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SPANISH AND AMERICAN SQUADRONS.

The torpedo flotilla that left the Canaries March 24 and next heard of at the Cape Verde islands consisted of six torpedo boats and seven torpedo boat destroyers. They were accompanied by two freight vessels that went along to carry coal and supplies. This was not a formidable fleet. It was well adapted to stealing up at dark nights, running out its torpedo tubes and blowing up naval cruisers. That was its special work. But if the naval cruisers kept a sharp lookout it would be impossible for the small craft to get near enough to the large cruisers to blow them up. The guns of the cruisers could, on the contrary, blow the torpedo boats out of the water miles away.

On this theory what was called a flying watered was organized to sail about the West Indies and our own coasts and look out for that torpedo flotilla and for other Spanish war vessels. The news, however, that three formidable Spanish vessels had left Cadix just after the flotilla sailed showed that the Spanish had considered and dismissed the effect of our flying squadron. They sent immediately after the flotilla a squadron composed of two of their finest cruisers, Infanta Maria Teresa and Cristobal Colon. With these and the destroyer, a very powerful torpedo boat destroyer. Soon after these three vessels left Cadix the Spanish cruisers Vizcaya and Oquendo that had been in the harbor at Havana left that place. The plan was probably for them to quietly join the squadron and the flotilla at a spot agreed on, and thus suddenly turn loose on the United States a powerful mobile fleet.

It was to meet such a contingency that our own formidable flying squadron was organized and largely equipped after its formation. It is under command of Commodore W. S. Schley. It consists of the crack cruisers Brooklyn, Columbia and Minneapolis, with the battleships Massachusetts and Texas. The dynamic cruiser Vesuvius, the fastest warship afloat, can also be assigned to duty with the squadron. The Brooklyn is the flagship.

The meaning between the lines of the joint note to President McKinley from representatives of the six leading powers of Europe in Washington was that the powers thus indirectly made offer of their willingness to have the Spanish and the United States fight it out. The presentation of an identical note to Spain at Madrid was the programme at that end of the line. Although the offer was not accepted by either nation in the interests of coming peace and fraternity among nations it was a good sign.

President McKinley's reply to the note of the foreign powers must be regarded as one of the nearest official utterances on record. The powers called attention to their own humanitarian and purely disinterested attitude in presenting this plan for peace. The answer of the president calling attention of the powers in turn to the equally humanitarian and disinterested motives of the United States in its efforts to end the awful Cuban war was exactly to the point.

Congress and the president waiting, with tense, strained watchfulness, until the last American should be safely out of Cuba before speaking the final word to Spain is a scene unequalled in dramatic interest in the history of nations.

Now is the time when the necessity for United States coaling and naval stations in the West Indies becomes painfully apparent. Let congress purchase Mole St. Nicholas on the Haitian coast without delay.

The loss in life and property in floods along the banks of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers since the commencement of these localities has been greater than that caused by the war itself. It is not often that leaves as far north as Shawneetown break through in the Ohio river, but the recent flood shows the danger even there. When new towns are to be laid out along these rivers, it will be well to plant at least the residence portion of them on high ground. If such can be found, if not, then that is no proper spot for a town site.

Prince Oscar, second son of the king of Sweden, is noted for piety and religious enthusiasm. He and his wife are famous evangelists in the Scandinavian countries, working together like a pair of veritable Moodys and converting hundreds from the error of their ways. The Prince of Wales has not much of anything to do at any time. We commend the example of Prince Oscar to him. Wales would make a thoroughly hearty looking evangelist, going about saving souls.

In case of war with Spain nothing would be easier for us than to send the Asiatic squadron on a swift run from Hongkong to Manila, to the port of the Philippines islands, and take possession of them in the name of the United States. Spain has no vessels there that could cope with our Asiatic squadron, nor could she spare enough for that purpose. Besides the every Philippine islands in the last named would rejoice at the coming of the United States vessels that would free the people from the hated yoke of Spain.

Justice of the Peace C. H. Arnold of Paso Robles, Cal., has been arrested, charged with collecting more from than allowed by law in the action of Andrew Nelson against J. B. Fry, Judge T. B. Brewer held the defendant in \$1000 bail.

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MINES AND MINING.

Progress and Dumps In and About the Mines of the Coast.

The Little Butte mine, Kern county, is taking out \$45 ore.

The output of the Yellow Aster, Kern county, last month was \$45,000.

