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TOPICS OF TODAY.

FRANCE UNCONCERNED OVER ENGLAND.

The cession of Spanish territory to France is not so unlikely as it may seem. There is a strong separatist spirit in the east of Spain. Catalonia, for instance, is Spanish only in name, and at Barcelona, when the express from Madrid comes in, one usually hears it called "the train from Spain." The dream of the Barcelona socialists for years has been the establishment of a Catholic republic under the protection of France. If Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines be lost to Spain the Catalan manufacturing interest will be hard hit, and the separatist movement will be strengthened. For these reasons my informant thinks that France is much more concerned with what is going on in Spain, and even Italy, than with the action or policy of England.

BRAVE BLUEJACKETS.

Bravery such as that displayed by Lieutenant Hobson and his seven companions, who sank the Merrimac in the channel of Santiago harbor under the fire of all the forts, is the element of success which makes a Dewey victory possible. Even the Spanish admiral was forced to express a feeling of admiration for American daring, and, while he captured the men who had wrought such tremendous harm to him, he treated them with consideration, and he manifested chivalric courtesy in sending information concerning them to Admiral Sampson.

SLANDERING THE ARMY.

The alleged account of the position of the regular army and its treatment by officers of high rank, supplied by Poultney Bigelow to Harper's Weekly, was read with amazement and indignation. Those who refused to accept the statements as true severely criticised the publication, while those who, relying on the writer's record, reluctantly believed his charges were appalled at the apparent proof of inefficiency and negligence on the part of our army officers. It is a profound satisfaction to learn that Mr. Bigelow's article was untrue and slanderous.

WOLCOTT'S AMENDMENT.

The amendment to the revenue bill introduced by Senator Wolcott has been adopted by a majority of seventeen and is now a part of the senate bill. This action will make a conference of the two houses necessary, even if there were now no other features in the measure that did not appear in it as it left the house. Senator Wolcott's proposal is that the government shall coin all the bullion now in the treasury at the rate of $4,000,000 a month, and that one-half of the silver so coined shall be taken from what is known as the seigniorage.

BANK CLEARINGS.

Chicago bank clearings for the week ending June 2 show a condition of remarkable strength and activity in mercantile transactions and a heavy improvement in general business. The increase in the week's clearings over the corresponding week a year ago was 45.2 per cent, while the average increase in eighty-nine cities was 30.3 per cent, showing Chicago to be considerably ahead of the average. The increase in New York was 40.1 per cent, which is 5.1 less than Chicago.

CANADA TO EXPEL SPIES.

The determination of Great Britain and Canada to maintain the strictest neutrality in the present war is not open to doubt, and if any case can be made out against Lieutenant Carranza and his assistant, Du Bosc, they will certainly be expelled from the dominion. They have been suspected of maintaining a spy service, and the Canadian government has been awaiting an opportunity to bring home to them the abuse of hospitality and neutrality.

IS A BIG TRADE YEAR.

The manufacturers of the United States are making in the fiscal year which closes with this month their greatest record in competing for the markets of the world. Not only will the exports of manufactured articles for the fiscal year exceed those of any previous year, but for the first time in the history of the country they will exceed the imports of manufactures.

FAILURE OF AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION.

New South Wales has put an end to the scheme for the federation of the Australian colonies. The proposed plan for the union of the colonies has been rejected because it would mean the loss of $250,000 a year now collected in customs dues which under the contemplated federation would go to the federal government.

Rockford, Ill.—First Lieutenant Charles E. Almond of company H, Third regiment of Rockford, died of pneumonia in the hospital at Chattanooga. He was 25 years of age, a young man of exemplary habits and a model soldier.

Paris—The chamber of deputies on the second ballot elected M. Deschanel president of the house.

London—Eric Mackay, the author, is dead. He was born in this city in 1851, and wrote a number of books, the most prominent of which was "Love Letters of a Violinist."

CASUALTIES.

Indianapolis, Ind.—While running to catch a street car Gov. Mount fell upon the sidewalk and was painfully injured, one of the tendons of his right ankle being broken.

