

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WAR SPIRIT DOMINANT IN WASHINGTON.

The Report Concludes that the Maine Was Blown Up from Design.—The American People Losing Confidence in McKinley.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—War! War! War!!! That has been the cry on every side in tones higher and higher, since the official report of Naval Court of Inquiry, confirmed the opinion that had been general from the day the Maine was blown up, by saying that the explosion was on the outside of the vessel, and showing, by evidence presented, the impossibility of private parties being able to get or to put into position explosives powerful enough to do what was done in Havana harbor without the assistance or connivance of Spanish officials. Mr. McKinley knows that war is the only outcome of the situation, notwithstanding that he persists in talking peace while the whole administration is acting war, but he has an overwhelming anxiety to have Spain make the first open hostile move, just as though the blowing up of the Maine was not a hostile act, and as if the flotilla of torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers now making its way towards American waters, alleged to be bound for Porto Rico, was not another hostile act. His reasons for not wishing to begin is a fear that Europe may think that he had forced the war upon Spain.

Mr. McKinley has a policy which he thinks will force Spain to get out of Cuba peaceably, to declare war against the United States, or to begin fighting us without a declaration of war. He told leading Senators and Representatives enough of this policy before sending the Maine report to Congress to secure their promises to aid in keeping Congress from acting on the Maine report until this policy can be put into effect, or at least be tried. This policy is to be intervention in Cuba, in the name of humanity, and under it, the loss of the Maine is to be a side issue, treated as the result of incompetence rather than criminal intention on the part of the Spanish government, and no specific reparation therefore is to be asked, although, it is said, that Mr. McKinley indulges the hope that Spain will voluntarily make some offer in that line—a hope not shared by anybody else, so far as known. The first official move in this policy will be a message from Mr. McKinley to Congress, asking for an appropriation to be used for the relief of all Cubans who are in need.

It will not be an easy matter to hold Congress down until Mr. McKinley's intervention policy can be carried out, although there is very little doubt that it will eventually bring on war with Spain just as certainly as would a declaration of war. But there is an opinion in the minds of many men in Congress that it would be more in keeping with American character to openly declare war upon Spain, regardless of European opinion, than to virtually force Spain to take the initiative in the war, by acting under the cloak of humanity. Representative Lewis, of the state of Washington, voiced the opinion of this element in Congress when he said: "War is already upon us. We are fools to disguise it. It is not patriotic to delude ourselves further. A Spanish flotilla is sailing towards our shores. It is the duty of the government to intercept that flotilla and blow it from the seas." And the enthusiastic cheers which greeted his quotation from a speech made by John Randolph, in the House, in 1822, were significant—"As we would not be bullied by the British lion, so we refuse to be frightened by the Spanish jackall."

The Secretary of the Interior has asked Congress for an appropriation of more than \$8,000,000 to meet a deficiency in the pension funds for the current fiscal year. The Republican leaders in Congress probably knew that this deficiency would exist, and that was why they insisted upon making the pension appropriation for the next fiscal year about \$10,000,000 less than they know will be required. It is all a part of the scheme to keep down the total of appropriations at this session of Congress.

The Democratic filibuster while the Naval Appropriation bill was being considered by the House, sitting as a committee of the whole, was not made to delay the Naval bill, but as a rebuke to Representative Payne, of New York who was presiding and who tried to out-Czar the Czar himself, by refusing to allow Representative Hartman, of Montana, to complete a speech he began, because Mr. Hartman, who is a silver Republican, dared to satirize the Republican party, and as such it was fully deserved. Representative Bailey, who led the filibustering, correctly stated the Democratic position when

he said, in protesting against the refusal of Little Czar Payne to entertain a demand for tellers on a vote upon an appeal from his decision: "If you do not permit us to verify the count, you destroy the last safeguard of the minority. A dishonest man in the chair—and there have been dishonest men in the chair,—could defeat the will of this house. I am free to say that my purpose in inaugurating this filibuster was to consume twice as much time as you denied the gentleman from Montana, and I intend to do it every time you deny a reasonable demand."

CONVENTIONS

State and this County—Dates Fixed for All. The Prohibition state convention will lead off on May 19 and 20. On Thursday, the 2d of June, the Republicans will make their state nominations and a month later the Democrats will hold their state convention.

