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## COM. DEWEY HEARD FROM

**He Reports Scarcity of Provisions and Residents of Manila Fear an Uprising of Spanish Soldiers.**

Washington, May 25.—The navy department has received a cablegram from Admiral Dewey, as follows:

Manila, Friday.  
Via Hong Kong, Tuesday.  
Secretary Navy, Washington:

Situation unchanged. Strict blockade continued. Great scarcity of provisions in Manila. Foreign subjects fear an outbreak of the Spanish soldiers and they will be transferred to Cavite by the foreign men-of-war in the harbor.

Aguinaldo, the rebel commander-in-chief, who was brought here from Hong Kong on the McCulloch, is organizing a force of native cavalry, and may render assistance that will be valuable.

(Signed) DEWEY.

## CERVERA IS CAGED BY TWO SQUADRONS.

**Jape Verd Fleet Found in Santiago Harbor, and the Great Crash Is Only Hours Away.**

Washington, May 25.—The great battle of the war is to take place in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba. The Spanish fleet, under Admiral Cervera, is inside. The fight may come off any minute. The authorities in Washington, although guarding the facts jealously, are looking for immediate action.

## ARMOR FOR BATTLESHIPS.

**Bethlehem and Carnegie Companies Put in Bids This Time.**

Washington, May 25.—Bids were opened yesterday for supplying the armor for the three battleships, Illinois, Alabama and Wisconsin, now in course of construction at the Union Iron Works, Newport News and Cramps. This is the second time that the government has endeavored to secure bids for supplying the armor of these ships. The first effort, made about a year ago, was unsuccessful because Congress had made the minimum cost per ton for the armor at a figure below the cost of production. The present naval appropriation bill having increased the price allowed to \$400 per ton, to-day's effort was successful.

For the Illinois the two armor companies, Bethlehem and Carnegie, divided their bids, one taking the lighter armor and the other the heavier. For the Alabama the Bethlehem Company bid \$1,022,504, while the Carnegie Company did not bid. For the Wisconsin the Carnegie Company bid \$1,023,504. The rate in each case was \$400 per ton flat for bolts and armor, the maximum allowed by Congress. The Bethlehem Company undertakes to begin deliveries of the armor within seven months after contract and to supply 300 tons monthly. The Carnegie Company will begin December first next and supply the same amount monthly.

## FOOD FOR BLANCO.

**Announces That Duties Have Been Removed and Hints at Blockade Running.**

London, May 25.—A Madrid censored dispatch alleges that General Blanco's first official public expression on the food question has just been received here.

General Blanco, the Madrid cablegram writer says, declares that he does not need food, but at the same time it is announced that all duties on food entering Cuba have been removed, and that if any ship brings supplies she may be unloaded without a moment's delay or any custom house formalities. The announcement also takes pains to indicate West India islands, where food may be obtained and conveyed to Cuba with least risk of capture.

## MISS CISNEROS' ROMANCE.

**To Wed a Former Cuban Banker Who Aided in Rescuing Her From Prison.**

Washington, May 21.—Evangelina Dossio y Cisneros, the young Cuban girl, is soon to wed Carlos Carbonel, the former Cuban banker, who was yesterday nominated by President McKinley to be a lieutenant and aide on the staff of Major General Fitzhugh Lee.

When Karl Decker went to Havana with the express purpose of liberating Miss Cisneros, he found a trusted lieutenant in the person of Mr. Carbonel, although, like Mr. Decker, he was at the time unacquainted with the fair young Cuban.

When the night of the rescue from the Havana prison came, Mr. Carbonel was at Decker's side during the entire affair. To Carbonel was entrusted the duty and privilege of accompanying the girl to New York.

Companionship between the two natives of a common clime soon ripened into love, and the usual details of courtship followed, with the result that he wedding will shortly take place, probably before Lieutenant Carbonel shall be ordered into the field, although to definite time has been decided on by Miss Cisneros, her guardian, Mrs. Logan, or the groom to be.

