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IN Madrid at the present time gold commands a premium of forty-two per cent. This is evidence of Spain's destitute condition.

THE man who invests $1.25 in a year's subscription to THE TRIBUNE and is not satisfied with his investment, does not know a good thing when he sees it.

THREE murders were committed in Denver Saturday within a period of seventeen hours. Denver has always been noted for enterprise, even in the matter of crimes.

THE gamblers in North Platte will be without vocation after May 1st. They might as well employ the time between now and then in looking up a new location.

A NEW YORK life insurance company has offered to lend the government, in case of war, ten million dollars on its own terms. This is evidence that there is at least one corporation that is not "unpatriotic and treacherous."

THE Cuban matter is now before congress in a definite shape, and it is hoped that the question will be dealt with in a firm and manly manner. No longer delay on a definite course to be pursued should be made—the matter has already been long delayed.

IN speaking of the changes in North Platte newspapers, Editor Soule, of the Wallace Tug says: "The Tug heartily congratulates North Platte on the loss of the young man from Washington and the result of the municipal election. It means peace and prosperity.

IT is said Mayor-elect Bratt will favor a reduction in the salaries of all city officials. While labor is worthy its hire, the finaancial condition of the city demands retrenchment wherever such is possible, and a temporary cut in salaries would not work hardship to any one.

IT does not look as though the armistice issued by Spain will be taken as evidence of her good intentions to help the Cubans to any particular degree. The armistice is regarded with suspicion, and the reference to it by President McKinley in his message yesterday is not such as will have any effect on the action of congress.

THE Inter Ocean says: A prominent Spaniard in London is reported as saying: "We shall deal American trade more rapid and telling blows than America can ever deal us, for if we cannot capture vessels we can wreck them." One swallow does not make a summer. The Spaniards wrecked the Maine, but any further attempts on their part to wreck American vessels are not likely to prove as successful. Forewarned by the Maine deviltry, we are now forearmed.

### Sounds Like "Copperhead" Talk.

The message of the president will go to congress tomorrow (Wednesday.) So that red handed war may be declared before the issue of the Veteran this week. If so in anticipation, we have painted the inside of our office the same color as the navy. We are for war when the president and congress declare for it. LATER—The message will not be sent to congress until next Monday. McKinley's backbone was crushed by Hanna and he had to withhold.

The above clipping is from the Veteran of April 9th, 1897. The undersigned are old soldiers, that we consider the latter part of this article unworthy the utterance of a loyal citizen; sounds like the utterances of Copperheads during rebellion.

Signed: J. E. Evans, W. C. Elder, W. H. Gould, A. McMichael, W. T. Brown, George E. Knox, Geo. Nauman, Jacob J. Meyers, J. W. Voodry, H. W. Foster, Nicholas Ogier, Capt. P. Ruddy, J. E. Salyards.

### Proof of Composite Photograph.

The first proofs of the composite photograph of the most handsome young woman of the transmississippi states have been received by the Department publicity and Promotion. The photograph is from the photographs of the two prettiest young women in each of the states west of the Mississippi river by Rockwood of New York. It represents as fair and attractive a young personage as one could wish to see and will make a delightfully beautiful adornment for

# INSULT RELIEF PARTY.

## Hostile Demonstration by Spanish Soldiers at Matanzas.

## JEER AT THE AMERICANS.

### Starving Reconcentrados Gather by the Thousands Before the Consulate Awaiting Distribution of the Supplies.

KANSAS CITY, April 9.—The Star prints the following from its New Orleans correspondent: There has entered into quarantine the ship Ulstein, which recently took to Matanzas, Cuba, a great cargo of supplies for the starving reconcentrados. The dock at Matanzas was crowded awaiting the coming of the Ulstein. The crowd was one of rags and gauntness, which represented the starving reconcentrados, and the gold lace and showy uniforms of the sneering Spanish officers and soldiers. During Sunday Consul General Brice gave out ration tickets until 14,000 had been given out. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon Consul Brice bought a lot of bread with Star relief money, and distributed several hundred loaves in front of the theater. It was fought for by a crowd of 1,000 or more.

In the meantime Consul Brice had given a great deal of the great west's money in 20 and 40-cent pieces to needy women. Sunday evening the feeling against the Americans intensified. Insults were offered them everywhere. Spanish soldiers crowded them off the sidewalks. They were hissed at, spat at, and whistled to as if dogs.

### Consuls Can Quit Their Posts.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Permission has been given by the state department to the United States consuls in Spain to leave that country, if they so desire, pending the threatened severance of all diplomatic relations between Spain and this country. They have not been ordered to leave, as such a step is not resorted to except in case of a rupture between the two nations, but they are permitted to exercise their own discretion in the matter. The effects of the consulates, such for instance as unimportant papers and furniture, will be turned over to the representatives of some friendly government. As Great Britain has authorized her consular officers in Cuba to take charge of the effects of all United States consulates there, it is presumed like authority will be given to English consular officers in Spain. So far as the officials here have been advised, none of the consuls have left their posts in the peninsula.