Chairman Garman expects to be re-elected a Chairman by the Democrats and favors a fight on state issues. Chairman Elkin expects to be re-elected by the Republicans.

The Wanamaker movement is giving the Republicans great uneasiness, and Swallow's candidacy adds to the trouble.

Quay's choice for governor is one of the Stones, but it is believed any Quay man will have to be dropped.

The Democrats are having Coffroth, Guffy, Gordon and Pattison in mention for governor.

In Centre county dates for the political county conventions have been set. The Republicans will hold their convention at Bellefonte May 24, and the Democrats on June 14.

Both parties are likely to have spirited contests for delegates to the state conventions, more especially with the Republicans who will have it hot between the Quay and Wanamaker elements. Among the Republican candidates in this county we see some names that are quite vulnerable when shown up should they get on the ticket, and it will require only clean Democratic nominees to cause a landslide in the county.

Some Democrats talk of "locality" and "claims." We never had strong faith in that. "Is he honest, is he capable," that should wipe out the prattle of locality claims when the man is inferior. Strictly upon locality, Centre could hardly put in a strong claim for congress or senator, since for the former we had Curtin four times, Williams one time and Spangler one time. Spangler was the victim of a landslide and courtesy would accord him a re-nomination if he wanted it, having braved the fight under very adverse winds. On senator we had Alexander and Meek, and under the old plea of "usage" the latter might claim a reelection. But, let us go back to the Jeffersonian test, "Is he honest, is he capable," and let that alone fix the man, wiping out locality and claim, the producer of fourth rate material.

Good Manners.

Don't forget to say "Good Morning!" and say it cheerfully and with a smile; it will do you good, and do your friends good. There's a kind of inspiration in every heartily "Good Morning" that makes hope fresher and work lighter. It seems really to make the morning good, and to be a prophecy of a good day to come after it. And if this be true of the "Good Morning" it is so also of kind, heartsome greeting; they cheer the discouraged, rest the tired one, somehow make the wheels of life run more smoothly. Be liberal with them, then, and let no morning pass, however dark and gloomy it may be, that you do not help at least to brighten by your smiles and cheerful words.

Policies Must be Transferred.

Those who carry insurance upon their household goods and intend changing their place of residence this spring, should not fail to promptly notify the agent and have the policy transferred to their new abode. Otherwise should a fire occur and the household goods be consumed, they cannot recover damages.

Odd Fellows Social.

The Odd Fellows lodge will install their newly elected officers this evening. The members have invited their wives and lady friends to the affair and will have open house.

From all over the country, come words of praise for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Here is a sample letter from Mrs. C. Shep, of Little Rock, Ark.: "I was suffering from a very severe cold, when I read of the cures that had been effected by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I concluded to give it a trial and accordingly procured a bottle. It gave me prompt relief, and I have the best reason for recommending it very highly, which I do with pleasure." For sale by S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, and H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

DEFIED HIS PURSUERS.

John Mills Stabbed in the Breast During a Fight.—May End Fatally.

For the last year or more there has been a family feud between the Shope and Mills families, living in Boggs township, this county. They were always quarreling and oftentimes when they met on the public highway a violent and desperate fight would take place.

On Thursday night a week ago the members of both families attended a spelling bee at a school house near the Mills home. After it was over an altercation arose between Cyrus Shope and John Mills, when a free fight took place, in which Shope, it is said stabbed Mills in the breast, near the left lung, with a knife, inflicting a serious wound. Mills fell to the ground unconscious, and was carried into the house for aid. His assailant fled and made his escape, while his victim is still living, but his chances for recovery are not very encouraging.

Since then Shope has been evading the officers and it is alleged has been swearing vengeance on the man who would attempt to take him. Saturday Officer Josh Folk, of Bellefonte, was deputized by the Sheriff to go after him and make the arrest. He performed his duty late Saturday night, when he went to his home, and before Shope was able to jump out of the window and make his escape, the officer succeeded in catching him and taking him to Bellefonte, where he was locked up in a steel cell in the jail to await the results of Mill's injuries, which probably will be death.