School children are rejoicing over the coming vacation time.

## FAKE ADVERTISING.

Advertising judiciously placed is undoubtedly a good thing. When properly handled it brings a return that much more than compensates for the outlay. But there are many so-called advertising schemes that are merely intended to put money into the pockets of the schemer, without benefiting the advertiser a farthing, and this town has been so extensively worked in that direction that we deem it our duty to call attention to some of these schemes. Only recently a half dozen or more parties have visited Bloomsburg to gather in money for themselves, and they have so often succeeded that the town now has an established reputation among that craft as one of the most gullible in fake advertising in the state.

Here are a few examples of what we mean. A stranger calls on a business man and solicits an advertisement to be placed on a large blotter, with other business cards. This blotter is to be used on a writing tablet, and the tablet is to be presented to the leading hotel and to be kept in the office for the use of guests who want writing material. When there is a call for such material, the clerk hands the guest this tablet, and when he opens it the advertisements appear on the blotter before him.

Great scheme, and it costs only four dollars a card. Five hundred blotters will be printed, which will last a long time, and the advertiser will be greatly benefited. The business man, especially if he be one who has never spent a dollar in advertising in the local papers, sees a great thing in this proposition, signs an order for the card, and his caller passes on to another victim. After securing orders amounting to forty dollars, the stranger goes to a printing office, makes a contract for printing, not five hundred, but forty blotters, for five dollars, goes around and collects his money, and leaves town the same night with thirty-five dollars in his pocket for his day's work. The blotters and writing case are presented to the leading hotel, laid away under the counter, and are never seen by a guest of the house. No man could write on such a thing if it were given to him. The advertiser's money is thrown away.

Another fake is the railroad time table man, who works about the same scheme, gets up a card with time tables on it, and business cards all over it, has about half as many printed as promised, and does not distribute half of those.

Another one promises to put up cards on the inside of every hotel and boarding house bedroom door in town, on which is printed, the law relating to lodgers at public houses. He secures business cards to be printed on the same sheet, gets a few printed, hands them to some of the hotels where they are consigned to oblivion, and never seen again, and the schemer in almost every case, blows in his money at the bar.

And so on down the list. The wonder is that apparently shrewd business men should be so blind as to patronize such fakes. We have done considerable printing for these tramps, and have made money out of them by charging big prices, and hence we know that most of the people who throw away their money on such schemes, are those whose names never appear in the advertising columns of the local papers. They patronize strangers rather than reliable home institutions, and get faked. Barnum was right in what he said about the American people wanting to be humbugged, and we could go on with instance after instance where these schemes have been worked, where not one penny of good has been done the advertiser.

## PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

The State Prohibition Convention was held at Harrisburg last week. Following are the nominations: For Governor, Rev. Silas C. Swallow of Harrisburg; Lieutenant Governor E. D. Nicholas of Wilkes-Barre; Secretary of Internal Affairs Sterling W. Dickson of Berwick. The platform adopted contains a bitter tirade against the sale of liquor and the last legislature. One of the planks expresses sympathy for Cuba and pledges the support of the party to support the nation's honor.

W. B. Cummings and Chas. B. Lutz of town attended the convention.

Charles P. Sloan and Mrs. Edwards were married in Philadelphia last Thursday, and returned to Bloomsburg on Saturday.

## Memorial Day Program.

Headquarters Col. Ent Post No. 250 Department of Pennsylvania G. A. R.

Comrades will meet at their hall at 10 A. M. and attend Divine Service at the Lutheran church, Sunday preceding memorial day. All soldiers and sailors invited.

Comrades will meet at their hall at 7 A. M. Start for Almedia cemetery at 7:30 A. M. accompanied by the Bloomsburg cornet band, where they will be met by other Societies, Schools and citizens of Espy and Almedia. After appropriate service the graves will be decorated. A detail of the P. O. S. of A. will decorate at the Vanderslice grave yard on Sunday.

