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It is contended by General Miles and others that nothing will be gained by invading Cuba until we can send at least 100,000 men. Because it will be useless to make an attack upon Havana with a land force much smaller than that. Although nothing official has been or will be given out on this subject, there is excellent authority for saying that it will require at least three or four weeks to equip enough of the volunteers to make up that number. Although extra efforts were put forth to make a good showing at Camp Alger when the president went to review the volunteers there, the lack of equipment was made painfully apparent by the fact that only two-thirds of the 20,000 men in camp could take part in the parade, and the equipment of many of them in line is utterly worthless for fighting purposes. The same condition exists at all the mobilizing points. The men are ready and anxious to fight, but they are not properly prepared to do so. But the work of preparing them is not being allowed to lag.

In the early days of America, and in fact up to thirty years ago, American men supported their women. It was not considered right that women should enter into avocations occupied by men. Their field for employment was confined to the school room and factory, but now we find women filling places in stores and offices, in the professions, on the road as commercial travelers, and in short, wherever there is employment offered to the American girl, there she is found. We honor her independence in earning a livelihood for herself, but deplore the fact that she has been forced to desert her natural sphere. Women were created to be the wives and mothers of the race. Their natural attractions are to home and home surroundings, but customs are driving them from this sphere.

Replying to a question in the house of commons as to whether the British government or any of the European powers have any intention of intervening to secure the termination of the Spanish-American war, Balfour, the government leader, said: "Her majesty's government will gladly take any favorable opportunity for promoting a cessation of hostilities and negotiations for peace, but any action upon its part for this purpose can only be undertaken if there is a reasonable prospect that it will be well received by both parties and likely to lead to an agreement between them. Unfortunately there is not sufficient grounds for believing that this condition exists."

The Spanish authorities hesitate about exchanging Hobson and his party. Cervera refers the matter to the local governor and the latter refers it to Blanco. The Boise Statesman is of the opinion that it may require several months to reach Blanco, if the insurgents have succeeded in severing communication. In that event the prisoners may remain in prison until the end of the war. It seems likely that the Spaniards fear that the men have gained too much knowledge of the fortifications, harbors, etc.; that they would be able to furnish Sampson with valuable information if they were permitted to return to the fleet at once.

The Portland Tribune filled the mission for which it was established, that is, it fought to reinstate Senator Mitchell, and failing in that attempt, turned up its little

toes and died. Thus will all morning papers die that attempt to start in Portland, unless they are backed by sufficient capital to make them real newspapers. Any paper started in Portland must be equally as good as the Oregonian. It must give all the news, and to do this must have plenty of money back of it. A paper cannot be run in Portland on wind, and whoever attempts to establish one with less than \$250,000 will seek an early grave.

Schley needed balloons on his fleet when he got Cervera bottled up in Santiago. Only within the last day or two has it been determined positively that all Cervera's ships are in the harbor, the information being gained from the insurgents. If there had been balloons on the fleet one of them could have been sent up to command a view of the harbor over the hills enclosing the entrance. The case was of a kind that was probably never thought of by naval authorities, and we may now expect to see fleets provided with means of looking over such elevations.

A recently published article, commenting upon the reduction in value of farm land in New York and New Jersey, calls especial attention to the fact that the markets in New York City, which were formerly supplied with vegetables from these two states, now receive their supplies from the south, which, through recent developments in rapid transportation, refrigerator cars and other modern developments, are able to place the products of their cheap labor, rich soil and favorable climate in the markets of the great cities in competition with those located nearer.

So far as the Spaniards are concerned, the Philippine question is likely to be settled before our troops reach Manila. The Spanish commander is on his last legs, and in a few days we may expect to hear that his forces have surrendered. However, our people will find plenty to do. A government is to be established. No matter what may eventually be decided upon, the islands must for the time being be ruled by our military authorities. The navies may not relish that program, but they will be obliged to submit to it.

The time is not long until the fourth of July, and the committees which have charge of the preparations for the Athena celebration should get to work at once. Advertising, posters and programs cannot be put before the public, until the features, attractions and amusements have been arranged for.

The feeling grows that a large force will be needed at the Philippines. It is now suggested that at least 35,000 men will be sent there.

An exchange reminds Admiral Sampson that there is an excellent dry dock at Havana. This will come in handy a little later.

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9:27 p. m.	Sokane, Rosland, St. Paul, Duluth, Chicago and East via Great Northern.	2:45 a. m.
11:10 a. m.	Weston, Milton and Walla Walla	3:45 p. m.
3:45 p. m.	Pendleton, Portland and points east and west	11:10 a. m.
8 p. m.	OCEAN STEAMSHIPS All sailing dates subject to change. For San Francisco sail June 3, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30.	4 p. m.
7 p. m.	To Alaska sail June 7, 25	5 p. m.
8 p. m. Ex. Sunday	COLUMBIA RIVER STEAMERS. To Astoria and waylandings	4 p. m. Ex. Sunday
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