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ANOTHER WAR SCARE

We May Have Trouble Over the Monroe Doctrine

GERMANY IS PREPARING

To Extend Her Dominion in South America by Seizing a Settlement in Brazil—May Be a Scare to Sell Armor Plate, and Re-Elect McKinley.

In a recent address, the Hon. Elihu Root, secretary of war, declared that the time is coming when the United States must fight for the Monroe doctrine. The Secretary evidently referred to Emperor William's designs upon a portion of Brazil, and his language has excited a great deal of interest in Germany. Nor is the Secretary alone in the opinion that war with Germany is a probability.

Germany, says the London Spectator, is preparing for a war with the United States. Such is the warning solemnly uttered by one of the most conservative publications in the world. The dire prediction has just been made the subject of what seems an impartial study by this periodical.

THE CAUSE OF APPREHENSION.

The Monroe doctrine is to be the cause of the war predicted between ourselves and the Kaiser. It seems that the Kaiser and his people are two distinct parties in this business. The German people want no war with us. But the Kaiser feels differently. He dreams, as all the world knows, of a vast colonial empire. He wants available field for this expansion in South America. But the Monroe doctrine bars the war. The moment the Kaiser attempts to annex territory in South America he will have to deal with Uncle Sam.

Brazil is the region in South America upon which the Kaiser is said to have his longing eyes. Few people in this country are aware that an immense area in Brazil is now wholly German. An extent of territory greater than the Fatherland is inhabited almost exclusively by subjects of the Kaiser. The prevailing language is German. The religion, institutions and customs of the people are German. These Germans in Brazil are all more or less under the tutelage of emigration societies with headquarters in Hamburg. This movement began in 1825. The region embraced within it is practically the whole of the Brazilian republic, from Rio de Janeiro on the north to the boundary line of the country itself on the south, and from the Atlantic on the east to Uruguay on the west. Shortly after the overthrow of Dom Pedro's government Brazil began to fear that she would be swamped by the influx of Germans. Immigration from other nations of the European continent was, therefore, encouraged, and thousands of Italians made their way to Brazil.

THE DESIGNS OF GERMANY.

The designs of Germany upon the colonies are said by the Spectator to be very definitely formulated. It wishes to annex the region of the empire and govern it through an imperial commissioner appointed by itself. This is the way most German colonies are governed. Unfortunately for Germany the German subjects in Brazil view such a prospect with anything but enthusiasm.

"Land hunger" is alleged by this authority to be the disease of the reigning dynasty in Germany. Far sighted men have not hesitated to predict that South America will constitute the great prize of the future in the eyes of European governments. The partition of Africa would be repeated in South America at any moment were it not for the Monroe doctrine. As long as the prestige of the United States remains what it is to-day the powers of Continental Europe will keep their hands off South America. But the moment it becomes apparent that this Government is not strong enough to maintain the Monroe doctrine the rush upon South America will begin. When the war with Spain began it was generally admitted in Europe that the Monroe doctrine was running a risk. Had Spain developed unexpected strength, had she been able to hold us at bay on the sea, Germany would have made active preparations to seize territory in South America. But Spain was crushed almost instantly. The Powers of Continental Europe saw that they must be well prepared before they tried conclusions with the United States. The Emperor of Germany immediately outlined his naval expansion. He has adhered to it ever since, and will risk his throne rather than abandon it.

DEFY THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

It is beyond dispute that the Kaiser's naval program would make him immeasurably our superior on the sea in about a decade. If, then, it be true that his Majesty will defy the Monroe doctrine when his navy is strong enough to overcome the United States, he may be ex-

pected to annex Southern Brazil to his empire about 1910 or 1915. The Brazilian Government is not without uneasiness at the prospect. The recent additions to the navy of the republic may be intended as a warning to the world that Brazil will not submit to dismemberment without resistance.

Germany has never disavowed the designs upon South America, which European diplomats have attributed to her for 10 years past. Such a disavowal would be a distinct negation of the policy of Emperor William.

At present the naval strength of the two Powers is comparatively equal. But the navy which the Emperor plans would in a decade give him three times the naval fighting force possessed by the United States, unless Congress modifies our naval program.

The army of the United States has a strength of 100,000; but Germany has a standing army of 565,000.

VERDICT OF ACQUITTAL.

Charles Robinson, Who Killed John O'Neil at Spruce Creek a Free Man.

