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UNITED STATES AND SPAIN.

Opinions of the Press.

STRICT NEUTRALITY IN CASE OF WAR.

The London Standard says editorially: "We see no reason to suppose that President McKinley's nerve has been shaken, much less shattered, by the jingo attacks. As regards the general situation, it looks most hopeful for the averting of war, without any intervention by Europe, which would be almost certain to exasperate America."

The London Daily News says: "President McKinley deserves the sympathy of the world in his endeavor to secure a peaceful settlement in face of the impatience of the American nation. Spain should bow to the inevitable and grant Cuba independence as the only possible solution."

The London Daily Chronicle says, bringing its editorial on the alleged statement of a number of President McKinley's cabinet, to its Washington correspondent that Spain has been given 48 hours to accept or reject a proposal for the purpose of Cuban independence for the sum of £40,000,000: "It is an offer made without prejudice by a generous and impulsive people. Spain would do well to accept it. She can bow to the inevitable, and this demand from Washington is as inexorable as it is just."

The Rome correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle says: "The government has sent orders to the Italian consuls in the United States to see that the Italian emigrants observe the strictest neutrality in the event of war. The Vatican earnestly desires peace. The pope greatly esteems Spain, but also manifests his warm sympathy for the United States. The Vatican regards the American Catholicism as the hope of the Catholic Church, and desires to do nothing that will offend the Washington government."

The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "Senor Pugaerver, minister of finance, has already secured sufficient gold to pay the first instalments on the cruiser Esterpach bought of Italy. The furor of patriotism is growing with such ardor that it is believed if war occurs that the government will have a splendid opportunity to raise a large international loan by popular subscription."

The Madrid correspondent of the Times, commenting on the "cheerfulness of the Spanish public," suggests that this is due to the hope that Europe will be willing to confront America on Spain's behalf, the public being "apparently incapable of discriminating between material alliances and courteous but platonic phrases."

EN ROUTE TO KHARTOUM.

Another Skirmish With the Dervishes.

It is announced in a despatch from Atbara, on the Atbara river, a branch of the Nile above Perber, that an important reconnaissance was started by the Anglo-Egyptian troops on Wednesday. Eight squadrons of cavalry, four machine guns, a battery of horse artillery, two battalions of infantry and the whole of the mounted troops reconnoitered the Dervish position, eight miles from Atbara, this morning and encountered the enemy's horsemen, whom they drove in and pressing forward, found Mahmoud's position in the heavy bush strongly entrenched with pits filled with riflemen. In the centre was a small hill with three tiers of entrenchments filled with spearmen. The position was swarming with Dervishes alert for the attack. The artillery opened fire at one thousand yards. The effect was apparently good, but it was difficult to judge to a certainty in consequence of the thick bush. The maxims also swept the front of the position. The Dervishes, however, did not reply, evidently awaiting an attack at close quarters.

Having ascertained the enemy's position the reconnoitering force retired, followed by the Dervish horsemen, who did not attack but retreated under shell fire.

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Bell's Patent.

SIR.—It is amusing to read Mr. Bell's last letter in the Guardian. For long years the liberals charged the exodus to bad Tory government. Now the liberals are in and the Tories out, still the exodus continues. But Mr. Bell accounts for it by the injustice done the farmers by the pork-packers and middlemen. Mr. Bell should get this new argument patented before the Tories get hold of it. Call it Bell's new pork, lamb, middleman idea. But are the men who buy lambs in this country middlemen? They buy on commission at prices fixed by their employers and thus cannot be called middlemen in the true sense and if they were it might be all right for the producers. Mr. Dillon is a middleman in the cheese business, and none will deny that he is needed in that place, and has been the means of putting more money in the farmers' pockets than if the factories had shipped on consignment.

Discussion of price, markets, and market requirements serves a good purpose; but attacking the buyers of farm products as robbers serves no good purpose. When we have the right kind of products to offer they will command top prices. The safest place to sell is here, and the more middlemen we have to call on us and bid against one another the better. As for the pork business, although Mr. Rattenbury succeeded many others did not; and we can rest assured that if there is money in his venture he will soon have competition for there is plenty of money seeking investment and plenty men waiting to go into a business that pays. By the way, did Mr. Bell take stock in the proposed new factory and how much? It is becoming of a man in the enjoyment of government pay to be flinging mud at men who are struggling to make an honest living in open competition, many of these contributing more to public revenues than he.

SENSE.

Prince County, April 2nd, 1898.

THINGS TO MAKE A NOTE OF.

The regular consecration and business meeting of the Epworth League of C. E. will be held in the Parlor of the first Methodist Church to-night at 8 o'clock. Full attendance requested.

A. MILNE FRASER, of Halifax, will be in Charlottetown at an early date. He is agent for the Caligraph Typewriter, which "outlasts them all," and also handles second-hand typewriters of all makes. Mr. Fraser also deals in extra quality typewriter and mimeograph supplies. If interested send a post card to him at Hotel Davies, or advise Mr. Duncan McLean, Water Commissioner's Office.

Du Maurier and Keene.

With all my admiration for Leech it was at the feet of Charles Keene that I found myself sitting, besides which we were much together in those days, talking endless shop, taking long walks, riding side by side on the knifeboards of omnibuses, dining at cheap restaurants, making music at each other's studios. His personal charm was great, as great in its way as Leech's. He was democratic and so was I, as one is bound to be when one is impetuous and the world is one's oyster to open with the fragile point of a lead pencil. His Bohemian world was mine, and I found it a very good world and very much to my taste—a clean, honest, wholesome, innocent, intellectual and most industrious British Bohemia, with lots of tobacco, lots of good music, plenty of talk about literature and art and not too much victrolas or drink. Many of its denizens that were have become Royal academicians or have risen to fame in other ways; some have had to take a back seat in life; surprisingly few have gone to the bad.—George du Maurier in Harper's Magazine.

