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Cost of the War.

It is estimated that the war with Spain has cost Uncle Sam \$150,000,000, of which \$98,000,000 have been actually paid out of the treasury. Beginning with March 1, when the first increases in the expenditures in anticipation of war became apparent in the daily expenditures of the treasury, the actual disbursements on this account have been approximately as follows:

March—Army, \$600,000; navy, \$2,400,000; total, \$3,000,000.
April—Army, \$1,200,000; navy, \$9,800,000; total, \$11,000,000.
May—Army, \$12,000,000; navy, \$7,000,000; total, \$19,000,000.
June—Army, \$16,500,000; navy, \$6,500,000; total, \$23,000,000.
July—Army, \$29,500,000; navy, \$5,500,000; total, \$35,000,000.

To August 13—Army, \$5,500,000; navy, \$1,500,000; total, \$7,000,000.
Total charged to war department, \$65,300,000; total charged to navy department, \$32,700,000; grand total, \$98,000,000. The appropriations made by congress on account of the war aggregated about \$360,000,000 and cover the time to January 1, 1899.

Columbus and Santiago.

The voyage of Columbus, the discoverer of the Spanish Main, are of more than usual interest to-day. His second voyage is especially interesting.

He sailed from Palos, Spain, on Sept. 25, 1493, with 17 vessels and 1,500 men, discovering the island of Dominica on the 3d of November. Leaving there he landed on several of the Caribbean islands, and had several conflicts with the natives. Then he coasted along Porto Rico, and probably called in at San Juan, so recently bombed by Admiral Sampson. On the 25th of November he reached the harbor of La Navidad, on the coast of Hayti. He found that the colony of 43 men he left there (the first Spanish settlement in the New World) had been killed by hostile Indians. In December, on a new site farther east, he founded Isabella, the first European town in the New World. He explored the interior, and in the spring set sail westward, when he discovered the south coast of Cuba and called it Santiago, where now, 400 years later, his fellow countrymen were besieged by the American fleet.

McClure's Magazine for September.

In *McClure's Magazine* for September, Mr. George E. Graham describes the destruction of Admiral Cervera's fleet, as he himself had the good fortune to see the work done from Commodore Schley's flagship, the "Brooklyn"; and Mr. W. A. M. Goode describes it as he too saw it, from Admiral Sampson's flagship, the "New York." Together the two papers give a complete and most vivid account of what was undoubtedly the most picturesque event of all the war; and being illustrated with portraits of all the commanders, pictures of all the ships, and views of all the wrecks, largely from photographs taken by the authors, they leave nothing to be desired.

Some very interesting reminiscences and letters of Mary Todd Lincoln, the wife of President Lincoln, are given in an article by her sister, Emily Todd Helm. The Indian chief Two Moon's story of General Custer's last fight, as taken down by Mr. Hamlin Garland, has, besides its value as being the Indian's version of a famous battle between him and the white man, that of a charming quaintness and ingenuousness. An exposition, by Mr. George B. Waldron, of "The Commercial Promise of Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines," presents the possibilities of our recent conquests in most eloquent figures.

Other features of the number—in addition to several short stories of unusual interest—are a fully illustrated article giving some marvelous facts regarding the action of volcanoes, by Cleveland Moffett, and an account of "How the News of the War is Reported," by Ray Stannard Baker.

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Exceptions to the certificate of nomination of R. R. Little as Judge, were filed at Harrisburg on Wednesday by Judge Herring's counsel.

State News.

—Aged Mrs. Jane Jackman, of Shamokin, fell down stairs and killed herself.

—Mystery surrounds the death of an unknown man whose body was found in a barn near Hazleton.

—Sixty-seven year-old Charles S. Lacin of South Bethlehem, was married on Monday to Mary Smith, aged 65.

—Falling from a trolley car at Kingston on Tuesday, Mrs. George R. Stairbird of Wilkes-Barre was instantly killed.

—Walter Wellman of Scranton has been held for court, to answer the charge of pulling teeth in defiance of the new law for the protection of dentists.

—The handsome \$7000 soldiers' monument now in course of erection at Shamokin in honor of the heroes who fell during the Civil War, will be unveiled on Saturday, October 1. Governor Hastings, Adjutant General Stewart and other well known people will be in attendance. The ceremonies will be preceded by a street parade.

—The United Mine Workers, of the Hazleton region, are preparing for a gigantic demonstration on Saturday September 10, which will be celebrated as Labor Day, and the first anniversary of the Lattimer affray. Hazleton will be the point of assembling for the Mine Workers of the solid North and South sides, and this section alone will, it is fully expected, furnish almost 2,000.

Spain's Loss of Empire.

