



NO MESSAGE UNTIL MONDAY

McKINLEY DELAYS FOR SAFETY OF AMERICANS IN HAVANA.

Lee Asks the President to Wait Until All Our Citizens Can Leave the Island.—Congress Will Secretly Declare War.

The President's war message, which was to have been sent to congress yesterday, Wednesday, without fail, has again been postponed, and is to be sent in on Monday, although congress declared it would not wait an hour longer than yesterday.

If the independence of Cuba and the payment of a good round bill of damages can be secured from Spain without war, then all the better, but nothing short of this will be accepted from Spain.

The Queen of Spain, in a message to the President, requested him to withhold his message until Monday.

The U. S. cruiser Cincinnati was grounded by the storm on the southern coast, yesterday.

Our government has succeeded in purchasing three more war vessels in Europe.

Spain is showing signs of backing down.

Consul Lee has also requested the President to withhold his message until Monday so as to give the American residents time to leave Havana and prevent a massacre.

We are still of the opinion there will be no war.

OUR WAR SIDE.

Orders for Movements of the Fleets.

All plans for naval action have been definitely determined upon.

Sunday, after conference with the President, Secretary Long issued the orders to naval officers in command of our fleets which will be put in effect immediately upon a declaration of hostilities. The North Atlantic squadron, commanded by Captain W. T. Sampson, now at rendezvous at Key West, will steam immediately to Havana, the flying squadron, commanded by Commodore W. S. Schley, will be headed for Porto Rico, and the Asiatic squadron, commanded by Commodore Dewey, will leave Hong Kong for the Philippine Islands. The Naval Strategic Board, which has been working for weeks in mapping out the plan of campaign, is confident that within a few days after a declaration of war the cities of Havana, San Juan and Manila will be under the guns of fleets.

Who Will Strike the First Blow.

Commodore Schley's flying squadron is expected to strike the first blow. The earliest naval engagement, it is believed, will be off the coast of Porto Rico, with Commodore Schley's fleet taking the offensive against the Spanish cruisers now anchored in the harbor of San Juan and such additional vessels as may reach that point before the time for action comes. Commodore Schley is one of the ablest and most experienced of officers in the navy. He has under him some of the best of the personnel of the navy. Captain Sampson's fleet is the largest and strongest ever assembled in our waters. Upon it will fall the duty of reducing the defences of Havana, and, in conjunction with the army, of capturing the island of Cuba. The Asiatic Squadron, commanded by Commodore Dewey, consists of the protected cruisers Olympia, Baltimore, Raleigh and Boston, and the gun boats Concord and Petrel.

The squadron, it is confidently believed, will be able to make short work in subjugating the Philippine Islands, whose only naval defence now consists of a few wooden gunboats. Commodore Dewey has reported that the harbor of Manila has been mined, and that the shore defences have been materially increased within the last three weeks. The strength of the Asiatic squadron is, however, believed to be ample for the capture of the Philippines, especially in view of the fact that the insurrection in the islands is still in progress, and that Spain will be subjected to a heavy fire in the rear at the time that she is meeting the naval forces of the United States.

A SPANISH FORECAST.

The Leading Spanish Military Writer Predicts Defeat for his Country.

Senior Genaro Alas, who is considered to be the leading Spanish writer on military affairs, has contributed the

following article to La Epoca on the results of a war between his country and the United States:

"Will it be a duel in the French style, or until the first blood is shed, or a fight to the death? In my opinion neither one nor the other. If we are defeated quickly we shall lose Cuba and probably also Porto Rico, and it is very likely that we shall have a stronger revolt in the Philippines and serious troubles at home.

"But, suppose that at the beginning of the war we sink the whole Yankee fleet and even bombard with success two or three of the Yankee ports. Will it all end there? Oh, no. The Americans will not stand it, and the nation that from 1861 to 1865 put in arms more than 2,000,000 soldiers, raised powerful fleets, spent \$4,000,000,000 and lost nearly the same amount, will make such efforts then that, in spite of all my respect for Spanish patriotism, I cannot believe that Spain will be able to stand against it.

"If there are those who believe in intervention by European powers in favor of Spain, I do not.

