

FRANCE IS OUR FRIEND.

In an interview with Casimir-Perier, former President of the French Republic, in many respects the most brilliant and authoritative of French statesmen, for the purpose of getting his opinion in reply to the charge that the French nation is bitterly hostile to the United States and correspondingly friendly to Spain, what he said may be taken as the most competent, sober analysis possible of the real attitude of the people of France to-day. He said:

"It is not strictly accurate to say France is backing up Spain morally; neither would the statement be correct that a large section of Frenchmen are in opposition to Spain. My observation leads me to believe the position of France toward Spain is one of sympathetic commiseration. France finds herself in a position where she rather regrets than takes sides. She regrets that war should have broken out between our friendly neighbor Spain and our traditional friend and sister republic, the United States."

"I decline to discuss the merits of this war, but as a Frenchman I favor liberty wherever it be brought about. There is no danger that the concord which has hitherto so happily existed between France and the United States will be interrupted."

"During war times heated words hastily spoken, noisy threats thoughtlessly uttered, must not be accepted as the sober judgment of either people."

No matter how kindly we may feel toward Spain, the common respect and appreciation which have existed between France and the United States, fostered for more than four generations, cannot be destroyed by the impatient or even passionate expressions of an excited hour. A friendship based upon valuable aid in the war for American independence, developed in many ways during a century and a quarter, cannot be broken or even seriously impaired without sustained cause."

"It is easy for nations to find excuses to quarrel, if they be desirous of so doing. It is difficult—perhaps impossible—to find among nations foundation for friendships deep and broad-based as that laid by France and the United States when the latter fought for her freedom."

The President has replied to the note of Miss Helen Gould, of New York, offering to donate to the government \$100,000, thanking her for her generous offer and stating that in the absence of special authorization of Congress he is unable to accept it. He suggests, however, that if she should see fit to invest the money in a vessel to be presented to the navy no Congressional action in that case would be necessary.

The evidence in the case proves Hood's Sarsaparilla cures gonorrhea, salt rheum, boils, humors and all eruptions

March April May

The months for renewing and healing in the physical world. The months for new life, new energy, new blood in men and women. The months when our need of help from medicine is greater than at any other time of year. The months when Hood's Sarsaparilla will do us the most good because we are all now especially susceptible to benefit from this medicine. The months when Hood's Sarsaparilla is taken by the millions because they have found that it is the medicine which does them good. The months when you should take Hood's Sarsaparilla, because it will purify, vitalize and enrich your blood, and put you in good condition to resist the debilitating effects of changeable, warmer weather. Try it now.

Satisfied with Hood's. "For several years I have taken two or three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla every spring for radiating the humors in the blood and for building up the system generally. My experience with Hood's Sarsaparilla has been very satisfactory." GEO. FRANK, care of D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Mich.

Builds Up the System. "I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla for weakness with which I was a sufferer in the spring, and I have found it the best medicine to create an appetite and build up the strength that I have ever taken, and I recommend it highly." J. F. WARD, Labeled, Ohio.

Keeps the Stomach in Order. "I keep Hood's Sarsaparilla in the house all the time and regard it as the best spring medicine I can find. It has proved beneficial in keeping my stomach in order, and since I began taking it I can eat anything I wish." H. STONE, Sherborn, Mass.

Great Blood Purifier. "Hood's Sarsaparilla is our family physician and I believe it needs no recommendation. Wherever it has once been used there can be no substitute for it, as a blood purifier." MISS C. A. ELLIOTT, Grinnell, Iowa.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

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

Berlin, May 7.—Emperor William following the course of the war between Spain and the United States with the deepest interest. He has instructed the chiefs of the naval and military cabinets to closely watch the progress of hostilities between the two countries, and to report regularly to him all developments.