On his accession to the Spanish throne in 1556, Philip II found himself ruler of the greatest empire the world had seen since Rome was at the zenith of its power. Its navies were famous for their greatness and they ruled the ocean; its armies were famous for their prowess; she swayed the destinies of Europe, had possessions in all the continents, and may be said to have owned the Americas, North and South. Samuel Johnson, writing as recently as 1740, when complaining of the poor people's hardships, said:

Are there no regions yet unclaimed by Spain? Quick, let us rise, those happy lands to explore, And bear oppressions' insolence no more.

The Spanish empire was the result of marriages, conquest and discoveries; its decline and fall may be ascribed to the ruthless character of the Spanish people. When Columbus discovered San Domingo, it had a population of 2,000,000; in 1530 this population had dwindled to 350,000. Cortez in Mexico and Pizarro in Peru were ideal Spanish conquerors.

In the latter part of Philip's reign (he died in 1598) Spain lost all, or nearly all, of her dependencies in North Africa, and early in the next reign, Burgundy, Naples, Sicily, and then Milan. In 1609 the Netherlands were lost; in 1628, Malacca, Ceylon, Java and other islands; in 1640, Portugal; in 1648, all claims were renounced to Holland, Brabant and parts of Flanders; in 1649, were lost Maestricht, Hertogenbosch, Breda, Bergen-op-Zoom, and many other fortresses in the Low Countries, in which year the crown tacitly surrendered supremacy on the seas to Northern Europe; in 1659 Rousillon and Cardague were ceded to France, making the Pyrenees the boundary between the two countries; in 1668 to 1672, the last of Flanders was given up; in 1704, Gibraltar was lost; in 1791, the Nootka Sound settlements; in 1794, San Domingo; in 1800, Louisiana; in 1802, Trinidad; in 1819, Florida; from 1810-21, were lost Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Banda-Oriental, Paraguay, Patagonia, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, San Salvador, Haiti, and numerous islands pertaining to the American continents, all the possessions in the Western Hemisphere, in fact, save Porto Rico and Cuba, which in 1898 are taken from her.

The future of Spanish Morocco and of the Philippines, Caroline, Sulu, Ladrones and Canary groups has yet to be settled.—*Memphis Commercial*.

If you want lithographed bonds, certificates of stock, checks, drafts, diplomas, or any thing in that line, the COLUMBIAN office can furnish them. See samples.

Buffalo Herds in Old Days.

Difference Between Seeing 10,000 Animals and One Lone Bull.

Gazing on the scraggy remnants of buffalo in an inclosure at Glen Island, a Colorado tourist in the East said:

"They are buffaloes, I don't dispute that, but they are not the kind that used to make the West look like a moving sea. I reckon you have read a good deal about extinct buffalo. Ten years ago I heard that the last buffalo had been killed—the last one in captivity. But the buffalo, like the Indian, dies hard. And I read about the last Indian long before I began shedding my hair.

"There is a herd of buffalo in Colorado that has been knocking about for 30 years at least, and a man in that State who has made the buffalo a life study tells me he knows of two herds. In 1865 there was a big herd in the country known as Middle Park. As the country was settled by whites the buffalo fell back. Hunters followed that herd to Milk River, but in the winter of 1873 the weather was so severe that the hunters gave up the chase. That was the great snow winter in Colorado. The snow was so deep that buffalo couldn't get around. That's an actual fact. But it never gets too deep for Indians. That winter a band of Indians went after the buffalo and killed more than could be brought away. Next spring a lot of whites went out and got the tallow from the dead buffaloes and made money out of it.

"The white hunters brought back the news that the Indians had killed every buffalo in the herd. But that was like other buffalo stories. A few weeks later a herd was found on the headwaters of Troublesome River. It was a part of the herd which was snow-bound. White hunters killed some of this herd and brought the meat to market and got into trouble for it, because there is a law against killing buffalo in Colorado. This law operates against a white man, but an Indian can hunt and kill anything he likes and the law never touches him.

"The last man I saw who had seen buffalo in Colorado told me that he had counted ten buffaloes up on the North Park slope. That was four years ago. Think of it! He had seen buffalo, because he had counted 'em. Ten of 'em! I wonder what he would 'a' thought if he had seen 10,000 in a herd. And I can remember the time when it took 10,000 to make a herd. But never again will any man see such a herd. When buffalo herds get scattered they don't even multiply."—*Chicago Inter-Ocean*.

"BLIND TOM" AS HE IS TO-DAY.

His Passion for Music is Just as Strong as It Ever Was.

"The name Thomas Wiggins means nothing to the majority of readers," writes John J. a'Becket in the September *Ladies' Home Journal*. "But Thomas Wiggins is 'Blind Tom,' a name familiar to hundreds of thousands in this country and abroad, who have heard the piano played by this wonderful negro. The impression that he is dead is a pretty general one. As a matter of fact, Blind Tom has never been ill a day in his life. On the banks of the Shrewsbury River, in a domain of over two hundred acres of woodland, stands a picturesque two-and-a-half-story wooden house with a broad veranda. Here Blind Tom is at home.

