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WAR SHIPS CONVEY LEE FROM CUBA.

Havana, April 19.—The American flag flies no longer in or about Havana. It disappeared as the Fern's flagstaff passed out of view around Morro Castle at 6 o'clock this evening.

Far off in the horizon three American war ships awaited the American refugee flotilla. General Lee expressed regret at having to leave without first seeing General Blanco.

At half-past five the American vessels began leaving port. The Spanish tug Susie towed out the schooner James H. Dudley, which arrived here on Thursday last from Pensacola with lumber, but did not discharge her cargo.

The steamer Evelyn followed with about fifty passengers, and after her came the Olivette with 247 passengers, among whom were Miss Clara Barton and other representatives of the Red Cross Society, who had been engaged in relief work in the island.

Last of all came the Fern, which left at 6 o'clock, having on board Consul General Lee, Consuls Springer and Barker, Consular Clerks Fosca, Solz and Drain, Correspondents Johnston, Peppar, Redding, Akers, Franke, Dunning, Nichols and Scovel, and Messrs. G. Lawton Childs and William Lawton and Dr. Brunner.

El Correo asserts that sixteen electors from the suburb of Chavez, who voted at the last election, left to-day, having been supplied with passports as American citizens.

There was shipped to-day by the steamer Orizaba \$424,000 in French gold for New York.

Consul General Lee, accompanied by British Consul Gollan, called on General Blanco to bid him good-by. The Governor General was very busy and could not receive General Lee.

General Lee boarded the Fern at noon and lunched with Captain Cowles to consult about the exodus. Not one anti-American demonstration has been made. The discipline was fine. There has been no evident increase in the police force.

General Lee ordered all American ships to get out of the harbor as quickly as possible.

Nothing is being done at Sagua.

The 400 American citizens there Consul Carker says, had neither a ship nor money and that even if they had had a steamer, there are not five families that have money enough to pay the eleven mile's railroad fare to seaport.

The news of the American Consuls leaving their posts spread rapidly about the city and produced considerable surprise. The matter was talked about generally, and the remark "well let them go" was heard here and there.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The destruction of the Maine will prove to have been an "unfortunate incident," indeed, for Spain.

If the Pope values his prestige in the U. S., he will not attempt to put his finger into the Spanish mess.

When you wish to call a man the meanest and dirtiest sort of a liar just tell him he is like a Spanish diplomat.

Perhaps the swelling of the Ohio River was a sign of the sympathy of nature with the indignation of the people.

Spain need not bother about any further concessions; Uncle Sam has made up his mind to take what he wants.

If there was no such gambling as stock speculation, it would not have taken so long to make the position of the U. S. plain to Spain.

It is not strange that the Cubans should refuse the three-quarter loaf tenderly and grudgingly offered by Spain if they see the whole loaf right ahead of them.

Sagua's raised a question of veracity between himself and Mr. McKinley when he said that the U. S. had never asked Spain to recognize the independence of Cuba.

Senator Wolcott and Secretary Gage can never be made to serve in the same mess, unless one of them can wipe out some very positive opinions held concerning the other.

Several members of Congress have expressed their intention to resign in order to do their share of fighting the Spaniards, but Senator "Billy" Mason isn't one of them.

It is extremely doubtful whether Spain ever expected to go as far as actual fighting, as it is known that a number of the Spanish warships are not in fighting condition.

By the way, did Spain ever lick in any of the numerous wars she has engaged in, since the conquest of the Moors? If so, the name of the licked nation has escaped our memory.

The time for talking is up; it is now time to do a little fighting, in order to drive the odious emblem of treachery, otherwise known as the Spanish flag, from the western hemisphere forever.

PYNY-PECTORAL A QUICK CURE FOR COUGHS AND COLDS. VERY VALUABLE REMEDY IN ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE THROAT OR LUNGS.

THE MESSAGE.

Washington, April 11.—The long looked for message of the President on the Cuban situation was sent to Congress to-day. He says:

"The policy of devastation and concentration, inaugurated by the Captain General's bando of October 21, 1896, in the province of Pinar del Rio was thence extended to embrace all of the islands to which the power of the Spanish arms was able to reach by occupation or by military operations.