### For Defaming the President.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., April 9.—An unusual proceeding in the matter of disciplining a resident in the Iowa soldiers' home was resorted to last week. For a time the home was under military discipline, as it were, and a court martial held full sway over the case of one of the members, James C. Orr, who is a sergeant commanding the home's gun squad. The charge was that he had used defamatory language in speaking of President William McKinley. The remark came to the ears of Commandant Horton, who thought best to hold a court martial and determine what punishment should be given the defendant. He was found guilty and sentenced as follows: That he be reduced to the ranks and reprimanded by the commandant.

### For Intervention Only.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—There was no meeting of the senate committee on foreign relations today, the committee having adjourned after its last meeting until Monday. Several of the members were at the capitol, however, and they casually dropped into the committee room, where the Cuban situation was the uppermost topic. There no longer appears to be any doubt that the committee will change its verdict on the method of recognizing Cuban independence so as not to include the present government of the insurgents and to practically make the declaration one for intervention only, if the president presents the necessity for thus limiting the official action of the country.

### War Preparations In Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 9.—Following the military council Wednesday night and tender by Governor Holcomb of the state militia to the president, war preparations in Nebraska have been active. Captain Campbell of the Lincoln company has issued a call for volunteers to fill out the full strength of the company. There has been a number of responses. Governor Holcomb has made a requisition on the war department for supplies needed in the event of marching orders. At postoffices in a number of towns unofficial enlistment blanks have been posted and are being signed.

### Iowa In Case of War.

DES MOINES, April 9.—In case Governor Shaw of Iowa is called upon for troops he will send the National guard to the front and then call for volunteers. The numerical strength of the Iowa National guard is 2,700 men. It could be doubled by enlistment of former guardsmen within 48 hours. After the National guard has been sent to the front it would be the plan of the governor to call upon the volunteers who have had considerable drill, and who have a good knowledge of tactics. This would include volunteers from the college battalions at the University of Iowa, the State Agricultural college and Cornell college.

### Earthquake Shocks In Bohemia.

PRAGUE, April 9.—There have been severe earthquake shocks in the vicinity of Liberhowitz. At the village of Klaffai seven houses collapsed and 38 families were rendered homeless. The subterraneous disturbances continue.

### Indian School Buildings.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Estimates are being made at the Indian office for the construction of new school buildings on the Omaha and Winnebago reservations in Nebraska. Funds for this purpose will not be available before July, but the Indian commissioner desires to have the plans completed in order that work may be begun shortly after the beginning of the fiscal year.

### Boycott Against Armour Raised.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 11.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who has been here for several days, has succeeded in effecting a settlement of the differences between the Armour Packing company and the local labor unions, and it is agreed that the boycott against Armour's products shall be raised.

### Mormon Conference In Session.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 11.—The 68th semi-annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints commenced here today. [illegible]

## TRADE IS PROSPERING.

### Dun Says Business Conditions Are Stable and Production Good.

NEW YORK, April 9.—H. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: When everybody is asking whether it is to be war or peace, the state of business is not easy to judge. Since nobody can judge just how wise bankers may be in an emergency, there is some uncertainty, but thus far scarcely any stoppage whatever of manufacturing concerns appears, nor any indications that the producing force is likely to be diminished, nor is any such symptoms to be seen in business reports. Evidence of existing conditions is not confusing nor unfavorable. So far bank ing conservatism has not caused failures which continue smaller than for many years, as in March, nor has it caused stoppage of any manufacturing concerns, nor lessened the volume of business reported by railroads in tonnage, or clearings at principal points.

The wheat outgo counts for much and continues, Atlantic exports having been 2,941,217 for the week against 1,521,122 last year, and Pacific 1,236,574 against 447,535 last year. Since corn exports continue 3,483,650 bushels against 3,323,277 last year, the strength of the demand is not to be attributed to speculative agencies. It is fortunate that western receipts of wheat do not fall short of the extraordinary gain, but are still 1,901,305 against 1,789,110 last year, so that the stories of the nearly exhausted supplies of wheat are fables for children. The price rose steadily and closed 2c higher for wheat, with corn ½c higher.

At the same time the exports of cotton are extraordinary, though just now deferred by the caution which causes larger shipments to New York instead of outside from gulf points. For four weeks it has averaged nearly $2,500,000 per week lower than in 1895 from the largest crop ever grown.

