

GENERALS COMMANDING ARMIES INVADING CUBA.



GEN. JOHN J. COPPINGER. GEN. WM. R. SHAFER.

WERE SWEEPED TO THEIR DOOM

Water Submerged a Stage Which Was Crowded—Hundreds of People Immersed—Thirty-Four Bodies Have Been Recovered.

London, June 23.—During the launching of the British first-class battleship Albion, at Blackwell, today, by the Duchess of York, at which ceremony the United States ambassador, Colonel John Hay, and Mrs. Hay, and Lieutenant-Commander Wells, United States naval attaché, assisted, the displacement of water caused an immense mass of water to rise on all sides, completely submerging one of the lower stages of the yard, and immersing hundreds of people. It is estimated that 60 persons were drowned.

The Duchess of York, Colonel and Mrs. Hay and the remainder of the distinguished guests, did not see the accident, which occurred at the moment when three cheers were given for the successful launching, and the cries and screams of the victims were drowned by the hurrahs.

The bodies of five men, 18 women and 11 children have been recovered. The Duke and Duchess of York have telegraphed assurances of their profound regret and sympathy.

Thousands who witnessed the launching left the scene ignorant of the disaster.

The staging that was destroyed had been erected for workmen near the stern of a Japanese cruiser in course of construction. It was a light struc-

ture, about 60 feet long, and notices had been posted warning the public that it was dangerous.

Despite the efforts of the police, some 200, mostly working people on a holiday, invaded the staging, which commanded a good view of the launching. Two great waves completely demolished it, and on receding, carried most of its occupants into deep water. The water was alive with struggling people and floating debris. It was a scene of terrible confusion. The shrieks of the unfortunate people, mingled with the cheers of enthusiasm over the launching. Fortunately, there was plenty of help near in the shape of police boats and other craft. The shipbuilders, with drags, and the firemen, who participated, were all prompt in affording succor. A number of nurses who had come to witness the launching were among those engulfed. Some of these and many others were revived by artificial respiration. Some were injured by colliding with the debris. About 60 of the spectators were injured and had to receive surgical treatment.

Many plucky rescues of drowning persons were made by onlookers. Heartrending scenes were witnessed when the bodies of children and other relatives of those who escaped the disaster were recovered and brought to land.

The Albion is a first-class steel battleship, of 12,950 tons, 390 feet long, 74 feet broad, and draws 25 feet 6 inches of water. She is to have 13,500 indicated horsepower, has two propellers and cost about \$4,000,000.

A municipal council in France has ordered its proceedings to be reported by phonograph.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

The End of the Remarkable Letter Wheat Deal.

[Reported by Downing, Hopkins & Co., Inc., 504 First Street, Portland, Ore.]

The Letter wheat deal, so-called, which was certainly one of the most remarkable business enterprises of modern times, has come to an end. Liquidation is now the order of the day, and many millions of money which were at one time profits on one side of the ledger have been wiped out by losses on the other side of that same truth-telling book.

It is the old story over again of Prometheus challenging the gods. The forces of nature are too strong for any man, and work and contrive as he may, he cannot maintain himself against that eternal decree that seed time and harvest shall not fail.

The outlook in 1897 for the purchase of wheat justified all that Mr. Leiter did. There were short crops everywhere abroad, and the United States alone possessed the grain the whole world needed and must have.

As the year advanced and it became more and more apparent that the shortage was certain, the big deal began to look more and more promising, and after the December deliveries were provided for it seemed easy enough sailing for the young merchant.

Mr. Armour, who is no mean judge of such undertakings, and who has found many a great fortune, sitting on the board of trade, in speaking of this splendid deal, said: "The pluck and wisdom manifested by him in the remarkable deal which he all but successfully consummated, challenged the admiration of men everywhere. I fully expected that he would carry the deal through safely, as there was merit in his position."

This is testimony from one who had felt the prowess of the youthful commercial athlete, and who, in a measure, had been put to his trumps to meet that antagonist on his own ground, and it is therefore all the more trustworthy as evidence that Mr. Leiter had a strong position to begin with.

But time and tide wait for no man, and over-teeming mother earth gladly responds to the husbandman's toil. Unprecedented prices were responded to by an unprecedented crop, and bountiful nature offered to pour into Mr. Leiter's lap a much greater profit than he cared to possess. He wisely closed the bins.

Seattle Markets. Vegetables—Potatoes—Yakimas, \$11 @ 12 per ton; natives, \$8 @ 10; California potatoes, \$1.50 @ 2 per 100 pounds. Beets, per sack, \$1.25; turnips, \$1.25; carrots, \$1.25; hot-house lettuce, 40c; radishes, 12c.