The Rainbow mine, near Oceanos de San Diego county, is yielding \$12 ore. A 2-foot ledge has been discovered by L. D. Bennett in Virginia district, San Bernardino county, that assays \$60 per ton.

The Kivon mine, Kern county, from a crushing of five tons of ore, received \$6500.

The Hays & Bidwell mines at Poway, San Diego county, are producing ore that assays \$16 gold and \$4 silver. A 2-foot ledge has been discovered by L. D. Bennett in Virginia district, San Bernardino county, that assays \$60 per ton.

The Rowe & Jenkins mine, at West Point, Calaveras county, has been discovered by L. D. Bennett in Virginia district, San Bernardino county, that assays \$60 per ton.

P. Riodan is developing two properties near Oroville, Butte county. He has discovered a 3-foot vein of fair grade ore on one.

The tunnel in the Three Friends mine, near Constance, Tuolumne county, is 70 feet. The ore averages \$10.90 per ton.

Peterson & Hovis discovered a ledge near Trinity Center, Trinity county, that is from six to nine feet wide that yields \$8 exclusive of sulphurets.

Sulphurets ore has been found in the Gagnere mine, Tuttleton, Tuolumne county, a five pound test of which yielded \$21 in silver and \$37 in gold.

At Bodie, Mono county, a test was made of two tons of ore from Copper Mountain that proved a success and active development work will be continued on the property.

At the Iron Chief property, Eagle mountain, Riverside county, a 60-ton per day cyanide plant and a pipe line 11 miles long are being built.

The Pochontos mine at Dryden, Amador county, last week struck a 4-foot vein on the 600-foot level that assays from \$75 upwards, exclusive of sulphurets.

Over \$100,000 in bullion left the neighborhood of Jackson, Amador county, last week, representing a 30-days' run of several well-known producers in that section.

W. Price has bought the Schroeder mine, Marin county, and is pushing development. Last week he took out a piece of ore weighing 13 pounds, which contained \$2900 in gold.

The Granite mine, near Venita, Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras county, was shipped one car of ore which brought \$988. The values of the district are mainly gold, though there are some leads of silver.

At the Green Mountain mine near Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras county, the gravel bank is 75 feet high and prospects from the top to bedrock. They are using 300 inches of water under 275-foot pressure. A dam impounds the water, should the water hold out, the work will continue three months.

With the Murders. Frank Belov was sentenced to be hanged at Folsom, Cal., on June 10. Belov, for no apparent reason unless to gain control of a little property, poisoned the water in a bottle in order that his brother and sister would be poisoned. His plan worked successfully, both victims dying. For some time it seemed as if the murderer would escape punishment. While Frank Belov was strongly suspected of the crime no evidence could be obtained against him, until finally he told a brother-in-law that he committed the deed. The officers went in to arrest and Belov taken into custody. Entered a plea of guilty in hopes of saving his neck but it did not have the desired effect.

James Willet, the confessed murderer of Charles Andrews, who was killed at Baden, Cal., while trying to protect a hotel from robbers, was sentenced last week to life imprisonment at Folsom. Willet escaped at the time of the murder but was recently arrested in Arizona.

Frank Lawrence Smith, alias F. Lawrence, who was apprehended for the murder of Peter Nelson, on a freight train near General Point, Or., February 15, was tried at Ashland and found guilty of murder in the first degree. Nelson was beating his way on the train and displayed a sum of money to tempt the men on the train and allow them to get the coin.

American Securities Abroad. The sale of American securities here, according to London advices, very large amount of late. It is stated that things here will be an increasing volume of British gold into this market. This denotes the faith in the stability of our credit. There is another point of faith for those who are not of this faith but believe in the efficacy of Hoster's Stomach Bitters for indigestion, constipation, biliousness, liver, bowels, kidneys, and nerves. Dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation, biliousness, and other ailments are cured by it. It hastens convalescence and diffuses a generous warmth and sensation of physical comfort through the system.

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of Hoster's Cure promptly, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. For sale by T. K. Bolton and Telephone Drug Store.

Eppworth League Convention. The first California Conference Convention of the Eppworth League will be held in San Francisco, this week. The conference opens Thursday evening with a grand concert, in which a chorus of 250 will participate. Friday and part of Saturday will be devoted to convention work, reading reports, lectures, etc. Saturday afternoon a grand instrumental concert will be given at Golden Gate park. Sunday will be observed with devotional services and worship, and the evening farewell addresses. The California conference comprises a large territory and heretofore no attempt has been made to hold a state convention. San Francisco members of the League are working hard making preparations for the meeting and to make it a thorough success.

