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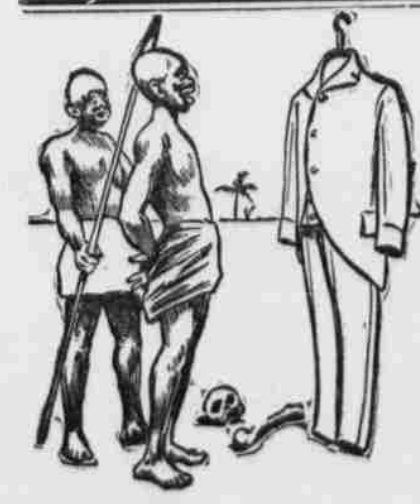


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25 cents SALEM WOOLEN MILL STORE

Preparations for War.

General Lee Will Stay at Havana Till the Last.

Uncle Sam Holds the Trump Cards and Will Play Them.

KEY WEST, April 8.—Contrary to the advices received by steamship officials here, Consul-General Lee did not arrive. The Mascotte was placed at his disposal, but the arrangements were changed, and General Lee has decided that he will come on the Bache but not until all Americans are out of Havana.

The Mascotte brought about 90 passengers, including some of the most prominent Cuban and Spanish families, who are bound north. Many of them left without their baggage, which will be forwarded today. All were in a state of semi-panic. The Mascotte is practically in the government hands. She will take on 30 tons of coal at the government dock and return to Havana. The customs regulations were dispensed with.

The passengers who arrived by the Mascotte say that all is quiet on the surface in Havana, but it was feared there would be trouble from the volunteers, who have been greatly reinforced.

Extra vigilance for the protection of Havana is being exercised. Morro castle has been supplied with the newest range finders. Six or eight torpedoes have been placed at the entrance of the harbor and 60 more are at the foot of St. Ignacio street.

There was little movement of the fleet here yesterday. The Marblehead was on patrol last night. The Cincinnati will coal at the dock.

NEW YORK, April 8.—The auxiliary cruiser board, has been instructed to examine the Normanna and Columbia, with a view to their purchase for use as war vessels. These steamers ply between New York and Hamburg in the service of the Hamburg-American line, and are now in Europe. Both are exceedingly fast. The Normanna has made the run from Southampton to New York at an average speed of more than 20 knots an hour. The Columbia is very nearly as fast.

Both vessels have demonstrated their seaworthiness under the most adverse conditions. The Normanna was once swept by a tidal wave and lived through it like a cork. The vessels were built in Scotland. The Normanna is 500 feet long, 57 feet beam and 34 feet deep. The Columbia is 464 feet long, 55 feet beam and 27 feet deep. They are considered two of the best vessels of the line.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., April 8.—General Lew Wallace believes that war is practically inevitable, and that it will be of much greater length and scope than people now imagine. In an address here on the Cuban question, General Wallace declared for mediation. He reviewed the trouble from its origin, and said:

"President McKinley's course has been wise and statesmanlike. It represents the loftiest type of patriotism and fearlessness, for it requires both to stand as he has stood, for the right, while around him have raged the impatient people and scheming politicians. Ten days ago we were not prepared for war, and had congress at that time forced the issue, the result would have been most disastrous and fatal."

HAMPTON ROADS, Va., April 8.—In obedience to an order telegraphed from Washington, Colonel Frank, commander at fort Monroe, has had the engineering corps hard at work mining the entrance to Hampton Roads.

Two hundred and fifty mines are in

the hands of the engineers and they are being placed with great speed. Each mine is about three feet in diameter and five feet long. They are made of galvanized iron, and each will hold about 200 pounds of gun cotton. Army men say that the laying of the mines means that immediately upon a declaration of war the flying squadron will be sent off and the defense of the harbor will be intrusted to the mines and the fort.

FORT MONROE, Va., April 8.—The battle ship Texas steamed into Hampton Roads and joined the flying squadron off Fort Monroe. She is in the best of condition. The Massachusetts will be down from Newport News late tonight and the squadron will get ready for an emergency.