Sturgis, Mich.—Ray Wells, a well-known young man of Lima, while walking on the Grand Rapids & Indiana railway, south of this city, was struck by a passenger train and instantly killed.

Barbaroo, Wis.—Engineer Robert Chamberlain was killed in a freight wreck at Lodi.

Menominee, Mich.—The Marinette Planing Mill company's factory burned. Loss, $15,000.

Flora, Ind.—In an epileptic fit Stewart Gist fell into Deer creek at Delphi and was drowned.

Birmingham, Ala.—The business portion of Ittabana, Miss., was destroyed by fire with the exception of two stores. The loss is over $150,000. The fire started in the store of J. L. Haley & Co., and spread rapidly. The depot was badly damaged.

Hazleton, Pa.—A. S. Van Wyckle, the millionaire coal operator and philanthropist, of this city, was accidentally killed here while participating in a clay pigeon shoot.

Belfast, Me.—The large summer hotel at Fort Point, together with contents, was burned. The house was unoccupied except by Landlord Clark and a servant. The loss is estimated at nearly $70,000.

Crown Point, Ind.—Spontaneous combustion started a fire in C. E. Nichols' grain elevator at Lowell, and before it was checked did $18,000 damage. Five buildings were burned.

Kingston, Ont.—A twelve-ton flywheel flew into pieces in D. F. Jones' shovel roller mills. One piece struck the petroleum tank, scattering the oil, which caught fire. The works were soon in ruins.

Cairo, W. Va.—The east-bound passenger train No. 4 on the Baltimore & Ohio road was wrecked near here. Engineer Hanway was fatally injured, Fireman Griffith slightly and two tramps, Dan Reardon and Thomas Peters, had broken legs.

Caldwell, Kas.—While fishing at Bluff creek Judge J. M. Thomas of this city was drowned.

Delavan, Wis.—Thomas Fitzgerald, while rowing across Delavan lake, fell out of the boat and was drowned.

FOREIGN.

London—Sir Charles Stewart Scott, British minister at Copenhagen, has been appointed British ambassador to Russia in succession to Sir Nicholas O'Connor.

London—Sir Thomas Linton, it is said, intends to issue a challenge for the America cup, and is now on his way to New York to arrange the details with the New York Yacht club for a race next year.

Brussels—The international conference on sugar bounties opened at the foreign office here under the presidency of Premier P. De Smet de Naeyer, adjourning until Friday next. The sessions will be held in secret.

London—Representatives of the American, White Star, North German Lloyd and the other principal transatlantic steamship lines held a conference with a few to deciding upon a traffic agreement, but arrived at no understanding. Further meetings are expected.

Gibraltar—The first-class armored Italian cruiser, Carlo Alberto, bound for Cuba, has arrived here.

CRIME.

Vancouver, B. C.—It is reported that three missionaries of the International Missionary alliance have been murdered in the Province of Hunan. The name of one of the victims is given as Mr. Chapin, son of a former missionary of the American board.

Peoria, Ill.—Joseph Gorenz, a saloonkeeper, and president of the Retail Liquor Dealers' association, committed suicide.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—Charles Langley quarreled with his wife over the insurance which he carried in favor of his father, and he shot her twice, causing instant death. He then killed himself.

Mason City, Iowa—William Darrow is under arrest awaiting the developments of an assault upon his brother Fred.

Kokomo, Ind.—James Franklin, a Poplar Grove farmer, went to his barn to shoot rats and later was found dead with a bullet in his breast.

Jackson, Tenn.—The supreme court has modified the death sentance of Gus Thomas, the murderer, to imprisonment for life. His brother Dick was sentenced to hang.

Houghton, Mich.—Jerry Shea, aged 61, a pioneer of the copper district, hanged himself to a windmill on the farm of John Mertz. Despondency, due to ill health, caused the act.