"A fight to the death it will not be, either, because the Americans cannot conquer us with so many miles of ocean between the two countries. We may lose our colonies, but Spain will remain. Probably that loss, though immediately disastrous, would be a benefit to our sons.

"Now can any man of sense believe that we can do to the United States what the Americans cannot do to us? Is it not a nonsensical dream to think of a conquest of American territory? I am not doubting the courage of the Spaniards, but I believe that all the nations of Europe together are not strong enough to sever a foot of land from the United States.

"In brief, the United States will not come to conquer us here, neither shall we go to conquer them there. The whole war will be reduced to this: The Yankees will provide the insurgents with arms and ammunition, blockade the ports of Cuba, and starve to death our army there, that subsists now exclusively on imported food.

"What will be the role of our navy? To break the blockade in order to provision our army and in order to get coal for itself; because I suppose that our ships will not come back to coal in Spain.

"That will be all. At the start the Yankees may destroy our whole navy or we may destroy theirs, but in the long run they will get the advantage. All other things will be mere episodes of the war. The privates on either side will amount to nothing in deciding where the victory shall rest.

Want Another District Court.

A petition is now being circulated through the central part of the state for the signatures of the members of the bar of the central counties, which will be sent to congress, praying that body to establish a new central district United States federal court. The movement is one advocated for years by the courts of this part of the state, and strong pressure will be brought to bear to secure the passage of such a bill at this session. Should that be the case, there will be considerable competition as to where the court shall sit, among the places already mentioned being Bellefonte, Harrisburg, Williamsport and Altoona.

You Can Pick Them Out.

You can tell the successful farmer by looking at his wife; by the fruit cans in the closet. You can tell the dry goods salesman by the patches on his pants. You can tell the poison serpent by the bluntness of his tail. You can tell the slouchy woman by her shoe buttons and her hair. But easiest of all, you can pick out the enterprising merchant or the town by looking at his home newspaper.

1898 Bicycles.

Up to date wheels from \$18.50 to \$27.00; a first-class wheel for \$35.00. A full supply of Repairs always on hand. We are head quarters for all kinds of repairing; old style wheels remodeled to '98 Pattern. Vulcanizing, enameling and brazing a specialty. Come and see us.

PENNSYLVANIA BICYCLE WORKS.

Boob Building, Centre Hall, Pa.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Herbert S. Small and Iva R. Wolf, of Rebersburg.

Wm. H. Sinkalime and Carrie Ellie Rishel, of Gregg twp.

Nelson R. Wert, of Aaronsburg, and Blanche N. Rossman, of Penn Hall.

Fred S. Wells, of Sandy Ridge, and Crissie M. Spicer, of Milesburg.

W. Galer Morrison, of Bellefonte, and Mabel M. Parker, of Roland.

It is a great leap from the old fashioned doses of blue-mass and nauseous physics to the pleasant little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They cure constipation, sick headache and biliousness; for sale by Smith & Crawford.

WANAMAKER'S POLITICAL RACE.

An Address to Voters on the Evils of Party Corruption.

The Wanamaker State Committee has put forth an address, and referring to Mr. Wanamaker, it says:

"If he shall be elected he will do what the Governor can do to bring to an end the corruption which has poisoned the atmosphere of the capitol. If his election shall be followed by that of an anti-Quay Legislature, no more will be heard of the diversion of the people's money to private uses; of the withholding of school funds, of hospitals and asylums suffering for want of money upon which public officials draw interest for private uses; of attempts to plunder the Treasury through the instrumentality of bogus bills for committee expenses; of padded pay rolls; of investigations which pretend to expose corrupt practices which they really cover up; of the control of legislative action awaiting the approving word from the Senate chamber at Washington. Political corruption, represented by Mr. Quay and his band of freebooting followers, is the cancerous sore that menaces the existence of the body politic. The power to heal is with ourselves. We must destroy this enemy or it will overthrow the Government founded by our fathers."

Changes in Date for Easter.

Easter falls this year on a date about midway between the earliest and latest possible date upon which it can occur. An industrious collector of statistics who has been investigating the subject has gathered some interesting facts regarding invariable times of this festival. In 1883 and 1894, he says, Easter fell on the unusually early date of March 20, but in the three following centuries it will occur only eight times on that day, namely, in the years 1931, 2038, 2046, 2057, 2103, 2114, 2125, and 2198.