News of the battle of Manila reached the German Foreign Office at once communicated to the Emperor. To his entourage he has expressed his high opinion of the attack made by the vessels of the United States, especially praising the unusual valor displayed by Commodore Dewey's fleet in following the Spanish warships into the harbor of Manila and forcing them to fight. In commenting on this fact His Majesty said:

"There is evidently something besides smartness and commercialism in the Yankee blood. These fellows at Cavite have fought like veterans."

Emperor William, it is reported, is inclined, in his private capacity, to be on the side of the United States; but, in view of the grave dynastic interests involved in Spain by the war, he is usually cautious in expressing his views on the situation. Grave apprehension, as to the ultimate fate of the Spanish dynasty, is felt in all the Courts of Europe, and the Queen Regent of Spain has been the recipient since the battle of Manila of marks of sympathy not only from Emperor William, but also from Queen Victoria, and nearly every other one of the crowned heads of Europe.

On Thursday evening, after the closing of the Reichstag, Prince Hohenzollern, the Imperial Chancellor, gave a reception to the delegates, Government officials and members of the press. Considering his age, the Chancellor is remarkably vigorous. In an animated conversation with some of his guests at the reception, Prince Hohenzollern said: "As far as Germany's individual interests are concerned, the Hispano-American war is not likely to injure or involve them, although it is yet too early to tell how far the political and commercial situation may be modified as a result of the struggle. In any case, Germany's material interests are decidedly on the American side, and it is to me a proof of the political immaturity of the German people, and particularly of the press, that they are loudly and almost unanimously on the side of Spain in this fight."

MOSBY SHEDS TEARS.

Among those who stood at a window and watched the First Infantry, U. S. A., march to the ferry, was Colonel Mosby, the noted ex-Confederate soldier. The tears stole down his cheeks and his face twitched as he noted the enthusiasm on the sidewalks and crossings and saw the soldiers presented with flowers, and placing his arm on a friend's shoulder he said: "Ah, me, it carries my mind back to the old days. That's the way we left for the war. But we were a sorry looking lot when we got back."—San Francisco Report.

who is a naval expert. The Baltimore Sun of Monday. The correspondent saw the battle from the flagship Olympia. Writing from Manila, on board the Olympia, May 1, (via Hong Kong, May 7,) he says: "Not one Spanish flag flies in Manila to-day. Not one Spanish warship floats except as a prize."

Then the Spanish flag on the arsenal staff was hauled down, and at half-past 12 o'clock a blue flag was hoisted there. Signal was made on the Peleli to destroy all the vessels in the inner harbor, and Lieutenant Hughes, with an armed boat's crew, set fire to the Don Juan de Austria, Marquis Duero, the Isla de Cuba and the Correo.

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Miraculous as it may appear, none of our men was killed and only eight were wounded. Those who were wounded suffered only slight injuries.

Commodore Dewey arrived off Manila bay last night and decided to enter the bay at once.

With all its lights out, the squadron steamed into the Cavite channel, with crews at the guns. This was the order of the squadron, which was kept during the whole time of the first battle: The flagship Olympia.

The Raleigh. The Concord. The Petrel. The Boston.

It was just 8 o'clock, a bright moonlight night, but the flagship passed Corregidor Island without a sign being given that the Spaniards were aware of its approach.

Not until the flagship was a mile beyond Corregidor was a gun fired. Then one heavy shot went screaming over the Raleigh and the Olympia, followed by a second, which fell far astern.

Commodore Dewey had timed our arrival so that we were within five miles of the city of Manila at daybreak.

We then sighted the Spanish squadron, Rear Admiral Montojo, commanding, off Cavite, (pronounced Kahveytay with accent on the "vee.") Here the Spaniards had a well-equipped navy yard called Cavite arsenal.

SHIPS BEGIN THE ATTACK.

With the United States flag flying at all their mastsheads, our ships moved to the attack in line ahead, with a speed of eight knots, first passing in front of Manila, where the action was begun by three batteries mounting guns powerful enough to send a shell over us at a distance of five miles.

The Concord's guns boomed out a reply to these batteries with two shots. No more were fired because Commodore Dewey could not engage with these batteries without sending death and destruction into the crowded city.