Washington—The president has granted a pardon to Captain John D. Hart, now serving a sentence of two years for engaging in a filibustering expedition to Cuba.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Peter Rose shot himself and died.

Dayton, O.—Mrs. Jane Husley, aged 59, committed suicide by cutting her throat.

Warsaw, Ind.—Michael Darr, confined on a charge of grand larceny, has escaped from jail.

Waupun, Wis.—The sentence of Harry B. McMaster, the Eau Claire banker, will terminate Feb. 18, 18999, by a commutation received from Washington.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of suicide in the case of C. M. Charnley, Jr., who shot himself here.

Memphis, Tenn.—William Jackson, planter of DeSoto county, Mississippi, was shot and killed by "Buck" Nuse, a discharged farm hand.

Brazil, Ind.—James Beck, aged 25, stabbed and fatally wounded George Thomas, aged 40, at Lena.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Chicago—Joe Choynski and "Kid" McCoy have signed for a twenty-round contest before the Hawthorne Athletic Club at Buffalo, August 27. The fight will be for a purse of $7,500.

Bangor, Me.—L. B. Clark & Co., tanners, have failed for $550,000. Theirs was the last of the big tanneries in Maine and the failure will cause heavy losses to Maine and Boston banks.

Cleveland, O.—Suit to wind up the affairs of the People's Mutual Benefit Association of Ohio has been begun. The association has $2,800,000 of outstanding insurance, owes on matured policies $26,944.56, owes to others for management of its business $3,684.91, and has on hand only $3,500.

Kingston, Jamaica—The auxiliary cruiser St. Louis captured a Spanish merchantman just out of Kingston.

Lewiston, Ill.—Robert G. Zimmerman, one of the democratic leaders in Fulton county, was found dead at his home at Sammum. Heart disease was the cause of death.

Leadville, Col.—John D. Morrissey, the well-known mining man, died suddenly. He was about 50 years of age.

Victoria, B. C.—The British government, following out the policy adopted in connection with its big naval stations, is about to store an immense supply of Cardiff coal, the best steam engine coal produced, at the Esquimault dock yard.

Butte, Mont.—The Horr coal mines, including 6,000 acres of coal lands in the eastern part of the state, have been sold to a New York syndicate for $750,000.

Chicago—Col. George W. Candee, assistant paymaster general of the army and chief paymaster of the department of the lakes, died at his home here.

Fresno, Cal.—J. W. Comas of Pomona was nominated for governor and Robert Somers for lieutenant-governor by the prohibition convention.

Washington—It has been decided by the postoffice department to extend the service to Cuba and the Philippines.

Aurora, Ill.—The funeral of Sergeant Robert Dyer of Company I, Third Illinois volunteers, was the largest ever held in Aurora.

Delhi, N. Y.—The comptroller of the currency has received a telegram announcing the failure of the Delaware National Bank. The capital of the bank was $100,000. The failure is said to be due to excessive loans.

Springfield, Ill.—About twenty men who desire to enlist in the army arrived here from Decatur, having walked the entire distance, forty-three miles.

Lansing, Mich.—The average condition of Michigan wheat June 1 was 98, better than the average condition at this time of the year. The highest average reported in the preceding ten years is 92 in 1892 and 1894.

New York—William R. Compton has been appointed marshal for the northern district of New York.

San Francisco—California prohibitionists, in convention at Fresno, nominated J. E. McComas of Pomona for governor and Robert Somers of San Jose for lieutenant-governor.

La Grange, Ind.—The old settlers of northeastern Indiana held their annual reunion here.

Mexico, Mo.—Charles Neble, who went to Klondike, became snow blind, then crazy, and died.

Dubuque, Iowa—The strike at the Bell Bros.' overall factory has been adjusted and the girls, numbering 100, will return to work.

San Francisco, Cal.—It is asserted that Chief of Police I. W. Lees will be succeeded in that office on July 5 by Dr. James W. Keeney.

Cleveland, O.—Mrs. William R. Day, wife of the secretary of state, has so far recovered her health as to be able to leave the hospital. Mrs. Day has returned to her home in Canton.