NEW YORK, April 8.—The steamer Fontabell, from St. Thomas, brings news that an uprising has taken place in Porto Rico, and that in an engagement between the insurgents and the Spanish troops a score of men were killed.

Two filibustering expeditions landed in Porto Rico a month ago and the fact gives color to the rumor of an insurrection.

NEW YORK, April 8.—A Herald dispatch from Havana says: When it became known that the president's message would not go to congress, the excitement here quickly disappeared. Establishments that had closed, including Lawton Childs, reopened.

Hundreds of Mexicans, Americans and Cuban citizens will leave the island in the next few days. The public is now awake to the fact that war is close at hand, and only can be avoided by statesmanship of the wisest kind.

NEW YORK, April 8.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: Ensign Powellson, who is attached to the Fern, while spending some time on the wreck of the Maine, was peremptorily ordered away by the commander of the Spanish gunboat Le Gaspe, who took the position that Mr. Powellson had no right there since the United States flag had been hauled down from the wreck after the departure of Commander Wainwright. Mr. Powellson at first demurred, but afterward left the wreck.

LONDON, April 8.—A dispatch from Madrid says the ambassadors of Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia, Austral and Italy last evening visited Senor Gullon, minister of foreign affairs, and presented a note in the interests of peace, similar to the one presented to McKinley. Gullon, according to the dispatch, in replying to the note said the cabinet was in full agreement that Spain had reached the limit in conceding the demands of the United States.

The action of the combined powers in making representations in the interest of peace at Washington and Madrid today is really a full endorsement of the American policy. If otherwise, England would not have been a party to it. Europe realizes the only hope of avoiding war is in Madrid, and the only way is Spain's surrender of Cuba. This last remaining chance of peace has now been put to the test.

It was necessary, of course, to make similar representations both at Madrid and Washington. McKinley's answers was a foregone conclusion, but the queen's regents cannot be known yet. She must test public opinion. A strong probability is that it will be in the negative, but upon wavering public sentiment hangs the only chance of peace.

BY JAMES CREELMAN. MADRID (via Biarritz, France) April 8.—There is not a word of truth in the cunningly devised announcement that the queen regent is about to take some step which secures Cuban independence. There is no ministerial crisis in Spain. Moret, in

replying to the question, whether Spain would under any circumstances grant independence to Cuba, said:

"No Spanish ministry can grant independence to Cuba and live. Spain may have to do so after a war, but she will not do so until then. The present liberal ministry has a large majority in the approaching session of the cortes, and I can say that my colleagues and myself are absolutely unanimous on the Cuban question."

This is the reply of the most authoritative man in the government or nation.

Bitter attacks are being made publically upon Cardinal Rampolla for having refused to aid in the condemnation of the Cuban Republic. El Pais has a long article denouncing Rampolla as a "Cuban filibuster," and says it is well known by the Spanish clergy that Rampolla severely admonished the papal nuncio at Madrid for having blessed Spanish troops sent to fight Cubans.

Every day Spain sees herself grow weaker in the presence of the Americans determined to do justice to Cuba. All Europe has abandoned her, and now the pope has plainly set his face against a continuance of the unwholy war.

Thousands of false telegrams are being sent out from Madrid to create the impression that if McKinley and congress can only wait for a few weeks Cuba will be free without bloodshed.

What Moret said today is true. Cuban independence can never be till the British flag goes down in defeat before the guns of an American fleet. I am satisfied that Spain regards war as inevitable. She is bleeding at every pore. War is her only honorable way out of the plight to which her corrupt and cruel system of government has brought her.

All attempts to deal any further with Cuban independence by diplomacy are mere foolery and a waste of time. At this moment the queen stands sword in hand waiting for congress to act. The pope is powerless to move her, for she must obey the nation to save the throne for her son.

Nor will Spain yield an inch to an American demand for indemnity for the loss of the Maine. She talks of international court of inquiry, knowing that the United States will never consent to allow foreign governments to revise the findings of its own naval courts.