At 2:30 P. M. the post and other orders, societies and schools will form on Market Square and march to West Street, countermarch up Main Street to East, countermarch down Main to Center and up Center to Cemetery. The Memorial Service will be conducted at the Soldiers Circle and details sent from there to decorate the graves of the fallen heroes.

## COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

The Seventh Annual Commencement of the Bloomsburg Public Schools will take place next week. There will be eight contestants in the Junior oratorical contest, for which three prizes will be awarded, the first a gold medal, second set of books and the third a Wirt Fountain pen.

The music for the exercises will be furnished by Rizzo's orchestra. Following is the program:

May 29, 7:30 p. m.—Class Sermon, Lutheran Church, Rev. M. E. McLinn.

May 30, 8:00 p. m.—Junior Oratorical Contest, Opera House.

May 31, 8 p. m.—Cantata by the Third Street School, Opera House.

June 1, 7:30 p. m.—B. Junior Sociable, High School.

June 2, 8:00 p. m.—Seventh Annual Commencement, Opera House.

June 3, 8:00 p. m.—Alumni Banquet, Exchange Hotel.

## Dewey's Men to Get \$200,000.

Besides the thanks of Congress and the President about \$200,000 in prize money will be distributed among the officers and men comprising Rear Admiral Dewey's fleet at Manila. Naval officers have discovered that section 4,635 of the Revised Statutes authorizes the payment of a bounty of \$100 for each man on an enemy's ship of war that is destroyed in action.

There were probably no less than 2000 men in the Spanish fleet when Dewey and his brave fighters destroyed it on May 1, and this would mean aggregate premiums of \$200,000 to be divided among American sailors.

Col. J. G. Freeze has just published a history of the Episcopal Church in Columbia County, which contains much valuable and interesting information. Besides a history of St. Paul's it contains all that is known of St. Gabriel's, Sugarloaf, St. James', Derry, St. John's, Catawissa, and the church at Berwick. Col. Freeze is Columbia County's recognized leading historian, and the facts gathered by him can be relied upon as correct.

How often do we see young boys on the street at late hours in the night when they should be home. It is a practice far too common in every town, and one which is bound to result to the boys sorrow. It is at the quiet hours of the night, that boys plan and execute mischief. Follow up the lives of the boys who were always allowed the freedom of the streets, and given their own way in everything. They are the ones who crowd our work houses, and bring sorrow to parents.

The new bridge over the river at Catawissa has been opened for travel. The work is all finished with the exception of filling in at the west end, which will be done by the Commissioners, the department at Harrisburg having advised them to do so in order to avert any law suit, which might occur by attempting to force the contractor to do any additional work. This is one of the first bridges built by the State under the recent act of the legislature.

Rev. J. C. Grimes, of Jonestown, preached in the M. E. Church Sunday evening.

## Wash Suits

for Boys, ages 3 to 12.

Just the thing for warm weather.

Blue pin stripe with trimmed sailor collar 98c.



Tan with white trimmings, 98c.

Several other lines at 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, \$2.50.

The superiority of our boys' suits are well known by mothers who have bought them.

We have also made decided reductions in our other lines of Boys' Wool Suits in Blouse, Fauntleroy or Vestee.

Men's Suits are selling at about one-third less than regular prices.

5.00, 7.50, 8.00, and \$10 for suits worth at least a third more.

Straw hats, crash hats, large line, 25c and upwards.

## GIDDING & CO.

### The Church and the War.

An Illustration of the Religious Sentiment of the Country.

Trinity Episcopal Church, Detroit, flies the nation's flag from its tower and the rector announces that it will wave there every day during the present war, and thereafter upon every day of national importance. The raising of the banner to its place was made the occasion of quite a celebration, clergymen of two or three other churches being present in their priestly robes. Several of the prayers of the church were read, among them those for the President and others in authority and for the nation in time of war. In the course of his remarks the rector said:—

When we first resolved to raise the national flag over our church it was because our nation was engaged in a war more justified than any ever before fought in the history of the world.