During last week the case of the Commonwealth against Charles Robinson was tried before the Huntingdon county court. The defense set up the plea of emotional insanity, which was sustained by expert testimony, and on this alone the jury found a verdict of not guilty. Though the jury was out all day Friday but two ballots were taken. The Commonwealth was represented by District Attorney H. B. Dunn and D. S. Atkinson, Esq., of Greensburg, and the defendant by H. H. Waite and W. M. Henderson, Esqs., of Huntingdon.

It will be remembered that on the morning of the 17th January last Charles Robinson, telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad company at Spruce Creek, as was his habit, arose from bed at his home in that village and proceeded to his work. Some days prior to that time he had come into possession of a letter written by one John O'Neil to his wife, making an appointment to meet her at the Robinson home on the morning in question. In fulfillment of that appointment O'Neil came east on the seashore express train and leaving the cars at Spruce Creek at once proceeded to the Robinson home.

Some time after the train left the depot Robinson left the tower and went directly to his home where O'Neil and Mrs. Robinson were seated at a table eating breakfast, which Mrs. Robinson had prepared after the arrival of O'Neil. O'Neil's back was toward the door which Robinson opened and immediately opened fire upon the man, using a revolver, five bullets from which were sent into the body of O'Neil in quick succession. The trial brought out the fact that O'Neil and Mrs. Robinson were planning an elopement, which was unceremoniously stopped by the shooting of O'Neil.

FOUR YEARS FOR JURY FRAUD.

Millard F. Johnson, ex jury commissioner, who on Tuesday pleaded guilty to perjury and misdemeanor as a public official and made open confession in Clearfield court of stuffing the jury wheel for last December term, was sentenced Saturday, to four years at solitary confinement and hard labor in the Western Penitentiary.

In imposing sentence Judge Gordon said the crime committed by Johnson in stuffing the jury panel was the gravest ever committed since Clearfield county was organized. It had done more to bring disgrace upon the courts than all other crimes together.

Car of Powder Between Burning Cars.

Engineer Wolfkill, of the P. & N. W. had an experience last Monday that made his hair stand on end and his eyes stick out like saucers, as it were. He was coming to Punxsy with a train of empties with the exception of the third car from the engine which contained powder. The car was to have been left at McGees, as the woods on both sides of the track between Sidney and Hillman are on fire. The car was forgotten however, until the train was in the midst of roaring flames, when to the horror of the train crew the car behind and in front of the car containing powder was seen to be on fire. It did not take the crew long to realize their danger. They dared not stop in the midst of the flames that were leaping all around them but renewed speed was added to the train and as soon as a clear space was reached the fire on the cars was extinguished but it was a close shave.—Punxsutawney News.

Blinded by Bird Shot.

Howard Hicks, the young son of District Attorney W. L. Hicks, was accidentally shot in the face at a shooting tournament at Tyrone a few days ago by the premature discharge of a gun loaded with bird shot in the hands of one of the contestants. He will lose one and possibly both eyes.

MCKINLEY CENSURED

The Methodist Conference Passes Strong Resolutions

DENOUNCE ARMY CANTEN

McKinley Stung to the Quick and may Leave the Church—He is Blamed for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to the Soldiers—No Uncertain Language Used

The Methodist Episcopal General Conference Committee on Temperance, at Chicago, adopted a report, which in the minds of a number of the committeemen, is a direct slap at President McKinley because of his acquiescence in the decision of Attorney-General Griggs declaring the law ineffective.

The report was adopted in the face of a motion to substitute for it a minority report from Dr. Jacob E. Price, of the New York Conference, after a two hour's debate, in which the members alternately arranged and championed President McKinley in his stand on the anti-canteen law. The report read as follows:

"We are, however, chagrined, humiliated and exasperated by the puerile and abused construction placed upon the anti-canteen law, so-called, by the Attorney-General of the United States, and with all due respect to his exalted station, we record the fact that we are pained and disappointed at the course of the President in accepting as final and satisfactory an opinion without binding force. Such an abuse of power is nullification in its most dangerous form.

Upon the President as Commander-in-Chief of our army rests the responsibility for the canteen saloon, an evil which he has ample power to suppress and which to quote the episcopal address, "is a more deadly foe to the soldier than bullet or tropic heat."

"We urge upon the President an early exercise of the power vested in him to the end that the authority of the Government instead of being used to place temptation before the soldier shall be used to save him, as far as possible, from the moral hazards incident to military life."