The raising and movement of provisions of all kinds were interrupted. The fields were laid waste, dwellings unroofed and fired, mills destroyed, and, in short, everything that could desolate the land and render it unfit for human habitation or support was commanded by one or the other of the contending parties and executed by all the powers at their disposal.

"By the time the administration took office a year ago, reconcentration—so called—had been made effective over the better part of the four central and western provinces, Santa Clara, Matanzas, Havana and Pinar del Rio.

"The agricultural population, to the estimated number of 300,000 or more, was herded within the towns and their immediate vicinity, deprived of the means of support, rendered destitute of shelter, left poorly clad, and exposed to the most unsanitary conditions.

"This proposed armistice must be agreed to by Gen. Gomez to be effective, even should the United States keep hands off, but Delegate Quesada announces that the insurgents will, under no circumstances, accept an armistice, and a letter from General Gomez indorses his position. The President is firm for Cuban independence. The fact of Spain's action greatly complicates matters, which are now more serious.

Johnson's Belladonna Plaster. Relieves tired Backs. IT TOUCHES THE SPOT.

SPAIN'S BOLD STROKE TO HALT WAR.

The Spanish Government Saturday decided to offer an armistice to the insurgents with the view of settling the Cuban question. General Blanco has been ordered to make the necessary overtures to the insurgents.

"The present dynasty should not be overthrown if the people of Spain started an uprising on account of the concession. But if this armistice does not include the withdrawal of the Spanish troops from the island of Cuba, together with the promise that Spain will permit the people of Cuba to decide on their own government, it will not be recognized by the United States, and President McKinley's plans for a naval demonstration against Havana this week will not be changed.

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BATHS BUDGET.

Rockbridge Baths, Va., April 11.—Held on Mr. Barclay just, a few days until some more of us can get our arrangements made to accompany you to Cuba. Don't show so much fight, but give old Uncle Billy time to work the trouble to an honorable peace or a justifiable fight.

"The Methodist congregation at this place are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their minister, Rev. McNeer appointed by the recent conference to take charge of their church. It is to be hoped that he will prove to be what they need and that his labors will be crowned with abundant success.

About twenty-five of our juveniles congregated at Mrs. James Webb's on last Saturday afternoon, each one taking a present as a mark of esteem in consequence of valuable services rendered them at a very early period of their existence. This act of kindness on the part of the youth, and children is very much appreciated by Mrs. Webb and besides this the youngsters had a jolly good time.

A sermon full of Gospel truth was preached by Dr. Quarles in the Presbyterian church on Sabbath last very much to the edification of an appreciative congregation. Our people are all ways glad to see the Dr. among us.

Mr. J. D. Anderson who recently returned from Texas was with us yesterday and met with a hearty handshake from many of his friends here.

Mr. D. Hale Wilson who went to Pensacola, Florida, in January last on account of ill health is very much improved. He writes of very extensive war preparations on the torts near that place and says that everybody there wants to fight.

Our wheat, in some places, shows the effect of the recent freezes, but we hope that it is not permanently injured. Our young clover seems to have escaped beyond expectation.

Mr. Frank Templeton of Waynesboro, purchased, recently, from Mrs. Lizzie Adams, a tract of wood land on which there is valuable lumber which he expects to turn to good account.

I hope that when we hear from you next you will be in a more peaceful state of mind.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The best Salve in the world for Cuts Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblain Sores, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no cure required. It is guaranteed to give perfect relief or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by McCreum Drug Co.

GLASGOW GLEANINGS.

(Gazette Correspondence.) Glasgow, Va., April 11, '98.—A bill to strengthen the army and suppress jingoism.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no Representative in Congress shall be allowed the floor for the purpose of making a speech that is calculated to fire the minds of the people or in anyway promote a feeling of war between the United States and Spain, till said congressmen has himself enlisted as a private in the U. S. army.

Be it further enacted, That all newspapers are hereby forbidden to publish any inflammatory articles or anything calculated to stir the people during the pendency of the Spanish question.

Should any paper violate this act the editor and whole staff of correspondents shall be conscripted and sent to the Dry Tortugas to serve in the ranks of the army for ninety days. This act shall go into effect on its passage.