Shope now claims that what might prove to be a fatal blow to Mills was made in self-defense.

The Eastern Situation.

It is not beyond the range of possibility that war may break out in the farthest East before it breaks out in the west. Fleets are gathering about the Chinese coast compared with which our Atlantic squadron and the Spanish torpedo-boats together are insignificant. The British China fleet is being mobilized at Hong Kong and a French fleet has just gone by to the China Sea, where the German navy already is well represented. And all this with reference to the Russian advances in Northern China.

The gradual expansion of Russian influence over southern and western Asia has brought it close to the lines of British India, but otherwise the two powers have not come immediately in contact and Great Britain has counted upon her outposts on the Chinese coast to secure her control in the Pacific and her influence upon the future fortunes of China. Now Russia has got there too and the Lion and the Bear are growling at one another, while the powers are standing by, ready to take a hand or to avail themselves of anything to be made out of the quarrel.—Phil. Times.

Compelled to Disband.

The Union Christian Endeavor Society, which has flourished in town for several years was compelled to discontinue the organization for the present, on account of being unable to secure a place for holding their meetings. The society has done a good work since its organization and the meetings were always well attended by the young people, which was evidence that they were interested in the cause. The organization should have the support of the christian people of the town to help secure a place in which to continue the work.

New Millinery Goods.

Mrs. Lucy Henney desires to inform the ladies that she has received a large stock of new millinery goods for the spring. She asks an inspection of the same.

State Meeting.

The Sons of Veterans will hold their annual state convention at Phillipsburg June 14, 15 and 16, and the camp of that place are now making preparations for the meeting.

Examinations Saturday.

Examinations as required under the Berkeley system was held last Saturday in the grammar school room. There were twelve applicants for diplomas.

For some time, I have suffered with rheumatism and tried every imaginable remedy, without effect. Mr. F. G. S. Wells advised me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, telling me that it had cured many cases of long standing like mine. I have used four bottles and feel sure that one more bottle will make my cure complete.—A. P. KONTZ, Claremore, Ark. Sold by S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; J. H. Ross, Linden Hall and H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

—For Sale.—Eggs for hatching from fine, large, pure-bred white Wyandotte hens, at 50 cts. per set of 15. Reductions on larger lots. CHAS. D. BARTHOLOMEW.

CONGRESS FOR WAR!

FORCE THE PRESIDENT TO ACT PROMPTLY.

Leading Republican Members of the Senate and House Say the President is Too Slow and Dillydallying.

The report of the Maine investigation was sent to congress on Monday and the substance of it is that the battleship was blown up by a mine or torpedo, without giving an opinion as to who is guilty of the infamous act.

The President in his message expresses a desire to settle the trouble without war if he is given time. Leading Republicans declare the President is being fooled by Spain to gain time, and declare in favor of war at once, without waiting on the President.

The war spirit ran high in both houses of congress on Tuesday, and an immediate declaration of war was the prevalent feeling. To give the President two days more time to announce the stand he intended to take deferred action.

In the senate resolutions were introduced by senators Frye, Rawlins and Foraker, and in the house by representative Marsh, declaring war existing between this country and Spain. Congress is in dead earnest and will act if the President hesitates longer.

The ultimatum submitted by our government to Spain, demands the immediate independence of Cuba. Today the Spanish cabinet is to consider the ultimatum and decide. A refusal means war.

THE ARMY IN READINESS.

Many Preparations Made That Have Not Come to Light.

At Governor's Island, near New York, a few days ago, a gray-haired army officer, who was a young Lieutenant on the frontier when the civil war opened, and who has been insisting for the past four weeks that there would be no conflict with Spain, had this to say to a Sun reporter:

"I'm not saying that there'll be war, but I do say that if war comes we're ready for it. I'm not saying this, young man, as a boast, because I know what war is, and it's no fun. I cannot speak for the navy. Others have been looking well to that, but so far as the army is concerned we are ready for any emergency that threatens at present.

"The work that has been done on coast fortifications and in other branches of the army in the past three weeks is simply amazing. The public hasn't any knowledge of a quarter of it. When the fuss is all over, they may learn all about it, and then they will wonder how it was all done. There may be no harm in my stating that our preparations have gone so far as to map out a complete plan of campaign. In five minutes after the orders of the Major-General commanding the army were received at the different department headquarters, should war come, the commanders of these departments would be issuing orders for the movement of troops in accordance with a general scheme, with the details of which they have already been made familiar."