Sales of wool are insignificant and prices have declined 2 cents for finer grades, and over 1 cent in the average for all quotations, only because speculators wholly underestimated stocks held by manufacturers. In the iron and steel industry, with demands greater than ever before from general sources, urgent orders from the government enlarge work, but do not advance prices.

Disasters in trade shown this week by separate branches of business for the month of March, and also the first quarter of 1898, make the best report that has been possible for five years. It is interesting to note that nearly all branches of business show surprising movement. Meanwhile banks are extremely cautious and commercial loans are but 10 per cent of their aggregate. The belief that quick expansion in all branches would follow greater liberality and patriotism by the banks, is not wholly unfounded and the heavy receipts of gold from Europe counts for little compared with the greater or less liberality in loans by banks.

Disturbance does not appear, however, and failures for the week have been 232 in the United States against 252 last year and 32 in Canada against 36 last year.

### Knocks Out Butterine Law.

CHICAGO, April 9.—Judges Bretana, Hancy and Chetlain today handed down a decision which, in effect, knocks out the butterine law passed by the last legislature. The judges, sitting en banc, decided that manufacturers have a constitutional right to color butterine or oleomargarine yellow or imitation. Under the terms of the law this was prohibited. The law was enacted through the influence of the country members.

### Fire Raging Near Valentine.

VALENTINE, Neb., April 9.—Reports have reached here of a terrible prairie fire that is raging in the range country 20 miles northeast of here. It is feared much damage will be done. Nothing definite has been received. There is much dry grass in the district and there have been no recent rains.

### Family Feud Costs Four Lives.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 9.—This morning, near McGhee station, Monroe county, John McGhee and his son, Joe, shot and killed Henry and Ernest Howard and James Murrand, and mortally wounded Tom Howard. The killing was the result of a family feud. The McGhees are prominent people and highly connected.

### Miners Resume Work.

CENTERVILLE, Ia., April 9.—The coal miners of the Centerville district, who have been out on a strike since April 1, went back to work yesterday. The operators cut the mining price on April 1 from 90 cents to 70 cents per ton. The men had asked 80 cents. Twenty-five hundred men are affected.

### Damaged by a Prairie Fire.

HURON, S. D., April 9.—While the wind was blowing 50 miles an hour yesterday fire swept over a vast tract of country in the western portion of Beadle and the eastern part of Hand county, entailing a loss of $10,000 or $12,000. Many farmers lost their homes. The town of Wessington had a close call.

## SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

The revenue cutter Gresham has arrived at Cleveland and is awaiting orders. She and the Calumet, a smaller cutter, have been ordered to the seaboard for navy duty.

General Graham, commander of the department of the gulf, has wired the war department at Washington recommending Atlanta as the point for mobilization of troops in case of war.

The remains of Miss Francis E. Willard were cremated Saturday at Graceland cemetery, Chicago. Although little if anything had been said in advance as to cremation of the remains of the celebrated president of the W. C. T. U., it is stated that such a procedure was in accordance with her repeated expressed wishes.

### Big Order For Powder.

WILMINGTON, Del., April 9.—The E. I. Dupont-Denemours company, it is understood, has received a contract for furnishing $16,000,000 worth of powder, and the mills are being rushed to turn out the material as rapidly as possible. Most of the powder manufactured at the mills at present is red, and being more difficult to ignite than the black powder, there are fewer explosions, and it can be produced more rapidly by the machinery. The company is building a new mill in the lower yard, and also machines for the manufacture of prismatic powder, which is to be the largest in the world. The wages of the company's employes recently have been increased.

### Bonanza Bargain.

OMAHA, April 9.—Edgar M. Morsman, president of the Pacific Express company, [illegible] yesterday [illegible] Bee [illegible] Omaha last night.

# SPAIN STOPS THE WAR.

## Captain General Blanco Orders Cessation of Hostilities In Cuba.

## PROCLAIMS AN ARMISTICE.

### Madrid Authorities Yield to the Pressure From the Pope—Duration of the Peace Period Not Definitely Fixed—Many Arrests at Madrid.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The state department today received General Blanco's proclamation ordering a cessation of hostilities in Cuba. It was cabled to the Spanish minister here and by him delivered to the department. The proclamation is as follows:

"His majesty's government, yielding to the reiterated wish expressed by his holiness, the pope, has been pleased to decree a suspension of hostilities with the object of preparing and facilitating the restoration of peace on this island, in virtue whereof I believe it convenient to order:

Article 1. From the day following the receipt in each locality of the present proclamation, hostilities are ordered to be suspended in all the territory of the island of Cuba.

"The details for the execution of the above article will be the object of special instructions that will be communicated to the several commanders-in-chief of the army corps for the easy and prompt execution, according to the situation and circumstances of the case.

"BLANCO."