SPANIARDS EXPLODE TWO MINES.

As we neared Cavite two very powerful submarine mines were exploded ahead of the flagship. This was at six minutes past 5 o'clock.

The Spaniards evidently misjudged our position. Immense volumes of water were thrown high in the air by these destroyers, but no harm was done to our ships.

Only a few minutes later the shore battery at Cavite Point sent over the flagship a shot that nearly hit the battery in Manila, but soon the guns got a better range and the shells began to strike near us or burst close aboard from both the batteries and the Spanish vessels.

The heat was intense. Men stripped off all clothing except their trousers. As the Olympia drew nearer all was as silent on board as if the ship had been empty, except for the whir of the blowers and the throb of the engines.

"REMEMBER THE MAINE."

Suddenly a shell burst directly over us. From the boatswain's mate at the after five-inch gun came a hoarse cry. "Remember the Maine!" arose from the throats of 500 men at the guns.

This watchword was caught up in torrents and ferocious, wherever seaman or fireman stood at his post. "Remember the Maine!" had rung out for defiance and revenge. Its utterance seemed unpremeditated, but now that the moment had come to make adequate reply to the killing of the Maine's crew, every man shouted what was in his heart.

JUST A STOP FOR BREAKFAST.

On finishing this run Commodore Dewey decided to give the men breakfast, as they had been at the guns two hours, with only one cup of coffee to sustain them. Action ceased temporarily at twenty-five minutes of eight

close action again went up. The Baltimore had the place of honor in the lead, with the flagship following and the other ships as before.

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PRESIDENT WILL PROBABLY MAKE HIM A MILITARY GOVERNOR.

A special from Washington to the New York World says: President McKinley has not yet definitely decided when he will assign Major-General Fitchugh Lee, former Consul-General to Cuba. It is known, however, that the ultimate destination of General Lee will be the Philippines or Cuba, where he will be put in command of the army of occupation and made military governor.

General Lee did not know until Wednesday what his position in the army would be. About three weeks ago he had a short conference with the President and Secretary Alger regarding the matter, and his rank then was not in anyway mentioned. Secretary Alger and the President informed him during the conversation that he would be given an important command in the volunteer army.

It is stated on semi-official authority that General Lee will be put in charge of the Virginia troops at their camp, and will supervise their training for active service. He will probably remain there for a short time, until some plan is agreed upon regarding the Philippine Islands and Cuba.

The Cuban government, it is believed, will request that he be placed in charge of the island as its military governor until a stable government is established. This matter has already been under discussion, and both the President and Secretary Alger are inclined to think that he would be the best possible man for the place. While General Lee has always maintained a strict reserve during his official career regarding his views on Cuban independence, it is known that he feels very kindly towards the people of the island, and has been pro-Cuban from the time he landed there as Consul-General.

UP TO A DOLLAR AND A-HALF IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, May 5.—One dollar and fifty cents per bushel was the price of May wheat at the end of today's session of the board of trade.

This represents an advance since yesterday of 20 cents. July wheat gained 3¢.

Today's advance was the most remarkable in many years. Famine of grain abroad and enormous sales of American wheat to fill the empty granaries of Europe caused the advance here.

Shorts were driven to cover and one small failure was announced. Corn rated dull, closing 1/4 cent higher. Oats gained 1/2. Provisions were dull, declining five cents for pork and 7 1/2 cents each for lard and ribs.

New York, May 5.—The sensational feature in wheat this afternoon was furnished by the May option. In steady leaps and bounds of several cents at a clip it bowed along until stopped by the closing gong at \$1.45, the highest price since the days of "Old Hetch."

On this basis Cash No. 2 red would be nominally worth \$1.47 in this market. In keeping with the jump in wheat there has been a corresponding big addition to the price of flour, amounting to 75 cents for the week.

Madrid, May 5.—[Bulletin.]—Senior Puigcerver, Minister of Finance, announced in the Congress today that the Official Gazette will shortly publish a decree forbidding the export of wheat.