Galesburg, Ill.—The Swedish Lutheran synod completed its annual session here. It voted to meet next year in St. Paul.

Frankfort, Ky.—General Fred Grant has asked Governor Bradley to attach the Second Kentucky regiment to his brigade.

La Crosse, Wis.—Dr. Frank Powell, ex-mayor of La Crosse, has been notified of his appointment as major in one of the immune regiments.

Milwaukee—A. M. Thomson, one of the pioneer editors of Wisconsin, died at his home in this city.

LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

CHICAGO.		
Cattle, all grades	$2.25	@5.35
Hogs, common to prime	3.05	@4.25
Sheep and lambs	3.00	@5.85
Corn, No. 2	.31¾	@ .32
Wheat, No. 3 spring	1.00	@1.10
Oats, No. 3 white		.27½
Eggs		.10¼
Butter	.09	@ .15½
Rye, No. 2		.47
TOLEDO.		
Wheat, No. 2 cash		1.98
Corn, No. 2 mixed		.34½
Oats, No. 2 mixed		.26
Rye, No. 2 cash		.45
Cloverseed, prime cash		3.25
ST. LOUIS.		
Wheat, No. 2		.92
Oats, No. 2 cash		.25
Corn, No. 2 cash		.21
Cattle, all grades	2.00	@5.10
Hogs	3.90	@4.30
Sheep and lambs	3.40	@6.60
NEW YORK.		
Wheat, No. 2 red		1.10
Corn, No. 2	.38	@ .38¼
Oats, No. 2		.30
KANSAS CITY.		
Cattle, all grades	2.50	@5.50
Hogs, all grades	3.60	@4.70
Sheep and lambs	3.00	@6.50
PEORIA.		
Rye, No. 2		.58
Oats, No. 2 white		.27¼
Corn, No. 2		.30½
MILWAUKEE.		
Wheat, No. 2 northern		1.13
Oats, No. 2 white	.27	@ .28¼
Barley, No. 2		.45

REDUCTION OF SANTIAGO

Description of the Terrific Bombardment of the Forts by the American Fleet, Under Admirals Sampson and Schley.

Within three hours Monday morning, June 6, the American fleet silenced nearly all the fortifications at the entrance to Santiago de Cuba. The formidable Estrella and Cavo batteries failed to reply during the last hour of the bombardment. They were so shattered that it is doubtful whether they can be of the smallest service to the Spaniards in the future. There was a heavy fog and a steady rain during the engagement. The American gunners, however, rose superior to the mist, and their keen eyes, supplemented by high skill, directed the shot and shell with terrific effect.

Spaniards Waste Powder.

Again the Spaniards proved to be miserable marksmen. They managed to hit the battleship Massachusetts once. Her fighting top was struck, but that was all the damage. The other ships did not suffer, so far as can be learned. The formation of the American ships was in a double column. After six o'clock in the morning the war ships stood off six miles from the beetling Morro Castle. The weather was nasty, but no rain nor fog could depress the spirits of the jackies, who were eager for the fray.

Schley Leads the Advance.

The ships moved slowly to within 3,000 yards of the shore. One line, composed of the Brooklyn, Texas, Massachusetts and the Marblehead, turned westwardly. The flagship of Commodore Schley led. In the second line were the New York, Oregon, Iowa, New Orleans and Yankee. The New York was at the head of the line. The second line moved eastwardly. Far out on the left were the Vixen and the Suwanee, whose crews watched the riflemen on shore. The sailors on the Dolphin and the Porter guarded the right flank.

HARBOR OF SANTIAGO, SHOWING DEFENSES.

Firing on Morro.

Admiral Sampson's column directed their attention to the new earthworks near Morro Castle. Commodore Schley's vessels went opposite the Estrella and Catalina batteries. There was no firing until the American ships were in the most strategic position for fighting. The bad weather evidently had caused the Spaniards to believe that there would be no bombardment while the heavy fog and rain lasted. The movement of the ships had not been noticed apparently until they were close to the batteries.