### Many Arrests at Madrid.

MADRID, April 11.—The most important arrest, politically, made in connection with the demonstration of yesterday, was that of Baron Sangarren, a Carlist leader and former deputy. It is reported that the Romerists, Republicans and Carlists were at the bottom of the manifestation, the Carlists taking the principal part. Over 100 arrests were made during the disturbances. Among the persons taken into custody, in addition to Baron Sangarren, were Senor Galvez, a former deputy; General Castelvi de Bourbon, and many newspaper men. The police scattered the crowds who attempted to reform at the Puerto del Sol at about midnight. Some persons were injured. The prefect today published a proclamation, urging the people to be calm, and adding that the demonstrations yesterday were instigated by a political party. Comparative quiet prevails this morning, but the precautions taken have not been relaxed. Although the newspapers insist that General Woodford will leave Madrid today, the United States minister has not yet taken any steps in that direction.

At the Princess theater Sunday evening a spectator shouted "Viva Espana" and the entire audience rose, while the building resounded with frantic cheers. The national anthem was demanded by the people, and was played amidst enthusiastic acclamations.

### Riotous Spaniards Make Demonstrations

MADRID, April 11.—A large crowd paraded the Puerta del Sol last night crying "Long live Spain" and "Long live the army."

The civil governor of Madrid was among them, promenading up and down and begging them to disperse peacefully.

General Castelvi was offered at the military club a banner to head the delegation, but he refused, declaring that the crowd was composed of the dregs of the city. Several of the ringleaders have been arrested, the civil governor threatening to call out the civic guards if the crowd did not disperse.

### Lion and Bull Fight In Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 11.—Five thousand people witnessed a cruel and bloody fight between two African lions and a Mexican bull on Easter Sunday. The audience included the whole American colony. The first lion was very large. He had been starved for the last week. The bull, without a moment's hesitation, sprang at the lion and caught him on his horns under the foreleg and threw him backward fifteen feet against the bars, knocking the breath and fight completely out of him. Another lion was then provided. It made a good fight, but was gored unmercifully and taken from the ring in a dying condition. The governor then stopped the fight.

### Passes Bemis Measure.

LANSING, Mich., April 11.—The Pingree bill for the direct taxation of railroads and other corporations having met its death in the senate, the house Saturday took up Representative Bemis' bill providing for an increase in the taxation of railroads under the present specific tax system, which now annually provides about $750,000.

The bill practically doubles the taxation of the companies. After a general discussion the measure was passed by a vote of 80 to 7, and it will confront the senate at the session Tuesday night.

### Woodford Ready to Leave.

MADRID, April 11.—It is said the United States minister, Stewart L. Woodford, leaves Madrid today. It is further alleged that he will be accompanied to the frontier by an escort of gendarmes. The ambassadors meet at the Italian embassy today. It is understood this meeting was called as a result of news received from Washington.

### Cruisers Sail From Cadiz.

LONDON, April 11.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Gibraltar says the Spanish cruisers Cristobal Colon and Infanta Maria Teresa have left Cadiz for a destination undivulged with six battalions, each 1,000 strong. Additional troops, the dispatch asserts, will leave Cadiz by the mail steamers during the next few days for Cuba.

### Forty Thousand Orphans.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 11.—The Armenian patriarch has sent to the Turkish relief committee a list of 40 churches wholly or nearly destroyed during the recent massacres in Anatolia. He fixes the number of orphans whose parents were killed at 40,000.

### Writ of Mandamus Issued.

PIERRE, S. D., April 11.—The supreme court has granted a writ of error in the case of Carrington, the condemned Sioux Falls murderer, sentenced to hang. The arguments on the writ are to be presented to the court June 15.

### Demise of Judge Rector.

DALLAS, Tex., April 11.—United States Judge John B. Rector of the northern district of Texas, who has been insane for two years [illegible] and unable to [illegible] his home in [illegible] last night.


Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair, Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.


## AN IMPORTANT LAND CASE.

### Supreme Court of Iowa Hands Down Thirty-three Decisions.

DES MOINES, April 11.—The supreme court closed its recess sitting by handing down 33 decisions, one of the most important being that of the American Emigrant Company vs. Isabella M. Long, appellant, from Calhoun county. The case grew out of the title to certain lands in that county which the American Emigrant Company claimed under the swamp act.

In reversing the decision of the lower court, the supreme court says the case is similar to the one already taken to the supreme court of the United States, in which it was decided that the Rogers Locomotive company held title to these lands, which took priority to the title held by the American Emigrant company, for the reason that the same had been deeded to it by the secretary of the interior. The supreme court of Iowa must, therefore, make its decision conform to the one rendered by the higher court.