Now, Mr. Editor, if you can get the above bill or one covering the points aimed at in it you will render a great service to your country. If you can stop the political jingoes that are now raving in and out of Congress, denouncing that would be willing to plunge the country into a dreadful war for the sake of being elected to the next Congress, and the "Yellow Journal" that publishes all sorts of sensational articles just to sell the paper, you would enable the Administration to view the situation calmly and thereby come to a more correct conclusion as to how to act. You would merit the plaudits of a grateful people.

I venture the assertion that none of these men that are howling for war, without giving or knowing any cause, would go themselves in the ranks. Some of them might go if they could get some bomb-proof place.

In all seriousness let us stop this senseless, silly prattle about war but wait till the authorities that are in a position to know the causes and time for war to announce it which you may be sure they will do, and then show our patriotism and valor by going to the front when called for.

Rain for the last two or three days has stopped our farmers from sowing on, and it is still raining.

The Methodist Easter celebration yesterday was a grand success. The recitations and music both showed very efficient training.

Rev. Mr. Anthony, a Baptist minister of Buena Vista, held services here every day and night last week and expects to continue through this week. Mr. Anthony is a very zealous worker and is preaching a series of fine sermons, and we hope much good may result from them.

MILLIONS GIVEN AWAY.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds, have given away over ten millions trial bottles of this great medicine and save the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on McCreum Drug Co. and get a trial bottle free, regular size 50c. and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

KERR'S CREEK CULLINGS.

(Gazette Correspondence.) Kerr's Creek, Va., April 11, 1898.

Mrs. W. W. Dunlap has returned from a visit to Roanoke.

Miss Nannie Dunlap, who has been attending school in Lexington, returned home on last Thursday on account of her health.

Mr. and Mrs. Waitman Hall lost their infant child on Thursday, the 7th. The funeral services were conducted on Friday by Rev. D. A. Penick.

Mrs. Emma Whitmore and daughter, Miss Jessie, of Lexington, spent Easter with Mrs. G. P. Kerr.

Mr. Alexander Dixon has recovered from his long sickness, and a though yet very weak, he was able to be taken to the home of his brother, Harvie Dixon, Esq., last week.

There has been many changes in the burg of Kerr's Creek lately. The house recently occupied by Dr. Morrison is occupied by Mrs. Rebekah Hull and daughter. Dr. Morrison is now living in the house recently vacated by Mr. S. H. Moore and family.

I am glad to report that the services conducted at New Monmouth the past week were well attended both day and night. Previous to the meeting, cards of invitation were sent to all communicant and non-communicant members. The communicants of the church numbered 196 before the meeting, and on Sunday there were ten additions by profession, and five by certificates from other churches. Rev. Mr. Wilson, of New Providence, who assisted Mr. Penick, preached five excellent sermons, which were powerful and impressive to all that had the pleasure of hearing so able and consecrated a man.

Weak Lungs. If you have coughed and coughed until the lining membrane of your throat and lungs is inflamed, Scott's Emulsion.

of Cod-liver Oil will soothe, strengthen and probably cure. The cod-liver oil feeds and strengthens the weakened tissues. The glycerine soothes and heals them. The hypophosphites of lime and soda impart tone and vigor. Don't neglect these coughs. One bottle of the Emulsion may do more for you now than ten can do later on. Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion.

RAPHINE REPORT.

(Gazette Correspondence.)

Raphine, Va., April 11, '98.—Did you ever experience such weather? After March being one of the most delightful months ever experienced in this section, April is ushered in with a cold snap which continues almost without abatement. With the exception of Sunday, every day so far this month has been cold and rough enough to do credit to February. The mercury was down to 26 degrees on April 1st with plenty of ice. On the morning of the 6th it was at 16 degrees and for the first nine days the mercury was never higher than 22 degrees or freezing at 6 a. m. All the peaches, pears, cherries and a large per cent of the apples appear to be killed. What damage, if any, the wheat has sustained cannot be told as yet, but it is not looking as well as it did two weeks ago. Many farmers are fearful that their spring sowing of clover and the grass seed is ruined. The cold weather has checked the growth of the grass crop, and it does not look now that we could get our stock out on pasture near so soon as we contemplated in days ago. We have had more snow in April than any other month of the winter.