The earliest date on which it can fall is March 22, and this only when the moon is full on March 21, which must be a Saturday. This combination of circumstances is extremely rare; it occurred in 1390, 1761 and 1817, and will happen again in 1960, 2076 and 2144, while during the three centuries following this last year, it is not once destined to fall on so early a date.

Going to the other extreme, Easter never comes later than April 25. It is on record as happening on this date in 1696, 1734 and 1835, and in the next century will reach it only once—in 1943.

Spring Goods.

Prices printed in the papers do not tell the whole story, our prices represent the most you money can buy. Our Men's Spring Suits at \$7.50—must be seen to be appreciated. The superior merits of our Suits and others at \$7.50 are first the Fabric—because it will be as we represent it to be—all wool—Tailoring—because the "Vitals" (the insides) are tailored with as much care and thought as the outside—Style—because they are just as the standard of Spring '98, dictates. Fit—because we take as much pains as the best merchant tailor to measure you properly. Will others do as much? Can they do as much?

MONTEGOMERY & Co Bellefonte.

Body Cut to Pieces.

William E. Moyer, of Hartleton, Union county, aged about 65 years, while driving a covered wagon across the tracks of the Lewisburg and Tyrone Railroad, near Millmont station yesterday morning, was instantly killed by an eastbound local freight. The two horses escaped unharmed but Moyer's body was literally cut to pieces.

It is supposed either that he did not see the train or he thought that he could cross ahead of it. The engineer gave the alarm whistle, but was unable to stop his heavy train in time to save Moyer.

Pennsylvania Ahead.

Pennsylvania, says an exchange, gives 73 per cent. of her revenue to the public school system while New York gives but 15 per cent. Pennsylvania gives twice as much as Colorado, four times as much as Michigan, eight times as much as Nebraska, fifty times as much as California and one hundred times as much as Oregon.

Squibs.

Frank, a son of George Rupp, dec'd, of Aaronsburg, has offered to serve in the navy and was accepted, and ordered to report at Philadelphia.

Judith, wife of Henry Shaffer, formerly of Madisonburg, died at Elk-hart, Indiana, aged 65 years.

All the talk around here, as elsewhere, is, Maine, Cuba and Spain and war.

From all parts of the country we have reports of snows and freezing weather, and much uneasiness about the fruit crop; peaches are believed to have been greatly injured.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FIRM DEMANDS MADE UPON THE COWARDLY SPANIARDS.

No Delay Will be Allowed, and With McKinley Forced to Take Action, War May be Looked for Early.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Vengeance is at hand. There is to be no more dilly-dallying with lying Spanish diplomats. Uncle Sam is going to take Spain across his knee and give it a thrashing it has so long deserved at our hands, and the cowardly and dastardly massacre of our sailors and the destruction of our battleship is to be avenged. Even Mr. McKinley is now convinced that Spain has been playing him diplomatically for no other purpose than to gain time. Mr. McKinley acknowledged his failure to secure the independence of Cuba by diplomacy, and now it is the turn of Congress, which this week will either declare war against Spain or adopt legislation that will be equivalent to a declaration of war. A last frantic attempt is being made by the bondholding element to muzzle Congress, but there is no possibility of its succeeding. Congress knows that the end of the patience of the people of the country who place national honor and patriotism above the stock ticker of Wall street has been reached and that the time of action is at hand, and it will act; and its action will mean war, which the country is now in a position to fight to a victorious end in short order, if it only has Spain to contend with, and is determined to win regardless of what it has to contend with.

Every man who believes in honest and open and above board dealing between nations as well as between individuals, can appreciate the feeling of the man who, after listening to a lot of round about rot about how we could make the Spaniards open hostilities without our declaring war against them, got excited and said: "They blew up our war-ship; they murdered our sailors. That is why we want to punish them." That is just exactly the truth. Incidentally we shall be glad to free Cuba and to relieve the suffering on the unfortunate island, but the word that is mirrored upon the average American heart is neither sympathy, nor humanitarianism, but Revenge; for the treacherous assassination of our sailors and the blowing up of our battleship.