### Iowa Women to Continue the Campaign.

DES MOINES, April 11.—Despite their defeat in the Iowa legislature last winter the women of Iowa who are organized into the Iowa Equal Suffrage association are not going to abandon this state. Last week they began a campaign of the state, which in its perspective is comprehensive. The working members of the state organization will cover the northern part and the workers from the national organization the southern half of the state. The northern campaign was begun at Nevada last week. The workers will hold meetings in all the counties of northern Iowa, and wherever they can arouse enough interest they will organize local clubs.

The Iowa women working are: Mrs. Clara Ritchie and Mrs. M. V. Campbell of Des Moines, and Mrs. Adelaide Ballard of Hull. Miss Ella Harrington of Carthage, Mo., is the outside worker who will accompany them. The national workers, under the management of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, are Mrs. Martha Conine of Denver, formerly a Colorado legislator, Rev. Henrietta G. Moore of Ohio, Mrs. Jennie Wilson of New York and Mrs. Laura Gregg of Kansas. Their campaign will be opened the coming week at Anamosa, Jones county, and they will work across the southern half of the state.

### More Leprosy In Iowa.

DES MOINES, April 11.—Since the secretary of the state board of health was sent to investigate the one known case of leprosy in Iowa two other cases have been reported to him. One of these is at Ridgeway, in the person of a Norwegian, who has what is known as the nervous variety and who, in consequence, is fingerless and toeless. The other case is also a Norwegian, at Roland. The young man lives with his parents and is so far gone as to be confined to bed. These are the only cases known to be in Iowa.

### Shoot at Des Moines.

DES MOINES, April 11.—The Charles W. Budd shoot to be held in this city May 10 to 13 inclusive will be the first of a series of three shoots, the second of which will be held at Kansas City the following week and the third at Omaha the next week. The most noted shots in the world will be present at all three shoots.

### Scandinavians Are Organizing.

FORT DODGE, Ia., April 11.—The Scandinavians of northern Iowa held a meeting in this city the last week and organized for the coming political campaign in Iowa. It was decided that the annual convention of the Scandinavian Republican League of Iowa should be held in Fort Dodge June 29 next.

### Willing to Buy War Bonds.

DUBUQUE, April 11.—Dubuque financiers say $500,000 worth of war bonds could be placed here within twenty-four hours, and if necessary the amount would be increased to several millions.

### Jallau Brothers Arrive.

NEW YORK, April 11.—Henri and Victor Jallau, the champion cycle team, with their electric tandem, arrived on the French steamer La Gascogne. They have been booked to appear on various bicycle tracks by the International Cycle Track association. The electric tandem has a speed of 50 miles an hour and has been used successfully in pacing the leading French riders last year. The Jallau brothers will go to Chicago this week to meet their father, who lives there.

### State Brings Suit to Eject.

LINCOLN, April 11.—The state has brought an ejectment suit against the Society of the Home for the Friendless in a second attempt to gain possession of the institution, the suit having been filed in district court by the attorney general. In his petition the attorney general says that the society is an incorporation under the laws of the state and that it has since July 10, 1897, wrongfully kept possession of property to which the state is entitled.

### Miss Willard's Burial.

CHICAGO, April 11.—The remains of Frances E. Willard were buried at Rose Hill cemetery Sunday afternoon. The body of the late temperance leader was cremated Saturday and previous to the ceremony a small metal box, wrapped in white and containing the ashes, was placed deep in the grave of Miss Willard's mother.

### Will Resume Publication.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., April 11.—The North Loup Loyalist will be resurrected and published under the management of E. S. Eves, of Atkinson, Neb. Politically it will be non-partisan. Publication will begin in about ten days.

### Editors Coming to Omaha.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 11.—At a meeting of the Tennessee Press association's executive committee here it was decided that the association would visit the Omaha exposition, leaving here June 8.

# EXODUS FROM HAVANA.

## No Delay In Getting Americans Out of Cuba.

## CONSUL HYATT AND STAFF GO

### Steamer Brookline Arrives at Port Antonio With Americans From Santiago de Cuba—Mangrove Arrives at Key West With 28 Passengers.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The Spanish-American situation is regarded today as even more grave than at any time heretofore. The hopeful views of peace heretofore entertained have given way to the conviction that the issue between the United States and Spain has become well nigh irreconcilable. The preparation for all eventualities is proceeding steadily. Evidence in this direction developed today, when it was learned that the United States consul at Porto Rico was about to leave his post.

Assistant Secretary Day announced this afternoon that all the citizens of the United States now in Cuba who desired to leave would positively be out of that island by Saturday. He also reiterated that Consul General Lee would leave on that date, and says there has been no delay in getting the Americans out.

### Refugees From Santiago de Cuba.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 8.—The steamer Brookline arrived at Port Antonio this morning from the city of Santiago de Cuba, having on board United States Consul Pulaski F. Hyatt, the staff of the consulate and 25 Americans, children included. All was quiet at Santiago when the Brookline left that port. There are three small Spanish warships there and the entrance of the harbor is protected by torpedoes. American interests at Santiago de Cuba have been left in care of the British consul.