For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, the "Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Advertisement for Johnson's Belladonna Plaster, featuring an illustration of a woman and a child, and text describing its use for various ailments.

many enthusiasts. She says: "For many years I was subject to nervousness, despondency and neuralgia, for which doctors and remedies seemed of no use. At last I was persuaded to try Pe-ru-na. I found it to be exactly the remedy I had been so long in search of. It relieved the tired, depressed feeling felt in spring-time at once. It never fails to restore to me natural appetite and the best of sleep. It has cured permanently my old despondency and neuralgia."

I wonder why so many people continue to suffer through spring and summer when Pe-ru-na is such a prompt and perfect relief. Pe-ru-na to have no equal." It relieves at once cramps, colic, prostration from heat, the ill-effects of sudden checking of the perspiration, and all other bad effects of hot weather. As a remedy for nervous prostration it has no equal, and the thousands of men and women of this generation who "have nerves" find it a priceless remedy.

Every family should have a copy of "Facts and Faces." Finely illustrated. One of the best books of testimonials ever published. Sent free. Address The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

A MAN WHO IS TIRED. All the time, owing to impoverished blood, should take Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify and enrich his blood and give him vitality and vigor.

This condition of weakness and lack of energy is a natural consequence of the coming of warmer weather, which finds the system debilitated and the blood impure. A good spring medicine is a necessity with almost everyone. Hood's Sarsaparilla is what the people take in the spring. Its great power to purify and enrich the blood and build up health is one of the facts of common experience.

Dig down to the cause of your sickness, if you want to get well and stay well. Most likely it's indigestion. The irritating poisons of fermenting, putrid food, left in the stomach by indigestion causes headache, neuralgia, nervousness, dizziness, stomachache, nausea, irritability, and all the other well-known symptoms of indigestion.

They also cause many pains and disorders which are often laid to other causes and hence are not easily cured. But as soon as the poisons are removed all these symptoms and disorders disappear, because there is nothing left to cause them. Nothing succeeds in his like Shaker Digestive Cordial, because it prevents the undigested food from fermenting in the stomach and helps the stomach to digest its food.

Sold by druggists; price 10 cents to \$1.00 per bottle.

WHEAT FLUCTUATIONS.

May wheat in Chicago reached \$1.85 on Tuesday, the topmost figures yet. A tremendous slump occurred in the price of July wheat, dropping from \$1.25 to \$1.06, rebounding again to \$1.14.

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 he can 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 McCrum Drug Co.

WINE OF CARDUI

For Mothers! This discomfort and dangers of child-birth can be almost entirely avoided. Wine of Cardui is a safe, effective, and pleasant mother. It gives tone to the genital organs, and puts them in condition to do their work perfectly. That makes pregnancy less painful, shortens labor and hastens recovery after child-birth. It helps a woman bear strong healthy children.

McLREE'S Wine of Cardui has also brought happiness to thousands of homes barren for years. A few doses often brings joy to loving hearts that long for a darling baby. No woman should neglect to try it for this trouble. It cures nine cases out of ten. All druggists sell Wine of Cardui. \$1.00 per bottle.

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Mrs. LOUISA HALE, of Jefferson, Ga., says: "When I first took Wine of Cardui we had been married three years, but could not have a child. Three months later I had a fine girl baby."

WINE OF CARDUI

Advertisement for PAIN-KILLER, featuring text describing its effectiveness for various pains and ailments.

clear, old Jack Frost took occasion to pay us a visit in full force, but we hope that not much damage was done as we were favored with dense fog until after he took his departure.

The Methodist minister at this place who was to have moved his family from Botetourt to the parsonage here, last week, on going to his former place of residence, found his wife too ill to move. In consequence of which he did not return, and his people were without preaching on yesterday.

Dr. McElwee filled his pulpit at Bethesda and, notwithstanding the inclemency of the day, there was a comparatively good turnout. The organization of the Sabbath school which was to have taken place on that forenoon was deferred until next Sabbath. The Methodist school has been in operation for a few weeks.