General Woodford has issued the following statement to the Spanish press:

"The Madrid newspapers of this morning are filled with statements concerning the American minister, which are so inaccurate that he desires to correct them. He does this in the interest of friendship and peace. The propriety of his diplomatic position forbids his making any statement with regard to his diplomatic action with the Spanish government. Last September the Spanish foreign office received written permission to publish the text of any official correspondence which he should have at any time with the Spanish government, and this permission is effective. The Spanish government is at complete liberty to publish every word he has ever addressed to the foreign office, by letter, memorandum or statement.

"The second secretary of the American legation has sailed for New York to resume the practice of his profession. He has resigned from the diplomatic service. The American minister's wife left with her niece for France Tuesday night. She is in poor health, and the excitement of the past fortnight has compelled her to seek rest. The daughter of the minister remains with him at Madrid. He has not given up his residence where he expects to reside so long as he shall remain accredited to the Spanish court.

"The American minister has received nothing but courtesy from the people of Madrid. He has never had the slightest apprehension as to his own personal safety or that of his family. He is working for peace, and despite all rumors to the contrary, he still hopes peace will be kept between Spain and the United States, and then peace will soon be reestablished in Cuba, based upon absolute justice with protection of the great American interests there, and the maintenance of peace with Spain."

A BANKER MURDERED.

Tragedy the Result of an Effort to Oust a Tenant.

LANCASTER, Pa., April 8.—David B. Landis, president of the Conestoga National bank, and one of the leading citizens of this city, was shot and killed this morning by Ralph W. Wireback, maker of a patent medicine bearing his name.

The tragedy resulted from an effort of Landis to oust Wireback from his house. Wireback had refused to vacate, sending his family away and barricading the entrance. When constables endeavored to eject him, Wireback took refuge in the garret and asked for a conference. Landis, followed by the constables, started upstairs. When Landis reached the steps he called up and asked Wireback to come down.

"Will you take care of my wife and family?" inquired Wireback.

"No," was the reply, "but you had better come down."

"Will you take care of my family," again inquired Wireback.

Landis said: "Well—" and the next moment the shot was fired, a shotgun being the weapon. Landis had not ascended more than two steps when Wireback fired upon him and he fell back into the arms of one of the constables, his head being blown off.

Robbins' War Resolution.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Representative Robbins (rep. Pa.), has introduced a resolution calling attention to the cablegram from General Lee as to the peril of many Americans, if this question should be submitted to congress before Monday and recognizing Cuban independence. It declares that a state of war has existed between the nations since the Maine's destruction and directs the president to order the North Atlantic squadron at Key West to Havana to demand the safe conduct of all Americans from the island who desire to leave, and for the squadron to bombard Morro castle and close the port of Havana, if the Spanish fail to comply. It also demands that the Spanish government be notified to withdraw her army from the island and draw her from Cuban waters.

Move to Overrule the Speaker.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—A small coterie of Republicans of the house, who fear that there may be a request for further delay in the sending of the president's message Monday, are canvassing their side of the house and obtaining the signatures of all Republicans who will on Monday, if the message does not go to congress that day, join with the Democrats to overrule the speaker or support any other revolutionary action necessary to get the question before the house. Lorrimer and Mann, of Illinois, and others are at the head of the movement. They say they will have over 50 pledged votes. Twenty-four votes, with the Democrats and Populists, are a majority of the house.

Palma's Statement.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Tomas Est rada Palma, delegate of the provisional government of Cuba, when asked if he had any comment to make regarding the statements made by Horatio Rubans, counsel for the Cuban junta, dictated the following reply:

"All I care to say is this: That the Cubans are struggling for absolute independence. They have made tremendous sacrifices for this purpose. They consider themselves already emancipated from Spanish rule; therefore, they will resist all interference intended to compel them to pay anew an allegiance to the sovereignty of Spain."

Wanted in Australia.