### Mangrove Arrives at Key West.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 8.—The lighthouse tender Mangrove arrived here this morning from Havana. She had 28 passengers on board. After landing her passangers, the Mangrove proceeded to her wharf, where she will be fitted with rapid firing guns.

### Predicts Startling Disclosures.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Representative Lorimer (Ills.) is authority for the statement that General Lee will make some startling disclosures before the senate committee regarding the conspiracy to blow up the Maine.

It is said the information General Lee is expected to testify to relates to the extinguishment of the electric lights in Havana at the instant of the blowing up of the Maine. Electrical experts have said that if the lights went out in Havana at the time of the explosion it would be conclusive evidence that the mine under the Maine must have been fired from a shore electrical connection. Captain Sigsbee before the foreign relations committee said he had information that the lights had gone out, but did not think it advisable to give the name of his informant while he was in Cuba. His informant is said to be General Lee.

### To Engage In Coasting Trade.

BERLIN, April 8.—In view of the probable outbreak of hostilities the German admiralty, which at present has not a single ship in West Indian waters, is considering the advisability of sending at least one cruiser in the interest of Germany there. The Hamburg-American line is sending its steamers across to various American ports to take up the coasting trade in event of war breaking out. It is stated that the American steamers will not risk running, fearing capture by Spanish privateers.

### Movements of Warships.

NEW YORK, April 8.—A dispatch to the Herald from Lima, Peru, announces the departure of the battleship Oregon from Callao, after taking on coal and provisions. She has not yet been painted the war color. A dispatch from Valparaiso announces the arrival of the gunboat Marietta. She will remain there for orders from the navy department, or at least until the arrival of the Oregon, which is expected on Saturday. The Spanish torpedo boat Temerario is still at Buenos Ayres.

### Mining the Harbors.

NORFOLK, Va., April 8.—A detachment of 12 marine engineers from Willets Point, New York, has arrived here to lay cables and electrical apparatus for the mooring and operation of controlled mines in Hampton Roads. A detachment of army engineers will go to Fort Caswell today to mine a harbor. All the necessary explosives are at the fort, and the harbor can be thoroughly mined in 72 hours.

### Rushing Work on the Audaz.

QUEENSTOWN, April 8.—A large body of workmen has been brought down from the Clyde to assist in repairing and fitting the damaged Spanish torpedo gunboat Audaz for sea. The men are working night and day, as she cannot leave if war is declared. The customs officers have been instructed from the admiralty office in London to take possession of her immediately in case of war.

### Dervishes Badly Defeated.

CAIRO, April 8.—The Anglo-Egyptian forces under General Kitchener attacked the dervish position at 7:45 this morning and rushed Mahmoud's zariba, the center of his fortifications, without check. The attack was entirely successful and the dervishes lost very heavily.

### Flotilla Awaits Orders.

ST. VINCENT, Cape Verde Islands, April 8.—The Spanish flotilla in command of Commodore Villamil is still here ready to put to sea, but awaiting orders from Madrid.

### Editor Smith Dies of His Injuries.

DAYTON, O., April 8.—This morning J. McLain Smith, city editor of the Evening Press, died from a fracture of the skull. He was run into last evening by the professional bicyclist, Roy Lefevre, while crossing the street. Lefevre gave himself up to the police.

### Important Land Case Settled.

CHEYENNE, April 8.—The case of the Bay State Land and Cattle company against the Union Pacific, involving 150,000 acres of land in Wyoming and Nebraska, has been settled by an amicable agreement between the parties to the controversy.

### Death From Asphyxiation.

CEDAR RAPIDS, April 8.—Thomas Boshan and wife, an aged couple who live alone, were found in their home in an unconscious condition from breathing illuminating coal gas. Mr. Boshan died and his wife will recover.

## MET WITH AN EMPHATIC REPLY.

### Grosvenor Indignantly Denies Charges Made Against the President.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—There was a scene of great excitement in the house Thursday afternoon during the consideration of the bill for the reorganization of the army. It was caused by Lentz (Dem., O.), who made a vicious assault on the administration, charging that the delay was in the interest of stock jobbers in Wall street. He alleged that Wall street was in possession of the information that the message would not go in before it was known at the capital and profited heavily in the advance of stocks which resulted. He even charged that there was no warrant for the alarming statements about the situation in Havana, which were made as justifying the delay of the message. Mr. Lentz' speech created a profound sensation and was met with an emphatic reply from General Grosvenor, now generally regarded as the administration spokesman on the floor.