Nicotine.

An English scientist has made some interesting experiments as to the effect of nicotine upon the lungs and heart. He has arrived at the conclusion that a man of easy going nature can smoke a great deal without much injury to himself, while a nervous man will damage his health seriously by smoking much. A man who takes plenty of exercise in the open air may smoke with impunity, while he who sits much at a desk must beware of the fatal fascinations of "My Lady Nicotine."

In the Rhetoric Class.

"Miss Kerbliff, in the sentence 'Daniel Webster stood there like a great oak tree' point out the idea the author was trying to convey. In what respect could Daniel Webster be said to resemble a 'great oak tree'?" "Well, he might have been rooted to the spot."—Chicago Tribune.

Tiger eye is a peculiar crystallization of quartz. Formerly very rare and costly, large deposits have been found in the western states of America and in South Africa, so that many common articles are now made of it.

Louis XVI might have escaped from France had he not delayed on the journey to feast on vigs' feet.

Paton & Co's for Easter Bonnets.

THE WEATHER.—Westerly winds, fair, light fall of snow, not much change in temperature.

SCARLET FEVER.—Eight cases of scarlet fever are reported in town at the present time. The disease is on the increase.—Truro News.

Ben Hur—5 cents for the story complete at Haszard & Moore's.

Get a new hat and if you do not know where to get it drop in and we will tell you the best place.—Prowse Bros.

NOTICE REGARDING ADVERTISEMENTS.—All copy of changes of any placements and all notices of meetings, lectures, etc. must be handed into this office before 10 a. m. each day to be certain of being inserted.

Local and Other Items.

SILSBY HOSE Co.—Meeting to-night at eight o'clock.

ROLLO FIRE Co.—Regular quarterly meeting to-night at 8 o'clock.

STEAMER PRINCESS will leave for Pictou tomorrow morning at seven o'clock.

Rev. W. B. Hinson, pastor of the First Baptist church, Moncton is seriously ill.—Halifax Herald.

THE STANLEY arrived in Pictou at 11 o'clock this morning, and will leave on return this afternoon.

THE S. S. STANLEY arrived in Pictou at 11 o'clock this forenoon and left for Charlottetown on arrival of the afternoon train.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.—The Rev. J. T. Bryan preached in St. Paul's last night the final sermon in the lecture course to young men, from the words "we are partakers of the Divine nature." 2nd Peter, 1:4. This sermon, like the preceding ones of the series, was interesting and instructive.

SUPPOSED DROWNING ACCIDENT.—We hear with regret that Mr. Daniel Gillis, of Pisquid, has been missing since Saturday evening and is believed to have been drowned. It seems that about sundown on Saturday Mr. Gillis left Mount Stewart for his home in Pisquid, and that was the last seen of him alive. It is believed that he undertook to cross on a cake of ice, and the pole with which he was propelling the ice becoming fast in the mud caused the cake to slip from under him. Today the river is being dragged for the body but so far no trace of it has been found. Mr. Gillis was a cousin of Mr. P. P. Gillis, of Charlottetown, and was about 60 years of age.

ST. DUNSTON'S CATHEDRAL.—The sixth Lenten sermon was preached yesterday in St. Dunstan's Cathedral, by Rev. Dr. Morrison. The subject was "Predestination. This all-important Catholic doctrine was clearly and forcibly presented. The reverend gentleman pointed out that this doctrine when not properly understood, leads to many serious difficulties. But it was impossible to misunderstand the teaching of the Catholic Church on this fundamental principle of Catholic belief when considered with light of Catholic theology. Predestination, as taught by the Catholic Church was not unreasonable. Salvation was for every soul. God willed not the death of the sinner. God's will did not predetermine the doom of the soul. To God eternity was an ever present. The Divine plan was to the mind of man an insolution, but God's love was a comprehension. Dr. Morrison's sermon was a lucid exposition of this profound subject.

PERSONAL.

Hon. A. McLaughlin, St. Peter's, is in town.

Hon. Peter McNutt, of Malpeque, is at the Hotel Davies.

Dr. Otis Brown, of Jackson, Ind., is registered at the Queen.

Mr. S. M. Bent, of the Summerside Journal, spent Sunday in Charlottetown.

Messrs. Geo. Stanley and Charles Leigh, jr., returned from the Old Country today. They crossed at the Capes.

Mr. W. C. Kennedy, of Charlottetown, was in St. John a few days ago. He registered at the Victoria Hotel.

Mr. Murdoch McKinnon, the popular representative of the Murray Harbor District, is in town.

Cyrus Shaw Esq., the esteemed representative of the Cardigan district in the Provincial Legislature, was a passenger in the eastern train this morning.

Messrs. William Edmonds and Joseph Hennessey, left this morning for British Columbia. Both young men are well-known and popular, and take with them the best wishes of all.

Mr. William McGuire left today en route to Montana, where it is understood he has obtained a good position in a boot and shoe store. Mr. McGuire was for years in the employ of J. B. McDonald & Co., and has lately been with W. H. Stewart & Co. He is an excellent salesman and will no doubt do well in his new home.

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