SAN FRANCISCO April 8.—The Call says that three men, named Lee, Elliott and White, who are very much wanted in Sidney, N. S. W., are on their way to San Francisco on one of the sugar fleet now about due.

The men were the promoters of "the Atmospheric Gas Company," a swindle which grew to such proportions in New South Wales that it caused the values in the regular gas and electric light company's stock to suffer a steady decline, while the price of shares in the new venture jumped from \$5 to \$35 inside of a month.

When the public bursted the promoters had cleared up over \$20,000 and were on their way to Honolulu, where they remained until all fear of extradition was past, and took passage for this coast.

Oregon Politics.

Mitchell Republicans Seek Alliance With Silverites.

Penoyer's Sagacious Reply to the Hon. Wilson T. Hume.

The political situation in Oregon is rapidly nearing a crisis. The Mitchell Republicans in Multnomah county are in the tattle, ever having stolen a march on the Simon Republicans by instructing Geer for governor.

Hitching their star to the popularity of the Geer band wagon was no doubt a great stroke. It will possibly give them control of the state convention at Astoria. It commits the Mitchell Republicans to a gold standard platform and divides the strength of the sound money forces, thus defeating Governor Lord for re-nomination.

The effect of this move on state politics is very far reaching in its probable result. If the three Silver parties put a straight Union ticket in the field in Portland and Multnomah county and support it at the polls, the world will be surprised at the slender following the Mitchell Republican party has in Multnomah county.

MR. HUME'S PLAN.

It is known that Wilson T. Hume, Mitchell Republican candidate for state senator in Multnomah county against Joseph Simon, is begging the Silver party not to place a senatorial candidate in the field, in the hopes of capturing the Silver vote and defeating Simon. Mr. Hume has been understood to say that the money question was one of the problems he had not yet fully made up his mind about, and that he does not know whether he is a gold standard or bimetalist. His suggestion to Mayor Penoyer that the Silver people support him as against Simon was met with a quiet rebuff.

"If you feel that you can't make it, Mr. Hume, you can withdraw and let a Silver senator go in, if your only object is to defeat Simon," said the governor with a twinkle.

The Silver parties of Multnomah county will hold their Union convention after the Republican state convention. It is a duty they owe the Silver forces of the rest of the state to put a straight ticket in the field and show no favors to the Mitchell or Corbett factions. The charge that the Penoyer Democrats propose to unite with Mitchell Republicans on legislative candidates and in return receive support for mayor is without foundation. The Mitchell Republican candidate for mayor, C. A. Strowbridge, was put up to be slaughtered. His candidacy



is not taken seriously by the people of Portland and he is a weak man without a particle of magnetism or strength as a candidate. The only protection the Union Silver candidates will have at the polls on election day will be from the Penoyer police department. The sheriff and his dupes and the United States marshal will be controlled in the interest of the Republican factions. Judge Northup has selected election judges and clerks who are nearly all against the Silver people. Mayor Penoyer said to a state chairman of the Union party, in reply to the inquiry whether they would be thrown down this year in Portland as the Silver people were in the Bryan campaign: "No, I am mayor, and under me the police department shall not be used in the interest of the gold conspirators. If they are you can hold me personally responsible." The Silver forces feel much encouraged over the situation. They believe that their votes will be cast and will be counted.

THE UNION CAMPAIGN

will be managed by the three state chairman acting together as an executive committee. R. S. Sheridan for the Democrats, Frank Williams for the Populists and Seneca Smith for the Silver Republican. Will R. King has engaged headquarters at the Imperial hotel and will make his state campaign from there. He will have an assistant with typewriter and answer all correspondence in person.

Rendezvous at the Cape Verdes.

MADRID, via Paris, April 8.—Fifteen Spanish men-of-war will leave Cadix immediately for the Cape Verde islands, and several battalions have started to reinforce the garrison at the Balearic islands, in the Mediterranean. The provincial militia in the Canary islands will be placed on a war footing. Lieutenant-General Correa, minister of war, and Admiral Bermejo, minister of marine, are actively at work in their departments, despite the holiday.

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