There has been more or less speculation concerning a resolution offered in the House by Representative Flemmer, of Georgia, directing the Secretary of the Navy to inform the House if the document printed by the Senate as the President's message and evidence on the Maine incident, contained all the evidence embraced in the report of the naval court of inquiry now on file in the Navy Department, and if not, to transmit to the House a copy of the omitted evidence.

The French Ambassador to the U. S. has asked the State Department officially whether there was any objection to his looking after the interests of Spanish subjects in the U. S. after the departure of the Spanish minister, and has been informed that there would be none. This action is regarded as being significant of the intention of France to remain neutral in the war, notwithstanding many assertions to the contrary. It was added to by a telegram from Madrid saying that both the French and British ambassadors had tendered Gen. Woodford, U. S. Minister to Spain offers to care for American interests after his departure from Madrid.

Few men possess the all-around common sense equipment and temperament needed to prevent the man who fills the position of Secretary to the President—the man who stands between the President and his callers, and either makes him his enemies or his friends—making himself a double barreled ass. Dan Lamont was one of the few. Mr. J. Addison Porter, the gentleman who now fills the position, is not. He has made himself the laughing stock of Washington by his frantic appeal to the editor of the Hartford (Conn.) Courant to arouse the conservative people to the support of the President, in order to prevent a majority of the Senators and Representatives carrying out their intention to force war upon the country. Inasmuch as the constitution confers the sole authority to make war upon a majority of Senators and Representatives, it would be interesting to know what power the "conservative people," even granting that they could override the constitutional power of Congress. A bottle of good strong smelling salts is what Mr. J. Addison Porter needs a great deal more than he does the Republican nomination for Governor of Connecticut, although the Democrats of that state would probably rejoice to see him nominated.

His hysterical appeal will doubtless get any claims he ever had to the nomination laughed out of the field.

If a bill, which has been favorably reported to the House, becomes a law, ex-Confederate soldiers who may hereafter serve ninety days in the U. S. army or navy will be entitled to all the benefits provided for ex-U. S. soldiers in the act of June 27, 1890, generally known as the "dependent pension act." The bill as originally introduced merely provided as an inducement for the Union veterans of the late war to enlist for the war with Spain that enlistment should not operate to stop pensions now being drawn, but the committee thought the ex-Confed. veterans would also make desirable recruits, and it was amended as above.

Downfall of an Empire.

The decay of the Spanish empire, which reached its zenith in the sixteenth century, began under Philip II. This monarch established the inquisition, expelled the Jews and Moors, and practically extinguished agriculture and commerce. Under his reign the English destroyed the "Invincible Armada" and captured Cadiz. Then the decay became rapid.

Under Philip IV Spain lost Portugal, the Protestant part of the Netherlands, and in a war with France lost Roussillon. In order to keep his throne Philip IV ceded Naples, Sardinia, Milan and the rest of the Netherlands to Austria, gave Sicily to Savoy and surrendered Gibraltar and Minorca to England.

In the reign of Charles IV, successor to Philip IV, between 1728 and 1808, Spain waged two wars against England, both of which resulted disastrously to the Spaniards. It was in the reign of Charles IV that Spain ceded Trinidad to England and gave up to France Louisiana, a territory which embraced a large share of that part of the United States now lying west of the Mississippi.

In 1821 the last Spanish Viceroy was deposed in America, and soon after Simon Bolivar, called the Washington of South America, succeeded in ending Spanish misrule in South America.

The last vestige of possessions of this swarthy, treacherous foe in the Western world still undisputed is Puerto Rico, Spanish authority in Cuba, save in a little narrow territory surrounding Havana, has been wiped out. The punishment that has been inflicted on the Spanish nation since Charles V abdicated has been but a deserved retribution. Is the United States to be the instrument of putting the finishing touches in the closing hours of the nineteenth century on what England began about the middle of the sixteenth?

Hanna Found Guilty of Bribery.

Senator Burke, as chairman of the Senate committee appointed to investigate the charges of bribery made against Senator Hanna and his colleagues in the recent senatorial contest, will make a report this week, which, it is said, will find Senator Hanna, Major Dick, Major Rathbone, Gen. Boyce and H. H. Hollenbeck guilty.

The report, after adoption, will be sent to the United States Senate, and it will devolve on that body to say whether or not Senator Hanna shall retain his seat. It is said that if the matter is dropped or pushed aside Senator Hanna will have to answer a criminal charge in the State courts.

