent, The Dalles, Oregon.

Table listing teachers in Wasco County Oregon, categorized by location: THE DALLES, HOOD RIVER, WAMIC, MOSEIER, KINGSLEY, N ANSENE, DUFUR, CASCADE LOCKS, PORTLAND, VICTOR, BOYD, WAMIC, MOSEIER, KINGSLEY, N ANSENE, DUFUR, CASCADE LOCKS, PORTLAND, VICTOR.

Advertisement for Aermotor Windmills. Includes an illustration of a windmill and text: 'We have lately taken the agency for the Aermotor Windmill, and carry a stock on hand. We also carry a complete stock of Deep and Shallow Well Pumps, as well as Pitcher Spout and Spray Pumps. Call and see us before buying elsewhere. The Aermotor Mill is considered the best machine on the market. Call and see it. MAIER & BENTON, Sole Agents for Wasco County, The Dalles, Or. Hardware and Grocery Merchants.....'

Money Saved is Money Earned.

Advertisement for WM. MICHELL. Includes an illustration of a wooden box and text: 'Wishes to inform the public that he is still in the UNDERTAKING AND PICTURE-FRAME BUSINESS. And persons needing anything in these lines can save money by calling on him before dealing elsewhere. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Third and Washington Sts.'

The fleet sailed at 5:45 a. m.

FORT MONROE, April 22.—6 a. m.—The Flying Squadron is still in the bay—Great activity prevails on board all of the ships.

KEY WEST, April 22.—The U. S. cruiser Nashville captured the Spanish ship Buena Vura, of 1000 tons, having on board a cargo of lumber. She was on the way from the coast of Texas. The cruiser fired her six-pounder and the Spaniards surrendered.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The state department is preparing a proclamation announcing the blockade of Havana harbor. A note to the powers has been prepared defining our attitude as to privateering and commercial phases of the war.

The war department will issue the volunteers call as soon as the volunteer bill is a law. The state department is considering the recommending of congress to declare war. Try Schilling's Best tea and baking powder.