Mr. Grosvenor not only indignantly denied that there was justification for the reports, but held Mr. Lentz up to scorn for alleging corrupt motives against the president. Mr. Lentz disclaimed this, but the irate friend of the president gave him no mercy. He was thoroughly aroused and laid about him with a veritable bludgeon charging that the Democrats were seeking political advantage and paying his respects to John J. McCook and others. Before he concluded he expressed the opinion that war was as certain as that we would live until next week, unless it was averted by Spain.

The debate on the army bill developed more and more opposition. Mr. Hull tried to save the bill by trying to strike out some of its provisions, even the three battalion formation features, but it was in the end committed—yeas, 150; nays, 61. The house adjourned until Monday.

### Sharp War Talk In the Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Some sharp war talk was indulged in by the senate Thursday. When consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill was resumed, the question pending was the amendment of Pettus (Ala.), providing for such improvement of the harbor at Mobile as would enable war vessels to obtain coal and other supplies there. Allison (Ia.), in charge of the bill, made a point of order against the amendment. This called out a bitter speech by Morgan (Ala.), who charged the appropriations committee with discriminating against proper measures and threatened to assist in dissolving the committee. He followed with an argument showing the necessity for the improvement proposed, holding that it would open to the government in time of war the coal fields of the south and enable it successfully to fight the treasonable monopoly that had been formed to control the coal supply of the country in the event of war. The amendment was lost.

At 2 o'clock the bill had not been completed and was laid aside, the senate devoting the remainder of the afternoon to eulogies of the late Senator George of Mississippi.

### Ram Katahdin Sails.

PHILADELPHIA, April 8.—The ram Katahdin left League Island navy yard under sealed orders late yesterday afternoon. The ship's destination will not be known until she gets to sea, but it is believed she will go either to New York or Key West. Lieutenant Robert G. Peck, who had been detailed for duty on the monitor Lehigh, was suddenly assigned just before the ram sailed to the post of navigating officer of the Katahdan, made vacant by the death of Lieutenant David Daniels. The Katahdin has on her war paint and is prepared to do terrible execution with her ram should opportunity present itself. The ram's main battery consists of four guns. She is commanded by Lieutenant G. F. Wilde and is manned by a full crew. This is her first trip at sea since she was laid up at the League Island navy yard over a year ago.

## SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

The Spanish consulate at Tampa, Fla., is deserted, Senor Pedro Solis having departed for Washington by order of his government.

The Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, as head of the family, has assented to a divorce of Prince Phillip from his wife, the Princess Louise of Belgium, eldest daughter of King Leopold.

The Rev. Wesley A. Hunsberger, Milwaukee's "marrying parson," has withdrawn his acceptance of a call to Asbury Park. He will go to the First Methodist Episcopal church of Trenton, N. J.

Thursday four prisoners confined in the jail at Marysville, Kan., murdered the jailer, B. C. Batterson and made their escape. A posse has been formed and it is pursuing the jail breakers, who escaped from town on horseback.

Reports from all over Tennessee, north Alabama and north Georgia, show that the damage done to the fruit and berry crops by the frosts of Tuesday and Wednesday was very heavy. In many sections the peach crop was entirely killed and the berry crop cut in half. Early vegetables were killed, nearly everywhere. The loss will amount to many thousands of dollars.

An audience of 5,000 people greeted William J. Bryan at Tomlinson hall, Indianapolis, Thursday night, when the second convention of the League of Bimetallic clubs of the Ohio valley ended. Samuel E. Morss presided. Ex-Congressman Towne spoke and H. S. Taylor of Chicago read an original poem. Mr. Bryan was tendered an ovation. He spoke for an hour and a half, mainly on the currency question. He touched upon the Cuban question casually.

A dispatch from Madrid says the ambassadors of France, Germany, Russia and Italy waited together Thursday upon Senor Gullon, foreign minister, and presented a joint note in the interests of peace. Senor Gullon, replying, declared, according to the dispatch, that the members of the Spanish cabinet were unanimous in considering that Spain has reached "the limit of international policy in the direction of conceding the demands and allowing the pretensions of the United States."

### Spain Ready to Fight.

MADRID, April 8.—A cabinet minister in an interview on the present situation is quoted as saying: "All the ministers have sunk their individual opinions, and are working unanimously in the interests of the country. It is entirely useless to attempt to arrange a compromise in the face of the attitude of America, which has decided to seek a rupture at any cost. The Spanish government would weaken itself by concessions antagonistic to public sentiment."

### Cutter Gresham En Route East.

DETROIT, April 8.—The revenue cutter Walter Q. Gresham, en route to the Atlantic coast to join the auxiliary navy, passed down the Detroit river today.