Maj. John Stuart, of Walker's Creek, with his wife, his daughter Miss Lizzie, and his cousin, Miss Lizzie McClure, of Buena Vista, paid a visit to friends near this place last week. The Major is a most remarkable man for one of his years. Though considerably over four score, he does his own driving and does it well.

Our people are rejoicing over the prospect for an early completion of the Telephone line to this point. These are indeed fast times and no one can well afford to be left behind.

Mr. Alfred McCurdy will go this week to attend the meeting of Lexington Presbytery at Churchville, as a delegate from Bethesda church.

BUCKLEN'S AINNA SALVE.

The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblain, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively, cures Piles, or Hemorrhoids. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by McCrum Drug Co.

KERR'S CREEK CULLINGS.

Kerr's Creek, Va., May 9, 1898. Your readers have not heard from our little burg and vicinity for a good while. It is true we talk a good deal over the war, but since we are very peaceful out in this congenial neighborhood, we are perfectly satisfied to remain so, and have no desire whatever to face the cannon, unless it becomes necessary.

Mr. Cummings, of Jamestown, Ohio, is visiting E. T. Cummings and other relatives. Miss Maggie McClung, of Whistle Creek, is visiting Mrs. Benjamin McClung in Augusta county.

Mrs. R. Swisher died on Monday night, the 2nd, after a long illness, and the interment was made Thursday at Colliertown. Misses Lula and Mattie Hickman and Miss Minnie Hamilton, who have been attending the Lexington Graded School the past winter, have returned home after having passed their examinations successfully. I understand Miss Hamilton received the scholarship to the High School which was awarded in the seventh grade.

Dr. Morrison attended "Pinoture," which was played in Lexington Thursday and Friday nights.

A HOUSEHOLD NECESSITY.

Cascara Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, acts gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colic, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Building operations in Roanoke are said to almost resemble the activity of the boom period.

DON'T TOBACCO SPIT AND SMOKE YOUR LIFE AWAY.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac from your own druggist, who will guarantee a cure. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

The West Augusta Guard, composed of ninety-five men, left Staunton this morning for Richmond where they will go into camp. This is the only company of the Second Virginia Regiment that has been ordered out.

What can be done? Our answer is the same that the best physicians have been giving for a quarter of a century. Give them

Scott's Emulsion

of Cod-Liver Oil with Hypophosphites. It has most remarkable nourishing power. It gives color to the blood. It brings strength to the muscles. It adds power to the nerves. It means robust health and vigor. Even delicate infants rapidly gain in flesh if given a small amount three or four times each day.

Some of the colored revivalists in the rural districts of Georgia are quick to make even's of the day serve their purposes. One of these has taken the trouble with Spain for his theme, with the following result:

Sinner, see de army— See de fightin' band; De Baptists take de water, De Methodists hol' de land! De Baptists on de water, De storm go sweepin' by; De ships go down; De Baptists drown, But de Methodists high en dry! F. L. STANTON.

MARKET REPORT.

OFFLIGHTER & CO., DEALERS IN Family Groceries

Table with market prices for various goods like Flour, Wheat, Corn, etc.

Millions of gold is said to be piled up at Dawson, Yukon Territory, awaiting the beginning of navigation on the Yukon river.

STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Natural Bridge Forest Company will be held at the Natural Bridge Hotel, Natural Bridge, Va., on Wednesday, the 18th day of May, 1898, at 12 o'clock M.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

The Board of Visitors at their annual meeting on the 20th day of next June will appoint STATE CADETS to fill vacancies in the 3rd, 7th, 8th, 15th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, 26th, 33rd and 34th Senatorial Districts, and two vacancies at large. These appointments carry free board and tuition. Applications should be addressed to the undersigned on or before June 10th, proximo, on forms that will be sent upon request. SCOTT SHIPP, Superintendent.

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.