"His hands are not at all 'piano hands.' In place of the slender, long-fingered hands which one so often sees in great pianists, Tom's hands are small and plump, with the thumbs and tapering fingers quite short.

"The strongest impression I bore away was that of the sweet, contented life the poor, blind negro is leading. There was pathos in it. I had expected to find a wonder at the piano, and I did, for his untutored mastery of the instrument is marvelous. From the time when the Bethune family left the dinner-table to see who could be playing on the piano, and discovered the sightless pickaninny of four years perched on the stool, his little hands plucking uncanny melody from the keyboard—from that time until now he has had an unwavering devotion to the instrument whose music is his life."

Reduced Rates to Pittsburg via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account Republican State League Convention.

On account of the Republican State League Convention, to be held at Pittsburg, Pa., September 7 to 9, inclusive, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged to sell excursion tickets on September 5, 6, and 7, from all ticket stations in Pennsylvania to Pittsburg, at rate of a single fare for the round trip (minimum rate, twenty-five cents). These tickets will be valid for return passage until September 16, 1898, inclusive.

ALGER'S STATEMENT.

THE SECRETARY PLACES MATTERS IN A NEW LIGHT.

War Department Does Not Care to Enter Into Controversy. Alger Thinks the Miles Interview Has Been Greatly Enlarged.

Washington, Aug. 31.—The Miles-Alger-Corbin controversy, arising from an alleged interview given to a correspondent of the Kansas City Star by the commanding general of the army, appears in a new light since Secretary Alger made a brief statement in the matter. The secretary refused to enter into an extended discussion of the subject, and he repeated what he has said so many times within the last few days, that he believed General Miles never made half of the statements which have been credited to him. The secretary proceeded then to answer some questions which indicated strongly that the war department is not disposed to take up the gauntlet which General Miles seems to have thrown down.

General Miles, in the opinion of the secretary, evidently intended to draw the army administration into a discussion which would lead to an official inquiry which, in turn, as he confidently believed, would clear up some matters which he wished to have exposed in justice to himself.

Secretary Alger said yesterday that the correspondent of the Kansas City Star was evidently desirous of securing a denial of his publications from an official source. "That is just what the correspondent won't get," added the secretary emphatically. "The fact that General Shafter was asked for an explanation of a report that he had given the proceedings of the round robin at Santiago to the press has no necessary application in this case.

"At any rate," he said, "if we do ask General Miles whether he gave that interview or not, we shall not publish the fact, and the newspapers won't know anything about it. There is an evident desire to have a controversy on this subject, but there can be none and the war department will take no part in one."

It is common report around the war office that both Secretary Alger and the adjutant general do not want a court of inquiry or a court martial growing out of the Miles interview would result in. An officer of the war department, whose authority is beyond question, declared yesterday that an important order recently prepared by the assistant secretary of war for promulgation through the adjutant general had never been issued.

It was suppressed, he said, in the adjutant general's office. The adjutant general, of course, has no discretion in such matters; his function is merely the transmission of orders prepared by others. The next day an order directly opposite in purport, and prepared by some authority in the war department, was issued by the adjutant general. General Corbin was sharply called to account, whereupon he declared that he had not received the first order, although it was personally delivered to his office from the office of the assistant secretary.

General Corbin said yesterday: "I have issued no orders of any importance except upon the authority and by the direction of the secretary of war or the president of the United States. They are amply able, I take it, to protect themselves, and so far as I am concerned there are no explanations or apologies to make."

OFF FOR PORTO RICO.

The Seneca Carries the Porto Rican Military Commission. Brooklyn, Aug. 31.—The army transport steamer Seneca, carrying the Porto Rican military commission, will sail from this city this afternoon, and if nothing unforeseen happens, Admiral Schley, General W. W. Gordon and the other members of the party will arrive at Ponce early next Tuesday morning. The Seneca is now lying at the foot of Pacific street, where stores for the soldiers in Porto Rico are being taken on board.

"In addition to Admiral Schley and General Gordon, Major General J. R. Brooke is also a member of the Porto Rican military commission. He is now in Porto Rico and will probably join Schley and Gordon at Ponce. There will be about thirty members of the Porto Rican party. Besides the commissioners there will be the aids of each commissioner, interpreters, stenographers and clerks. A special postal commission will also sail on the Seneca. Altogether the passengers will number sixty.

It is expected that the Cuban commission will sail from Brooklyn on the Resolute on Saturday afternoon of this week. The Cuban commissioners are Generals Wade and Butler and Admiral Sampson. Lieutenant Colonel J. W. Closs of the judge advocate general's department goes as recorder and legal adviser of the commission.