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MOBILIZING THE ARMY.

Twenty Thousands Regulars Being Rushed to the South.

Decidedly the most warlike step taken by the department in preparing for the possibility of an encounter with Spain was inaugurated Friday when orders were issued for the concentration of four points in the south of California. Twenty-two regiments of cavalry, 22 regiments of infantry and the light batteries of five regiments of artillery. At Chickasaw there will be six regiments of cavalry and the light batteries of five regiments of artillery; at New Orleans seven regiments of infantry, and at Mobile seven regiments of infantry.

The mobilized troops will be commanded at New Orleans by Brig.-Gen. W. R. Shafter; at Chickasaw by Gen. John R. Brooke; at Mobile by Brig.-Gen. C. J. Copinger, and at Tampa by Brig.-Gen. James F. Wade. The troops at the Presidio, San Francisco, responded promptly to the orders to prepare to move and in remarkable short time everything was in readiness for the journey. Sunday morning the troops at the Presidio, San Francisco, responded promptly to the orders to prepare to move and in remarkable short time everything was in readiness for the journey. Sunday morning the troops at the Presidio, San Francisco, responded promptly to the orders to prepare to move and in remarkable short time everything was in readiness for the journey.

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Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled, therefore:

First—That the people of the island of Cuba are and of right ought to be free and independent, and that the government of the United States hereby recognizes the right of the people of Cuba to the true and lawful government of that island.

Second—That it is the duty of the United States to demand, and the government of the United States does hereby demand, that the government of Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba, and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters.

Third—That the president of the United States be and he hereby is directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States and to call into the actual service of the United States the militia of any of the several states to such extent as may be necessary to carry these resolutions into effect.

Fourth—That the United States hereby disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said island, except for the pacification thereof, and asserts its determination, if that is accomplished, to leave the government and control of the island to its people.

The action of the senate on the Cuban question will undoubtedly be the cause of a legislative deadlock, the duration of which cannot now be foreseen.

The coast defense vessel Monterey is held in readiness at San Francisco expecting to be ordered to sail for Puget sound at any time.

A special fast train of 15 cars loaded with over 300,000 rounds of ammunition made government powder left the Santa Cruz navy yard a few days ago.

Orders were received at Mare Island last week from the secretary of the navy directing the monitor Monitor to proceed to Port Angeles, Wash., for which point she sailed Saturday.

The government has purchased the powerful torpedo boats Fearless, Active and Vigilant. The tugs will be fitted up with torpedo tubes and used for the protection of coast shipping in case of war.

An attack was made upon the United States consulate at Malaga, Spain, Saturday. Stones were thrown and the leader procured a ladder, tore down the shield having upon the arms of the United States and dragged it along the streets.

The first battalion of Naval Reserves of New York has been called into service. Last week they were ordered to the League Island Navy yard to be in charge of the monitor Nahant, which they take to New York to guard the harbor.

It is confidently expected by the president and secretary of war that before the end of the present week the government will have the material portion of land forces aggregating at least 100,000 men for the occupation of Cuba and the defense of the eastern and southern seaboard. Within a few days thereafter an army of that size will actually be in the field.

C. O. Winkert of Kern county, Cal., the western representative of New York capitalists who have large ranches in Nevada, Arizona, Montana and Texas, in a recent interview said: "The United States government has secured options on enough cattle in the west to sustain an army of 100,000 men for 12 months. No contracts have been made, but prices have been fixed and in the event of war with Spain the government will be amply supplied with beef for its troops at a moderate cost."

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Mrs. Oscar Wild, wife of the English novelist, died at Riviera, France, last week.

Surgeon-Major Henry McElderry, United States Army, died recently at Hot Springs, Ark., of Bright's disease.

The employees of the American Wire Works company of Cleveland, O., have been notified of a reduction of 34 percent in wages. They will accept the situation.

The immense plant of the Pennsylvania Plate Glass company at Irwin, Pa., was entirely destroyed by fire on a recent night. The loss will reach \$700,000, with insurance at \$400,000.

The Anaconda company's coal washes at Felt, 30 miles south of Butte, burned. The loss is estimated at \$250,000. The cause of the fire is not yet known. There was no insurance.

A duel was fought at Mineral City, Kas., between Jack Murphy, a farmer, and an unknown man. Both were killed, each receiving four shots in the body. The cause of the tragedy is not known.

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