Now we are able to make this occasion also a celebration of a great victory. We raise this flag in the hope and expectation that the cause of humanity and justice, for which this war is undertaken, shall triumph. People have come to me objecting to the raising of the flag upon the church. I believe that there is no more appropriate places. I have small use for people who cannot lap their religion over into everyday life. Christian citizenship should be the aim of every man.

Another speaker said: "This is an unusually appropriate time for the flag of our country to be raised over a house of worship. We raise this flag in recognition of the justness of our cause and of the fact that we can pray with the utmost sincerity for the blessing of God to rest upon our arms." A great audience was present on the occasion, and after the services were outside and watched the raising of the banner to the flagstaff and listened to a salute of twenty-one guns from a small cannon. Then the people went home with some new ideas in their heads, doubtless, as to the close connection between patriotism and religion.

The Bloomsburg Driving Club is making preparations for a series of races to be held on July 4 and 5 on the fair grounds. \$1000 will be given away in purses.

### Poster's Weather Predictions.

The next storm wave will reach the Pacific coast about the 26th, cross west of Rockies country by close of 27th, great central valleys 28th to 30th, eastern states 31st.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 25th, great central valleys 28th, eastern states 30th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 29th, great central valleys 31st, eastern states June 2d.

During the last week in May severe storms may be expected in the northern states, and local heavy showers will occur in a few places.

The coolest week of the month, east of the Rockies, was predicted to occur near the date of this bulletin, and the country was also warned that soon after this time apprehensions of a serious drouth would arise.

It is stated on good military authority that more men have already volunteered their services to Uncle Sam than would be required for five such wars as the present one promises to be. If this be true, and it undoubtedly is, there will certainly be no necessity for a draft during its progress. In the late Civil War against a foe, a great deal more formidable than Spain to-day, and when our strength was but a fraction of what it is now the draft was not made until after more than two years of hard campaigning.

So great is the desire among the young men of Bloomsburg to enlist, that several became very angry on Monday evening when they were informed that they failed to pass the physical examination and could not be accepted.

While it is disappointing to the young men to be knocked out from going to the front on account of some physical debility, yet it is perfectly right and proper to reject all who do not come up to the requirement. When one considers the overburdened pension roll of today, it is easily seen why so many volunteers are rejected.

George H. Welliver will sell a carload of fine Ohio horses at the Exchange Hotel stables this afternoon.

### THE WAR.

There is no change in the situation as we go to press. The President has issued his second call for troops. It is believed that the Spanish fleet under Cervera is bottled up in the Santiago Harbor, and that the flying squadron will be able to keep it in the narrow neck until it surrenders or be starved out.

The Philippine expedition consisting of three big transports and 2500 soldiers left San Francisco yesterday afternoon.

There is no better way to keep alive the spirit of freedom and love of liberty than to properly celebrate the National birthday on July 4th. Of late years, the successful American citizen claimed to be entirely "too busy for such foolishness," and the result is that the good old fashioned fourth of July celebration, when the salt of the earth gathered together in honor of the day and the men who made the day, has ceased to be a yearly custom. The year 1898 seems to be just the proper time to revise the old style way of perpetuating Independence Day.

### Another Scheme.

A clever scheme is being worked by a pair of smart fellows in nearby towns. One goes through the country on a good bicycle. When he strikes a town he claims to be hard up, and offers to sell the wheel cheap to get some money. The boys admire bicycles and bite readily, paying a small price for a first class wheel. After a few days the other sharper turns up and claims to be looking for a man who stole his wheel. He describes it well, giving the number, and the owner has to part with it. The sharper raises from \$20 to \$40 a trip, and starts for greener fields.

The post office department advises the friends and relatives of soldiers who are at the front that in addressing letters to them they should mark plainly the company and regiment to which they belong, as it will greatly facilitate the distribution of the mails. This applies to both the regulars and the volunteers.