Because of severe and reiterated criticisms aimed at him by a number of conferences of the denomination of which he is a member, President McKinley may leave the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. McKinley feels keenly the denunciatory resolutions passed upon him by these church bodies in connection with the army canteen law within the last few months, and those adopted Monday at Chicago by a committee of the Methodist Episcopal General Conference stung him to the quick.

If Mr. McKinley carries out his present intention of withdrawing from the Methodist church, it is understood that for the time, at least, he will not attach himself to any other denomination. His inclinations are altogether Methodist, and it would come with sadness for him to separate himself from the affiliations of years.

SPENT THE NIGHT IN THE WOODS.

Little Child at Editor Burns of State College Wanders Away and is Lost.

A 4 year old son of George W. Burns, editor of the State College Times, was the object of a search of a forest that was made by a party of determined men, near Selinsgrove, Pa. Mr. Burns, who is in bad health, has been visiting with his family at the home of his mother at Selinsgrove. On Saturday Mr. Burns and his wife and their son, Marilyn went to the Sheede mountain to gather berries. After their recreation they stopped at the house of a relative near the forest, and while the mother was busied in conversation, the tot stole away and returned to the woods. In the course of an hour the mother missed her boy, and with her friends began a search, but with no success. Hundreds of men then organized a searching party and invaded the forest in all directions.

After hunting all night the searchers came upon the little one next morning lying fast asleep beside a log and none the worse for his night in the woods.

IN A BURNING BARN.

Son Rescues Unconscious Father Just as Building Collapses.

The following dispatch was sent out from Lock Haven: Awakened Sunday night by the kicking of his stock and the roar of flames. Farmer John Himes, of Nittany Valley, rushed out to find his barn ablaze. While rescuing the cattle a piece of burning timber fell, rendering Himes unconscious.

At this juncture Himes' 10-year-old son William, appeared, and, seizing his father by the feet, dragged him to a place of safety. Then he liberated the horses, and turned to drive out the cows, but, finding them dead, hurried out just as the building collapsed.

Two strangers who went away angry after Himes had refused them permission to sleep in the barn are suspected of firing it for revenge.

TRAINING FOR A HANGING.

Prisoner Given Dumbbell and Other Exercises to Prepare for It.

As a trainer prepares a pugilist for a great event, just so is Deputy Sheriff Smith, of Lycoming county, putting Murderer William Hummel through a series of daily exercises so as to have him in fine shape for his hanging which occurs June 5th.

Hummel, until within comparatively few days, was rapidly going into a decline, and it was feared that he would be a total wreck and possibly die before the day set for the execution.

The murderer, at the time of the trial and until Gov. Stone fixed the date of the execution, kept his nerve and strength, but when a reporter gave him the first information as to the time for his execution he gave way completely and continued to fail until the deputy sheriff took him in charge.

He took the murderer out into the corridor of the jail and put him through dumbbell exercise, after which Hummel jumped over a broomstick a number of times. Monday morning the murderer showed that he was somewhat of an athlete by turning back-somersaults, hand-springs and doing the wagon-wheel from one end of the corridor to the other. The exercise is doing him good, and he is now getting an appetite.

Hummel said he wanted to deliver an hour's speech on the scaffold, and requested that the judge, district attorney and the prosecuting attorneys assist and sit on the jail walls attired in red coats and caps and a sword in their hands so that they can see that the hanging is a success.

PREDESTINATION THE TOPIC.

Overtures Against it Will be Presented to the General Assembly.

The Presbyterian general assembly will meet this Thursday in St. Louis. Divines and laymen, to the number of about 1,000, will be present. One of the most important matters to be brought up is the question as to whether the Westminster confession of faith shall be revised. The following are the sections in the confession to which it is said exception is taken.

"By the decree of God, for the manifestation of His glory, some men and angels are predestinated unto everlasting life and others foreordained unto everlasting death.

"These angels and men, thus predestinated and unchangeably destined and their number is so certain and definite that it cannot be either increased or diminished."

Several presbyteries have asked specifically that the assembly should appoint a committee to consider the whole question of creed revision, while others desire that a new creed be ordered, leaving the old one untouched to be preserved intact as an historical document, while the new version shall be the working creed of the church.

A Singular Case.