Last Friday night the Raphine Sappho Club held their last meeting for the season at the residence of Mrs. M. J. Harris. There was a large attendance and the young folks appeared to enjoy themselves to their fullest capacity. Your town was pretty well represented, several of Lexington's fairest being present. Among the number was Misses Nellie and Gertrude Irvine, Jamie Cameron, Nellie L. and Minnie Giles.

Rev. A. H. Hamilton held services at R-phine chapel every night last week. He was assisted by Rev. Mr. Carson of Immanuel church. There was a large attendance each night and whilst there was but one addition to the church, much good is expected to result from the able and earnest presentation of Gospel truth by Mr. Carson.

A CLEVER TRICK.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has Lame Back and Weak Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles. We mean to cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only \$50c. a bottle at McCreum Drug Co.

GILMORE GATHERINGS.

(Gazette Correspondence.)

Gilmore's Mill, Va., April 11.—All the talk is "what we are going to do for Spain." But we would like to know "what is Spain going to do for us."

Mr. Wm. Hayslett and daughter, of Clifton Forge, are visiting Mr. Hayslett's sister, Mrs. James Mitchell, near Natural Bridge.

We are glad to note the improved condition of our friend and citizen, Mr. Jake Barger who was paralyzed several months ago in his legs and arms. Indications are now that he will regain the use of them.

Mr. Henry Cgden and Miss Mamie Rucker spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. Burke at Greenlee.

Mr. J. A. McNair and wife of Garth's Va., are visiting their son, Mr. W. B. McNair at Greenlee, Va.

Mrs. W. H. Chiles was at Natural Bridge Wednesday.

Mr. J. B. Thompson made a quick trip to Alpine Sunday.

We are sorry to note the illness of Mrs. John Kidd of our village.

Misses Mary Swartz and Hope Chiles spent Sunday with Miss Lotie Bradford of near here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Howard spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gillett, parents of Mrs. Howard.

Miss Lillie Rucker of Alpine, paid her aunt, Mrs. Burke of our city short visit Sunday.

Oh my, oh my!

This war has caused coffee to rise. And sugar's bound to get there, too. Then what will I do for pie!

CATARH SIX YEARS.

Grew Rapidly Worst Doctor Did No Good. Mrs. Adam Staats, Mequon, Wis., in a recent letter to Dr. Hartman writes: "I write this letter because of my sympathy for the suffering people. For six years I suffered with chronic catarrh. Whenever I caught a cold I would have a severe spell of sickness. I used different catarrh medicines and the doctors did all they could, but the relief was only temporary. In December, 1897, my condition became very bad. I could not speak aloud; I had a terrible cough, profuse expectoration and frequently spit blood; night sweats and extreme emaciation. I was sure I must die of consumption. The catarrh seemed to have spread all over my body; my head, throat, nose, bladder and womb. At this time I received a book concerning Per-ru-na. Immediately wrote to Dr. Hartman, who prescribed Per-ru-na and Man-a-lin. I followed his directions strictly. I began to improve with the first bottle, and during the time that I took the medicines I gained twenty pounds. I feel as well now as anyone could possibly feel. I am sure I would have been dead long ago had it not been for Dr. Hartman's advice and medicine."

Every woman should have a copy of Dr. Hartman's latest book entitled "Health and Beauty." Sent free by The Per-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

SALE OF DESIRABLE REAL ESTATE IN Lexington, Virginia.

I will sell privately, the following real estate in the Town of Lexington, Virginia, belonging to the estate of Mrs. Susan G. Gold, deceased, to-wit:

1. A House and Lot fronting 75 feet on Washington street and extending back 165 feet to an alley, adjoining the lots of Mrs. J. Randolph Tucker, the Public Free School Building and others. The buildings on this lot consist of a well constructed frame dwelling house, and kitchen, with 9 rooms, a stable, and other out-buildings, all in good condition.