Of the New York harbor fortifications an officer of engineers had this to say:

"So far as emergency preparations go, our work is practically done. In twenty-four hours we could be ready for any business that it would be necessary for us to transact. But I do not need say this. The fortifications speak for themselves."

In the office of the Quartermaster of the Department of the East is filed complete information relating to all methods of transportation. The name and tonnage of every steam and sailing vessel plying along the coast is on file, and her character and freight carrying capacity are known, as well as the number of cars, and the railroads to which they belong, which are capable of transporting exceptionally heavy freight, like guns and gun carriages. Some of the disappearing carriages are so high that placed upon ordinary flat cars they wouldn't pass under bridges. Cars for carrying such freight must be cut out.

Died in Georges Valley.

The wife of John Ungert, of Georges valley, died on Monday morning after an illness of about five weeks; her age was about 55 years.

Thirty-five years make a generation. That is how long Adolph Fisher, of Zanesville, O., suffered from piles. He was cured by using three boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve; for sale by Smith & Crawford.

APRIL WEATHER.

It will be Cold in the Early Part, and Unusually Warm Later On.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from the 30th to April 3, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about April 4, cross the west of Rockies country by the close of the 5th, great central valleys 9th to 8th, eastern states 9th.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about April 4, great central valleys 6th, eastern states 8th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about April 7, great central valleys 9th, eastern states 11th.

The third storm wave of April will reach the Pacific coast about the 10th, cross the west of Rockies country by the close of the 11th, great central valleys 12th to 14th, eastern states 15th.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 10th, great central valleys 12th, eastern states 14. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 13th, great central valleys 15th, eastern states 17th.

Temperature of the week ending April 9th will average below normal in the northern states, producing frosts and above normal in the southern states, making fine crop weather.

The last part of March and first few days of April will bring numerous showers in the northern states and snows in the far northern latitudes.

A slight fall of temperature with showers in the northern states will occur about the 15th to 19th. Other parts of the month will experience a rising temperature and generally dry in the northern states.

In speaking of rising temperature in the above I mean that the temperature will rise relative to the normal. Of course every one knows that the average temperature of April is upward, but for this April the temperature will rise greatly from about the 5th to the 25th.

The general rise in temperature in the northern states will be accompanied by a general drouth in the New England states, the Ohio valleys, the upper Mississippi and the lower Missouri valleys.

Rainfall of the month will be about normal in the Rocky mountain countries, the arid countries around the rim of the great central valleys and west of central Texas.

Temperature in the northern states will fall most below normal during the first and most above normal during the last week in April.

In the southern states the temperature of April will range near the normal till about the 20th, after which it will average very high and be accompanied by severe drouth during the remainder of the month.

The most severe storms of the month will occur north and south during the last week of the month.

ROLAND CURTIN GIVEN A COMMAND.

Grandnephew of the Old War Governor in Charge of a Dispatch Boat at Key West.

Word was received at Bellefonte Saturday that Roland Curtin, a naval cadet, had been given command of a dispatch boat stationed at Key West. Young Curtin is a grandnephew of the old War Governor, and will not have completed his two years in service until June next.

Preliminary arrangements have been made for the organization of a company of volunteers in case of war with Spain and a call for troops. H. C. Quigley, junior law partner of Governor Hastings, is at the head of the movement, and would be given command of the company. He served one year very creditably as captain in the State National Guard.

The assessors have completed the military enrollment of the county, the returns showing 6,271 able bodied men subject to military duty. During the last war Centre county furnished over 3,000 soldiers out of a total of 5,000 adjudged fit for duty, and if there is again need her citizens will be equally patriotic.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week:

Franklin H. Harnish, of Snow Shoe, and Annie B. Fogleman, of Patton twp.

Thomas Murphy and Alice Biddle, of Julian Furnace.

Wm. H. Wolf and Harriet Boothman, of Phillipsburg.

George E. Heckman, of Potter twp., and Susan J. Armbruster, of Gregg twp.