SERIOUS REBELLION IN CHINA.

Attack on Canton Threatened. Hong Kong, Aug. 31.—The Kwang Si rebellion, which has been quiescent for some time, shows signs of breaking out again. The rebels are in great force fifty miles northwest of Canton, and are preparing to attack the city.

The viceroy of Canton having failed to send troops to suppress the rebellion in Hainan and protect the American missionaries, United States Consul Bedloe at Canton has made strong representations to the acting viceroy, reiterating his demand for the prompt suppression of the disturbances. The uprisings appear to have been fomented by the Triad and White Lily Societies, which have combined for the purpose.

Governor's Island Hospital Full. New York, Aug. 30.—The sick soldiers in the post and field hospitals on Governor's island were all doing nicely this morning. Both hospitals are crowded to their utmost capacity. Major Kimball, the surgeon in charge, has received assurances from Colonel Porwood, the chief surgeon at Camp Winkoff, that no more patients will be sent to him.

Laugh and Grow Lovely.

One's general physical condition is so closely allied to the mental that laughing is a good, invigorating tonic for the entire system.

A long, hearty laugh expands the lungs, making the blood course through the veins quickly, and this simple process gives a peach-like complexion to the woman who laughs. And when she laughs her eyes twinkle and the brightness lingers there after the laughter has died away.

Laughing, too, strengthens the muscles of the face and banishes that drawn look so familiar to the sad faced woman.

The women who have adopted the laughing cure claim that they have never felt so cheerful and thoroughly good-natured before in their lives, and their friends tell them that they are positively growing beautiful.

Schedule of Trains to Eaglesmere.

Train on P. & R. leaving Bloomsburg at 7.30 a. m. connects at Halls at 10.23, reaching Eaglesmere at 12.20 p. m.

Train leaving Bloomsburg at 3.40 p. m. connects at Halls at 5.25 p. m., reaching Eaglesmere at 7.15 p. m.

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- White enameled curtain poles, 20c ea
- Palm leaf fans, 1c ea
- Nickle plated tea strainers, 10c ea
- Nickle plated coffee pot stands, 10c ea
- Nickle plated oil stove tea kettles, 25c
- Nickle plated children's trays, 25, 48c

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"Last Night of the Battleship Maine" is the subject of a most realistic panorama which we are exhibiting on our second floor. Thousands came last week to see it and all were delighted and pleased. For our out-of-town friends, who may yet want to see this beautiful cyclorama, it will be exhibited another week. Exhibition free to all.

On Second Floor.

LADIES' WRAPPERS. Made of best quality indigo blue, black and white and fancy printed calicoes, made with yoke front and back and belt, the lot is entirely new and would be an opportunity at 98c; this week's bargain price 62c

LADIES' CRASH SKIRTS. Here's a chance for 150 ladies to get a skirt bargain. They are made full seven gore, with deep hem, and sold readily all season at \$1.25; this week's bargain price 89c

NOTIONS. Extra quality Spring Hooks and Eyes, per dozen 2c
Victoria Dress Stays, per dozen 11c
Silk Taffeta Seam Binding, per piece 10c
5-yard pieces of Angora Skirt Braid 8c
Best American Pins, per paper 3 1/2c

DOMESTICS. Best Yard Wide Bleached Muslin, a yard 4c
Yard Wide Dark Percales, 10c. kind, a yard 7c
Best 5c. Shirting Prints, a yard 3c
New fall styles in Calicoes, 7c. kind, a yard 5c
Fancy Figured Flannelettes, new fall patterns, 10c. quality, a yard 8c

BLANKETS. 10-4 Grey Blankets, always 50c., here 35c
12-4 White and Grey Blankets, regular \$2.00 quality, here \$1.49

DRESS LININGS. New Cotton Moreen, regular 19c. quality 12 1/2c
Good Canvas Facing, always 12 1/2c., here 8 1/2c
Best 10c. quality Silesia 7 1/2c

Figured Stair Crash, 18 inches wide; this week a yard 6 1/2c
All Linen Crash, a yard 5c
Large size Turkish Towels, 10c
Shelf Oil Cloth, per yard 5c

HOUSE FURNISHINGS. In the Basement. Best Hard Wood Clothes Pins, 5 dozen in cartons 5c
10c. quart Galvanized Water Pails 12c
Good size Wash Boards, with zinc covering 10c

Best Cedar Wash Tubs, with three hoops, regular value \$1; this week 75c

5-foot Step Ladders, complete with bucket rack, always 75c.; this week 50c

KAYSER'S Pure Silk Gloves, in white, black and colors, made with four buttons; special, per pair. 45c

LADIES' HOSIERY. 200 dozen Ladies' Seamless Fast Black and White Foot Hose, regular value 15c.; this week a pair 10c

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