2. A House and Lot fronting 74 feet on Jackson avenue and extending back 130 feet to an alley and adjoining the lots of Mrs. J. T. Hill and others. The buildings on this lot consist of a valuable frame dwelling house and kitchen, with 7 rooms, and other out-buildings, in good repair. Both of these properties are eligibly located, and would make desirable homes.

Apply to the undersigned, at Lexington, Va., for price and terms.

J. P. MOORE, Executor of Mrs. Susan G. Gold, dec'd.

PUBLIC SALE OF A VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND, LYING ON BIG CALF PASTURE RIVER, NEAR GOSHEN.

Pursuant to a decree entered by the Circuit Court of Rockbridge County on the 19th day of March, 1898, in the Chancery Cause in said Court depending, wherein Ella Lee Williams is plaintiff, and Archer Williams Devises are defendants, the undersigned will on SATURDAY the 23rd DAY OF APRIL, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., in front of the Court House in the Town of Lexington, offer for sale, at public auction to the highest bidder, that valuable tract of land with the improvements thereon of which Archer Williams died seized, containing seventy-five acres, more or less, lying on Big Calf Pasture River, near Goshen. This land is productive and will make a very comfortable home for anyone desiring a small farm.

Terms of sale: Cash in hand sufficient to pay costs of suit and sale, and the balance upon a credit of six, twelve and eighteen months, with interest from date of sale, the purchaser to execute his bonds for the deferred payments with good personal security, and title retained as ultimate security; but the purchaser may have the right to anticipate the deferred payments.

BENNETT N. BELL, Commissioner of Sale.

I, R. R. Witt, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Rockbridge County do hereby certify that Bennett N. Bell, the Commissioner named in the above mentioned decree has executed the bond required of him for receiving the funds arising from the above sale.

Teste: R. R. Witt, Clerk.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF HOUSE AND LOT

By virtue of a deed of trust executed by G. R. Drummond and wife to the undersigned to secure to D. S. Greever or his assigns, the payment of \$80.00 with interest thereon from December 22nd, 1897; which deed is of record in Rockbridge County Court Clerk's office, in Deed Book 83, page 357, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the premises on

SATURDAY the 16th DAY OF APRIL 1898, at 12 o'clock M., a lot or parcel of land on Main street in the Town of Lexington, Virginia, adjoining the lots of George Woodford, Adeline Abrams and an alley leading from Main street to Randolph street; which lot embraces two lots formerly owned by Wm. Drummond and fronts 100 feet, more or less, on the east side of Main Street, on which is located a frame and log dwelling.

TERMS:—Cash as to so much of the purchase money as may be necessary to pay the costs of sale and the debt secured by the deed of trust; and as to the residue upon such terms as the said G. R. Drummond may require.

WM. McKEEVER, Trustee.

Don't bolt your food, it irritates your stomach. Choose digestible food and chew it. Indigestion is a dangerous sickness. Proper care prevents it. Shaker Digestive Cordial cures it. That is the long and short of indigestion. Now, the question is: Have you got indigestion? Yes, if you have pain or discomfort after eating, headache, dizziness, nausea, offensive breath, heartburn, languor, weakness, fever, jaundice, flatulence, loss of appetite, irritability, constipation, etc. Yes, you have indigestion. To cure it, take Shaker Digestive Cordial. The medicinal herbs and plants of which Shaker Digestive Cordial is composed, help to digest the food in your stomach; help to strengthen your stomach. When your stomach is strong, care will keep it so. Shaker Digestive Cordial is for sale by druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 per bottle.

The Pimples That Bloom in The Spring. At no other season are Pimples and Humors so abundant or so annoying as in the Spring. An unseasonably warm day, before change of winter clothing, heats the blood, and these Pimples and Humors itch and burn, and their annoyance, the suffering they cause, is known only to those afflicted. At no time is a blood purifying medicine more effective than just before and during this season. If your blood is not right (and whose is?) you are liable to be one of these sufferers this Spring. A course of Hood's Sarsaparilla begun now and faithfully pursued will save you suffering and give you rugged health, so that you can thoroughly enjoy all the pleasures of the coming summer.

Hood's Sarsaparilla. Is sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The Best Spring Medicine.