### There is a Class of People

who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without [illegible] and but few can tell it [illegible]

There is implanted in every man a love of life strong enough to make him tremble and kneel before death when he thoroughly recognizes its approach. The trouble with men is that they do not recognize death unless it comes in some violent or rapid form. Consumption kills more men than wars, famines, plagues and accidents, but its approach is insidious, and men do not realize that they are in its clutch. While consumption is a germ disease, the bacilli will not invade sound and healthy lungs. The lungs must first be in a diseased condition.

First a man feels a little out of sorts. Probably he is overworked and has given too little time to eating, sleeping and resting. His appetite falls off. His digestion gets out of order and his blood does not receive the proper amount of life-giving nutriment. The liver becomes torpid and the blood is filled with impurities. These are pumped into every organ of the body, building up unhealthy, half-dead tissues. The most harm is done at the weakest spot, and most frequently that spot is in the lungs. A slight cold leads to inflammation, the bacilli invade the lungs and we have a case of consumption.

Ninety-eight per cent. of all cases of consumption are cured by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is the great blood-maker and flesh-builder. It restores the lost appetite, makes the digestion perfect, invigorates the liver, purifies the blood, builds new and healthy flesh and drives out all impurities and disease germs. It cures weak lungs, spitting of blood, obstinate coughs and kindred ailments. No honest druggist will recommend a substitute.

MRS. Ursula Dunham, of Sistersville, Tyler Co., W. Va., writes: "I had a pain in my side all the time, had but little appetite and grew very thin. The 'Golden Medical Discovery' promptly cured the pain, restored my appetite and increased my weight."


## DISASTER ON CHILKOOT TRAIL

### Fifty Gold Seekers on Their Way to the Mines Are Killed Outright or Injured.

SKAGUAY, Alaska, April 3, via Seattle, Wash., April 9.—At about noon today on the Chilkoot trail, between the Scales and Stonehouse, at least 31 men met death and a large number of others were injured more or less seriously in a snowslide.

The dead were crushed under an avalanche of snow and ice, which came down from the mountain side upon the left hand side of the trail at Midway between the Scales and Stonehouse. At this writing the known dead are:

GUS SEBARTH, Seattle.
FRANK SPRAGUE, Seattle.
STEVE STEVENSON, Seattle.
TOM COLLINS, Portland, Or.
C. P. HARRISON, Seattle.
W. L. RILEY, Seattle.
ONE WOMAN, name unknown.
ED ATWOOD, New York.
C. BECK, Sanford, Fla.
L. WIDLEIN, Kansas City, Md.
MRS. RYAN, Baltimore, Md.
JOHN MORGAN, Emporia, Kan.
—— GRIMES, Sacramento, Cal., who has a brother in business at Dyea.

Two of the seriously injured are Walter Chappey of New York and John C. Murphy of Dixon, N. D.

Fully 50 people were overtaken by the slide and are either buried in the snow or scattered along the borders of the avalanche in a more or less injured condition.

The point at which the accident occurred is some five miles above Sheep Camp. The nearest telephone station is four miles distant. The telephone wires at this point were carried away by the slide. This fact makes it difficult to obtain further particulars at this time.

A blinding snowstorm was raging all day upon the summit and as a consequence many of those in the vicinity were making no attempt to travel. Sebarth, Sprague and Stevenson of Seattle were traveling together as partners and were found side by side in bed.

Thousands of people were encamped in the vicinity of the accident at the time and were soon upon the scene rendering such assistance as possible. Upon receipt of the news, points below Dyea telephoned up to know if assistance was required and received answer to the effect that 5,000 people were at work on the debris and were only in each other's way.

All day Saturday and Sunday a southerly storm with rain, wind and snow prevailed in this vicinity and it is believed the softening of the snow on the mountain side by those agencies was the cause of the avalanche. The quantity of snow and ice that came down the slide is estimated at thousands of tons. It swept directly across the trail which, notwithstanding the fact that the weather was unsuitable for travel, was thronged with wayfarers. The last vestige of the trail in the vicinity was wiped out of existence and where it led is now a mountain of snow and ice, under which are many dead bodies that cannot be recovered for days to come.

Later reports bring the information that the bodies of three more unfortunates have been taken from the snow. One is that of Garrison, initials and residence unknown; Ritchie, initials and residence unknown; Durber, initials unknown, residence Seattle.

### Women's Educational Association.

SIDNEY, Neb., April 11.—The sixth annual meeting of the Women's National Educational association will convene at Sidney on April 22 and 23. In addition to the regular program of educational subjects there will be an oritorical contest between the North Platte, Ogalalla and Sydney schools, also a lecture by Chancellor McDowell of the Colorado university. There will be a report of the committee appointed last year at North Platte on the Fort Sidney military reservation looking toward securing the property for State purposes.


### Two Millions a Year

When people buy, try, and buy again, it means they're satisfied. The people of the United States are now buying Cascarets Candy Cathartic at the r