Fruit—California lemons, fancy, \$3 @ 3.25; choice, \$2 @ 2.50; seedling oranges, \$1.50 @ 1.75; California navela, fancy, \$3 @ 3.25; choice, \$2.50 @ 2.75; bananas, shipping, \$2.25 @ 2.75 per bunch; strawberries, 60c @ \$1.00 per crate.

Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 18c; ranch, 7 @ 12c; dairy, 12c @ 15c; Iowa, fancy creamery, 18c. Cheese—Native Washington, 11 @ 12c; Eastern cheddar, 12 @ 12 1/2c.

Meats—Choice dressed beef steers, prime, 7c; cows, prime, 7c; mutton, 7 1/2c; pork, 7 1/2c; live, 8c. Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, 14c; dressed, 16c; spring chickens, \$2.50 @ 3.75.

Fresh Fish—Halibut, 8 @ 4c; steel-heads, 7 @ 8c; salmon trout, 9 @ 10c; flounders and sole, 8 @ 4c; herring, 4c. Oysters—Olympia oysters, per sack, \$33.50; per gallon, solid, \$1.80.

Wheat—\$26; feed wheat, \$23. Choice—Choice, per ton, \$28. Corn—Whole, \$25; cracked, \$20; feed meal, \$25.

Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$23; whole, \$24. Flour—Patent, \$4.50, bbl; straight, \$4.25; California brands, \$5.75; buckwheat flour, \$6.50; graham, per bbl, \$4.25; whole wheat flour, \$4.50; rye flour, \$4.50.

Milletstuffs—Bran, per ton, \$18; shorts, per ton, \$18. Feed—Chopped feed, \$21 @ 22 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$18 @ 19; oil cake meal, per ton, \$35.

Hay—Puget Sound mixed, \$10 @ 12; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$16 @ 18. Portland Market. Wheat—Walla Walla, 60c; Valley and Bluestem, 62c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, \$4.00; graham, \$3.50; superfine, \$3.25 per barrel. Oats—Choice, white, 42c; choice gray, 38 @ 39c per bushel.

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Hay—Timothy, \$11 @ 12; clover, \$10 @ 11; Oregon wild hay, \$9 @ 10 per ton. Eggs—Oregon, 12 1/2 @ 14c per dozen. Butter—Fancy creamery, 32 1/2 @ 35c; fair to good, 25 @ 30c; dairy, 25 @ 30c per roll.

Cheese—Oregon full cream, 12c; Young America, 12 1/2c. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.50 per dozen; hens, \$4.00; springs, \$2.00 @ 4; geese, \$6.00 @ 7.00; ducks, young, \$4 @ 6.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 11 @ 12c per pound.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 25 @ 35c per sack; sweets, \$1.75 @ 2 per cental. Oatmeal—California red, \$1.25 per sack.

Hops—5 @ 12 1/2c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4 @ 6c. Wool—Valley, 14 @ 15c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8 @ 12c; mohair, 25c per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4c; dressed mutton, 6 1/2c; spring lambs, 10c per lb. Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4.25; light and feeders, \$3.00 @ 4.00; dressed, \$5 @ 6.50 per 100 pounds. Beef—Gross, top steers, \$4.00; cows, \$3.50 @ 3.80; dressed beef, 5 @ 7c per pound.

Veal—Large, 5c; small, 6c per pound. San Francisco Market. Wool—Southern coast lambs, 7 @ 9c; San Joaquin, 7 @ 8c; Northern, 11 @ 12c per lb.

Milletstuffs—Middlings, \$20.00 @ 22.50; California bran, \$16.50 @ 17.00 per ton. Oatmeal—New, 60 @ 70c per sack. Butter—Fancy creamery, 18c; do seconds, 17 1/2c; fancy dairy, 17c; good to choice, 15 @ 16 1/2c per pound.

Eggs—Store, 18 @ 14 1/2c; ranch, 18 1/2 @ 17 1/2c. Citrus Fruit—Oranges, navela, \$1.25 @ 3.00; Mexican limes, \$4.50; California lemons, 7 @ 8c; do choice, \$1.25 @ 1.50; per box.

WHERE THE TROOPS LANDED.

Description of the Country Around Santiago.

Washington, June 25.—Army officers were intently scanning the map of the country around Santiago today with a view of locating the troops and fixing their formation on the eve of the advance. Daiquiri is about 15 miles east from the mouth of Santiago harbor. A small river runs inland at that point, affording additional facilities for landing. The map shows a road direct from Daiquiri to the entrance of Santiago harbor, and thence along the harbor to the city of Santiago. Besides this road, a railroad starts a few miles west of Daiquiri, running along the coast up to the mouth of Santiago harbor.