Iowa Starts the Fighting.

But the battle ship Iowa waked the sons of Castile and Aragon from their reveries. A shot from one of her great guns hit a battery with serious effect. Both columns of ships then poured a fusilade of lead into the fortifications and earthworks on either side of the harbor entrance. The Spaniards rushed to their guns and started to blaze away wildly. What they lacked in skill they made up in passion. But fiery temperaments with poorly trained eyes and bad nerves behind guns were no match for the superior gunners of Sampson's and Schley's columns.

Terrific Onslaught.

The Americans fired with great effect, but the Spaniards' shots were reckless and wide of the mark. There was a splendid chance for the enemy to display proficiency in marksmanship, for the United States war vessels remained at their chosen stations and did not resort to maneuvering. In this grand battle great clouds from the guns increased the heavy fog.

Spectacle Was Magnificent.

It was a magnificent spectacle, even though the conditions were opposed to a thoroughly accurate survey of what was taking place. But glimpses left a vivid idea of the terrors of bombardment by great modern war ships. Admiral Sampson has issued instructions that no firing should be directed upon Morro Castle, for in it were imprisoned Lieut. Hobson and the other seven heroes of the Merrimac's volunteer crew. But several shells did strike the castle on the promontory and left gaping wounds.

Hobson and Comrades.

It is believed that the shots did not cause sufficient damage to warrant a belief that Lieut. Hobson and his comrades suffered. As the bombardment proceeded the ships in Commodore Schley's column moved nearer to the shore in order to bring speedier destruction to the shore batteries. This action resulted in the Texas, Massachusetts and Brooklyn dealing such awful broadsides that the earthworks were torn up and the Spanish gunners took to their heels for a less exposed place.

Coolness of Our Seamen.

The American gunners were doing their duty in the same glorious manner in the eastward column, from which Admiral Sampson was watching the engagement. Cavo battery was silenced by the New York and the New Orleans. This required an energetic fire for quite a time, but the Spaniards were not able to endure the sustained attacks. Their guns were dismounted and their defense was wrecked.

Port Batteries Used.

At the close of the second hour of the engagement the vessels of the American fleet turned so that they could use their port batteries upon what was left of the enemy's defenses. Part of the time the firing was not accurate, because of the location of several fortified points on shore, which were difficult to hit. But in spite of the numerous disadvantages the American tars sent many shells into the right places. There was great rejoicing among the American gunners when they saw that the Catalina fort was on fire. The guns in it spoke no more, and the Spaniards could not be seen. With fire added to a rain of death-dealing shells there was no withstanding the attack.

Rain of Shot and Shell.

Our fleet threw shell after shell into the Spanish fortifications until ten o'clock. Then the enemy made no responses. The American war ships had completed their work with dispatch and with great destruction. Rear Admiral Sampson signaled for the ships to stop the bombardment. The vessels drew off slowly. The jackies were somewhat contented, but their desires were for a longer attack in order to destroy everything in sight.

Sum of the Victory

What the loss was among the Spaniards is, of course, only a matter of conjecture. If they had remained at their guns tenaciously they would have suffered terribly. The fortifications at the entrance of Santiago harbor are certainly in ruins. Only two small shore batteries were not dismantled. They were damaged to a great extent, though, and cannot be considered as offering any suitable means of defense.

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Population of Porto Rico.

It is not generally realized that this queer little parallelogram in the Caribbean has more than half as great a population as the whole of Cuba. The population of the Hawaiian islands is only about a tenth of that of Porto Rico, which is one of the most thickly populated portions of the new world, its total of 808,708 (in 1887) giving over 216 people to the square mile. There are just two of the United States so densely settled, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The average of our northern Atlantic states is but 107 to the square mile. And in the aggregate Porto Rico has more inhabitants than either Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware, West Virginia, Florida or both Dakotas or any of the states of the far west except California. So it will be seen that it is quite a mouthful, even if it is only a speck on the map.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

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