The Centre Hall Reporter says a singular case of unconsciousness is reported by Dr. Emerick. A fifteen year old daughter of Mr. Curry, of Pleasant Gap, on Monday morning, suddenly dropped over unconscious, and remained in that condition until the Saturday morning following, when she suddenly regained consciousness, having been utterly oblivious to what was going on—a blank leaf in her life. After coming to, the young lady was as well as ever in all respects. The doctor is of the opinion that the trouble was caused by extreme over-exertion, when, the day previous, Sunday, she with others, ascended the steep mountain near the Gap, to view the fire.

Casanova's Paper.

Hon. J. N. Casanova, of Philipsburg, whose extensive interests in Cuba have required his presence there for some time, has become proprietor of the Havana Journal, the new American daily newspaper printed in Havana, the name of which has been changed to Post. Mr. Casanova is a strong advocate of annexation and his paper will be largely used in that connection. His friends will also be interested in learning of his marriage, which occurred in Havana, last week. The bride is a young and charming Cuban whom Mr. Casanova intends presenting to his Philipsburg friends next month.

Important Legal Decision.

In the Juniata county court last week, a case of the owner of a farm against her tenant was on trial. The prosecutrix depended on the written lease, signed by the tenant, to prove her case. The point was raised by the defendant's attorney that the lease not being stamped according to act of Congress, it was not a legal lease and therefore should not be admitted in evidence. The court sustained the objection and the prosecutrix lost her case.

"A good thing to take for fits," said the tailor to the dressmaker, "is money."

ODD FELLOWS CONVENE

Seventy-Seventh Annual Session of the Grand Lodge Opens

1000 DELEGATES PRESENT

Lieutenant Governor Gobin Made the Address of Welcome That Will be Read with Interest—Order is Growing—Some Statistical Reports Read.

The seventy-seventh annual session of the grand lodge of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania, opened Tuesday in the Harrisburg opera house, with over 1,000 delegates in attendance.

The report of James B. Nicholson, grand secretary, showed that there were 218 lodges of the order of Daughters of Rebekah in this state, with a total membership of over 13,000. During the past twelve months relief has been given to 17,015 members of the order; number of widowed families relieved, 504; paid for the relief of brothers, \$452,481.80; paid for the relief of widowed families, \$3,711.63; paid for the education of orphans, \$27,354.63; paid for burying the dead, \$144,875.86; paid for special relief, \$21,280.05; total amount paid for relief, \$649,803.97; total expenditures for relief and working expenses, \$955,578.24; number of weeks' sickness, 138,352.

The portion of the report relating to the subordinate lodges follows: Number of members at last annual report, 106,121; number initiated during the year, 7,631; number admitted by card 723; number reinstated, 501; total, 115,476.

Number of members dropped during the year, 1,547; number of members withdrawn by card, 653; number of members suspended, 6,248; number of members expelled, 50; total, 8,492. Present membership, 106,984; increase in membership, 863; number of applicants rejected, 277; number of past grands, 29,623; number of working lodges, 1,087; number of lodges surrendered, 10; number of lodges instituted, 7; decrease in number of lodges, 3.

The report of M. Richards Muckle, grand treasurer, estimated the revenues for the ensuing year to be \$24,485, and the expenditures \$25,080, of which \$9,000 was estimated for mileage to Harrisburg and \$600 for expenses of session.

ABOUT OLEOMARGARINE.

Secretary Gage sent to the Speaker his reply to the House resolution of May 8, which directed him to furnish the House with the names of materials and the amount of each used in the manufacture of oleomargarine.

Statement showing the quantities and kinds of ingredients used in the production of oleomargarine in the United States for the month of December, 1899. Also the percentage each ingredient bears to the whole quantity:

Materials	Pounds.	Percentage each ingredient bears to whole
Neutral lard	3,725,777	31.88
Oil	2,990,985	25.24
Cotton seed oil	501,357	4.24
Coloring matter	21,731	0.18
Sesame	29,091	0.24
Sugar	34,113	0.28
Stearine	12,705	0.10
Glycerine	1,212	0.01
Glucose	2,940	0.02
Butter	106,130	0.89
Salt	86,156	0.72
Milk	1,889,867	16.13
Butter oil	77,081	0.65
Cream	471,988	3.98
Totals	11,713,743	100.00

Oleomargarine is principally manufactured at the large beef packing houses in Chicago and the principal oils come from the "trimmings." The cost of making oleomargarine is from one-third to one-half that of butter. So complete is the imitation to butter that only an expert can detect the difference. In many cases it is a more desirable product than some of the butter sold by careless farmers.

New Tunnel Now in Use.