Juragua, the other point mentioned in these dispatches, is midway between Daiquiri and Santiago harbor. It also has a small stream, giving additional facilities for landing, and the railroad appears to take its start along the coast from that point.

Back of this railroad and highway, the maps show a mountainous formation, which would make the progress of an army difficult. It seems evident, from an examination of the army map, that General Shafter's troops at Daiquiri and Juragua will move westward along the highway, utilizing the railroad and approaching Santiago from the southeast.

Distinct from this landing, which is east of Santiago harbor, it seems evident that at least a part of General Shafter's force will land west of the harbor, thus allowing an attack on Santiago from the northwest. The dispatches state that a demonstration was made against Cabanas, which is about 10 miles inland, giving additional facilities for landing, and the railroad appears to take its start along the coast from that point.

Their natural base, therefore, will be to the west at Acerraderos, cooperating with such of General Shafter's troops as land to the west of the harbor. A road runs from Acerraderos to Cabanas. No road is shown along the west line of Santiago harbor, and the march of the American and Cuban troops making the assault on the west side of the city may be slow and laborious, through the tangled, tropical underbrush, swamp and rock.

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Safes in Bulgaria. As yet attempts have only been made in Plevna to produce safes. A trial order for a few safes induced the government to order 85 safes. However, the firm in question will be unable to compete with Germany and England. The annual imports amounted in 1897 to 160,000 francs, of which 60,000 francs fell to England, 50,000 to Germany and 40,000 to Austria-Hungary. All the Levantine countries offer good markets for safes.

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Patriotism a Wheel. The patriotic cyclist has a new way of showing his colors; since his poor legs haven't the burden of his body to bear he has decided they shall stand for his patriotism. Therefore, he draws over these unoffending members blue black stockings with tops which dot in red and white stripes, the center stripe being of blue, dotted with a thriving (if not life size) row of white stars. All of which goes to show that patriotism, like love, will find a way.

WAGONS IMPROVED. The new improved Stoughton wagons stand the racket. Two car loads have just arrived. It pays to have the best. Write for free catalogue. JOHN POOLE, sole agent, foot of Morrison street, Portland, Or.

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Ensign Willard's Luck.

Ensign Arthur L. Willard earned one hundred dollars when he planted the Stars and Stripes over a shattered blockhouse at Diana Cay, Cuba. William R. Gratz wrote to the New York Herald on April 23 enclosing a check for \$100, which he said was for the man who first placed an American flag on Cuban soil. He said that he sent the money as the nucleus for a fund, for he thought such a patriotic action should be well rewarded.

While the Winslow, the Wilmington and the Hudson were firing on the batteries at Cardenas the Machias was making a wreck of the barracks at Diana Bay. When the Spaniards had scurried away Ensign Willard and three men went ashore and planted the American flag upon the ruins.

Ensign Willard is from Missouri. He was made a cadet in 1893. He was formerly on the Monterey.

PROPOSED ALLIANCE WITH ENGLAND.

If the United States and England should form an alliance, the combined strength would be so great that there would be little chance for enemies to overcome us. In a like manner, when men and women keep up their bodily strength with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, there is little chance of attacks from disease. The old time remedy for rheumatism, blood, builds up the muscles, steadies the nerves and increases the appetite. Try it.

Mrs. Susan A. Glenn, widow of a soldier and mother of a volunteer, resigned her position in the postoffice department at Washington to go to the front with her son. She is the first woman to be appointed matron of a regiment.

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Sultan's Sister Abducted. London, June 23.—A band of brigands, according to a dispatch from Constantinople, has abducted a sister of the sultan. The princess was seized while she was walking at Kistheprakk, a few miles from Constantinople, where she resided.

Madrid, June 22.—It is believed that Langstini will ask foreign warships to land detachments to occupy Manila on the ground that he is unable to resist the insurgents.

Attempted Assassination. Berlin, June 23.—During a military review at Deutsche, Eyl, near Osterode, East Prussia, a soldier in the ranks, whose identity is not yet established, fired at General von Rabe, wounding him in the leg and killing his horse.

Rosnoke, Va., June 21.—Norfolk & Western passenger train No. 4 was wrecked today, two miles west of Shawsville. Engineer Herner, Fireman Sadler and Mail Clerk Francis were killed. Half a dozen passengers were injured, but none seriously.

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