J. Clyde Sheffer and Annie Imbell, of Bellefonte.

Late News.

Cuba once had a population of 1,500,000; the war has dwindled it down to about 800,000.

Another Philadelphia bank went under, wrecked by the liberality of its cashier.

No foreign power has promised the Spaniards any assistance. Perhaps Uncle Sam may give her a lift.

A comet can be seen about 4 o'clock in the morning, towards north east.

The President still thinks Uncle Samuel's picnic with Spain can be settled without war.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

War! cruel War! Pray to the God of war, That justice be done Without war to come. That carnage and battle, And cannon's rattle, Forever be banished, Strife among nations vanished.

War! the cannon's thunder, Tearing limb and body asunder! Can it be, that Christian nations, So forget their holy stations, Be for blood and carnage rife? Yet Master bid, Peace not Strife. Pray, pray! be banished war, And its calamities sad and sore.

Half inch of snow last night. Boob is now in against the world for cheap bicycles.

Crop prospects in this county, just now, are fine.

Anna Delige, of Benore, was granted a pension, \$8.

Sign of spring—dandelion and easter bonnets are on.

F. A. Lee has moved from Tusseyville to Lewistown.

Byers Price, of Milesburg, was granted a pension, \$14.

Soon the campaign for speckled beauties will open.

James G. Kuhns, Unionville, granted a pension, \$10.

Henry Gordon, of Bellefonte, was granted a pension, \$8.

Henry C. Kling, of Coburn, was granted a pension, \$6.

Patrick Kelley, of Hublersburg, was granted a pension, \$17.

Wm. Horner has flitted from Axman to Lewistown.

Over an inch of rain from Monday night to Tuesday forenoon.

William Ward, of Phillipsburg, has been granted a pension, \$6.

Lydia Bottorf, of State College, has been granted a pension, \$8.

George W. Cummings, of Millheim, was granted a pension, \$10.

H. B. Herring adv. letters testamentary on est. of Mary Reeder.

The mountain sides are gushing with an abundance of water.

David H. Weaver, of Pinegrove Mills, was granted a pension, \$6.

All nature is "green" and does not need in the least to feel ashamed.

Our battleships can steam from Key West to Havana in less than half a day.

Elizabeth, wife of Chas. Witmer, of Benner twp., died on 10, aged 73 years.

Sam'l Durst has purchased a team of fine, stout blacks from Frank McFarlane.

The shipment of prop timber is becoming noticeably less every year from this county.

Prof. Snyder will open a school with all the higher academic courses, in this place, May 23.

The Clearfield Republican says, Mrs. Bigler, widow of the late Gov. Bigler, is quite ill at her home.

Will Mitterling last week, in less than three days, alone bought up sixteen cows in Nitany valley.

In another column the misses Dinges & Christine announce the opening days for their new millinery store.

Wm. Pealer intends having a trout pond on his farm near Pennhall—the Reporter will know whither to go fishing.

Rev. Bearick's appointments, Sunday, April 3: At Centre Hall at 10 a. m.; at Spring Mills at 7 p. m.; at Tusseyville at 2 p. m.

The sign that cold weather sets in after an early spring thunder gust was as wide from the mark as the groundhog. Go way mit de signs.

Rolly Keller, son of landlord Keller of Bellefonte, has moved to our town and occupies his father's property. Rolly was born here and will make a good citizen.

How natural: When men or boys pass a window with bicycles on show, they stop and look. When women and girls pass a window with doll and cradle on show, they stop and look.

Photographer Luckenbach informs us that some of the State College gang of thieves, non-students, were in his gallery, in this place, a few weeks ago, and after they left he missed a thermometer and some other articles.

Men in any party, who have been chronic bolters, kickers, coalitionists and traders, always find they are never considered as having any claim to support when wanting an office.

John B. Hall, aged 94, who 60 years ago built the first foundry in Williamsport, Pa., and who hauled on a wagon from Philadelphia the present Lycoming County Court-house bell, died at home last week.

Talk about young men for war. There is a man in Clearfield county who contracted the war habit with Zachary Taylor in Mexico half a century ago, and he thinks he has one more fight left in him at the age of 85.