The new railroad tunnel through the Alleghenies at Spruce Creek was put in service last week. The first train to pass through it was a heavy freight west bound. The cutting in the new tunnel was accomplished in 25 minutes by the large force of construction men on hand. Not a single train was delayed. The old tunnel has been abandoned and will be widened during the summer, and by December of the present year the Pennsylvania will have a solid four-track road through the mountain at that point.

Village Destroyed by Fire.

All the buildings in the village of Corbett, Potter county, were destroyed on Tuesday, May 8th, by forest fires that had been raging in that locality. The inhabitants fled to Galeton, some barely escaping with their lives, their clothing having been badly burned. An aged couple, J. C. Loucke and wife, perished in the flames, and it is believed that there may be others among the ruins. Corbett was a village of about five hundred inhabitants, eight miles from Galeton.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

NO POCKETS IN A SHROUD.

O'ye who bow at Mammon's shrine,
Whose hearts with greed are growing cold,
Who turn your backs on things divine
And worship but the god of gold,
What will it profit you when death
Lays low the head so kingly proud
And robes the wasted form of breath?
There are no pockets in a shroud.
Your thoughts by day, your dreams by night,
Are but of grasping golden gain,
Your guide is but the beacon light
Of riches burning in your brain.
You cast all nobler aims behind
And struggle as a madman crowd
To clutch the dollars, but you'll find
There are no pockets in a shroud.

Ye users who grind the poor
Beneath a cold, relentless heel,
Who overshadow many a door
With cloud of misery, and feel
No sympathy to see them lie
Beneath the land of sorrow cowed,
Remember when you come to die
There are no pockets in a shroud.

What is the profit to the man
Whose life to Mammon has been given?
A bridge of gold can never span
The gulf between the earth and heaven!
What will it be to him to find
The wealth with which he is endowed,
At death's gate must be left behind?
There are no pockets in a shroud.

This life is but a span; today,
We're here! tomorrow we are gone,
Have faded from the earth away
Into eternity's strange dawn!
Yet in the hungry greed for gains
Too many at the gold shrine bowed,
Forget that when the life-spark wanes
There are no pockets in a shroud.

It isn't money that makes the night-mare go.

It isn't sport for the ladies to see a bat at a ball.

Some men run in debt and then try to creep out of it.

The more promises a man gives the fewer he keeps.

The prodigal rake is never able to hoe his own row.

The only thing that beats a good wife is a bad husband.

A man may be fast asleep, but rather slow when awake.

Plays short stop—the one-night-stand theatrical company.

Men are seldom what they think women think they are.

As a rule, the baby carriage is pushed for what there is in it.

Prize fighters in training are denied all stimulants except punch.

The shortest thing about some strawberry shortcake is the berries.

It isn't true of the coquette woman that she never stays at home.

The usefulness of the straw hat will soon be felt in the community.

It can be said of a few theatre stages that there are no flies on them.

The marriage altar is one place where every man is taken at his word.

Of course it is essential that every milk train should have a cow-catcher.

The letter "e" may be more used than any other, but "i" is first in importance.

Of course the ravenous bookworm takes more than a nibble at Lamb and Bacon.

Cream may be the best part of the milk, but it is the only part that gets whipped.

A smile is the safety valve that prevents an explosion when a person is full of laughter.

REPULSED WITH LOSS.

A Portuguese official dispatch says: Boers repulsed Mafeking with heavy loss.

Theodore P. Rynder, of Erie, was placed in nomination for Vice-President before the Populist National convention at Sioux Falls Thursday; he formerly resided at Millsburg. In this instance he had little following, but about the same as usual. He is a dandy.

Tragedy the Answer.

A peculiar incident in connection with the death at Muncy Saturday of Thomas Waterhouse, who was run over by a freight train, developed Sunday.

While Waterhouse was standing in the depot at Muncy the telegraph operator told him that there had just come over the wire from Waterhouse's wife, at Wilkesbarre, a telegram asking if the report was true that he had died, and inquiring when the funeral would take place. When Waterhouse heard this he laughed and said: "Well, I'm the liveliest corpse she ever saw." A moment later he attempted to board a freight train, was thrown under the wheels and ground to pieces.

Needs All.

In the United States there is one church for every 337 people. Boston has one for every 1,000, Minneapolis one for every 1,054. Centre Hall can beat them all, it having one church for every 125 people.—Reporter.

Yes, and the town has abundant need for every one of them.