AWFUL FLOOD CALAMITY.

An Illinois Town Washed Away—Over 100 Persons Drowned.

The great flood on the Ohio river broke through the levee at Shawneetown, Illinois, on Sunday, and a torrent of water 15 to 20 feet high, suddenly burst upon the town of about 2000 population and washed it away with all the horrors of the Johnstown flood.

Over 100 persons were drowned.

Death of an Infant.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milfred Luse died Tuesday morning, from a cold it contracted. It was aged about three months. The funeral will take place today, interment being made in the cemetery here.

The Best Liniment.—"Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the finest on earth," write Edwards & Parker, of Plains, Ga. This is the verdict of all who use it. For rheumatism, lame back, sprains, swellings, and the numerous slight ailments and accidents common to every household, this liniment has no equal. With it in the house, a great deal of pain and suffering may be avoided. For sale 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.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cuttings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

We ain't a-huntin' trouble, But—bless you! If it comes We'll answer to the roll call of the Drums! Drums! Drums!

We won't be under weather At the pickin' of the plums; We'll answer all together To the Drums! Drums! Drums!

—Atlanta Constitution.

Wm. H. Taylor, of Bellefonte, was granted a pension, \$10.

The Lutherans of Lewisburg intend to erect a new church.

Alfred Calhoun, of Philipsburg, was granted a pension, \$6.

There are some bad places in the board walks grinning for a bill of damages.

Williamsport sawmills have more to do now than at any time in eight years.

Any of our readers can eat many breakfasts at home before the war with Spain is on.

Early Tuesday morning it began to snow and by 10 a. m. it measured 2½ inches, and quit.

If all persons in practice corresponded with profession, what an absence of strife there would be.

Dr. Johnson W. Potter, a prominent and wealthy resident of Clearfield, died suddenly of heart disease.

Individual communion cups were used at the First Baptist church, Altoona, Sunday for the first time.

Thomas R. Hosterman, of Woodward, has bought Heicher's bakery at Selingsgrove, and moved thither.

Some half dozen through telephone lines now pass through our town and the new telephone exchange is in "hello" order.

W. Galer Morrison, ex-recorder, and Miss Mabel Parker, of Roland, were married at the home of the bride, on evening of 4th.

James C. Robeson, proprietor of the Coleman House, Lewistown, died in Pittsburg, while under treatment for Bright's disease.

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

Boys, there is complaint against some of you, of ill behavior at and near the churches during services. Parents, are any of your boys among them?

Al Garman has begun to rebuild the burned top story of the Empire hotel at Tyrone. His new furniture was not in the hotel at the time of the fire.

Last Saturday night there was a sharp freeze, and it was cold all day Sunday, with a freeze again Sunday night. The peach buds, it is feared, were killed.

An exchange in its obituary of a resident says: "He was a man of spotless integrity, a successful business man, a good advertiser and he always had his job printing done at home."

The sharp freeze every night from Saturday to Wednesday makes many apprehensive about the safety of the fruit crop. The general opinion is that the peaches are knocked out.

We are in receipt of an invitation from the graduating class of the Alexandria High School to its Commencement exercises to-day. Thanks. Prof. J. D. Meyer, of this place, is principal of the school.

David Krape, of Haines, now close on to 90 years, has for some time been suffering mentally, has been brought to the home of his son-in-law, E. A. Stump, near this place, to be taken care of.

About the meanest exhibition of selfishness is seen in the young man who demands the highest and purest character in the young woman he wishes to marry and never stops to ask about the condition of his own character.

The Outlook April Magazine number gives the Easter season recognition by an article on "Easters and Easters," by the Countess von Krockow; by a strong and entertaining story by Sophie Sweet, and by the usual editorial Easter talk; while the religious feeling of the season may also be said to have relation to a full-page reproduction of a very beautiful "Mother and Child" picture, by a Venetian artist, Roberto Ferruzzi.

Judge Yerkes, of Bucks county, summoned the street commissioners of the various boroughs and supervisors of the several townships to court recently and inquired whether or not they had complied with the law regarding the erection of index boards at cross roads, etc. In many instances the law had not been complied with and the negligent officials were severely reprimanded. We do not know whether any of these officials in Centre county fall in this duty.