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The rank and file of the National Guard are all right. The fellows who are stirring up all this rumpus over conditions of enlistment are officers whose vanity has got the better of their discretion.

Spain's Hopeless Outlook.

It may be several days before sufficient information will be received from Manila to detail to enable accurate judgment to be passed upon the modern type of warship in action. Indeed it is doubtful if this engagement, even though it had been more evenly contested, would have been regarded as constituting a satisfactory test.

Unclean Books.

The May number of "The Mind," a magazine devoted to religion, psychology, occultism and advanced thought generally, contains a timely article on the abuse of books.

DOUBLE MOVE ON HAVANA.

When our expeditionary force is well established on the island, and the Cuban forces have been well equipped with our supplies, there will be a forward movement on Havana by the land forces, and at the same time the squadron will be ordered to carry on a guerilla warfare on the sea, such as in retaliation she will probably attempt.

NO TRIFLING WITH SPAIN.

The war ends with the fall of Cuba. The United States has no other object, and will carry on hostilities no longer than is necessary for that purpose, unless forced to do so by Spain, and Spain will not be allowed to carry on a guerilla warfare on the sea, such as in retaliation she will probably attempt.

PATRIOTIC AMERICAN.

Washington, May 2.—Gardner C. Sims, of Providence, R. I., a well-known engineer and chemist, a millionaire, appeared before the navy examining board at Philadelphia yesterday.

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SPANISH WAR MAY END IN NINETY DAYS

McKinley's Expectation of Blanco's Surrender—A Double Attack.

OUR ARMY OF INVASION TO ACT WITH INSURGENTS AND MOVE ON THE CAPITAL, WHILE THE FLEET PIRCS—GENERAL LEE BELIEVES THE CUBANS THEMSELVES WILL DO ALL THE FIGHTING NECESSARY ON THE ISLAND.

Washington, D. C., May 2.—President McKinley is reported to be confident that our war against Spain in Cuba will end in an American victory within ninety days.

The optimistic view of the administration was illustrated by the report current in official circles today that General Fitzhugh Lee would not be sent to Cuba in a military, but in a civil capacity, to act as provisional governor while the liberated people of Cuba are setting up their own independent government.

He believes that the Cuban soldiers themselves, with the assistance of the arms and ammunition, medicines and supplies which our government is sending them, and the co-operation of General Shafter's expeditionary force of regulars, the cowboy regiments and possibly some of the so-called "immunes," will be able to do all the land fighting necessary to bring Captain General Blanco to terms of surrender.

THE BLOCKADE EFFECTUAL.

According to the view of the president's most intimate advisers, we shall be wondering within ninety days why we did not do more quickly what we will find can be done so easily. All the reports, official and unofficial, received from Cuba today indicated that the blockade was effectually working out its object; that the condition of the Spanish troops was getting worse, and that the Cuban forces and their sympathizers were taking encouragement from the Spanish troops' speedy assistance from the United States.

TO INVADE CUBA BY FRIDAY.

By next Thursday or Friday the president hopes to have a report that the landing of the regulars and supplies has been successfully made, probably at Sagua, where there are no considerable fortifications, and no considerable number of Spanish troops, and where General Gomez could easily bring his forces into co-operation and secure so much of the supplies for them as might be landed there. But landings may be made at other points, so as to reach other detachments of the Cuban forces with supplies.

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W. J. BRYAN ADVISED TO ENLIST.

His Application for a Generalship Not Favorably Considered.

Washington, D. C., May 2.—William Jennings Bryan is a candidate for a generalship. A short time ago he wrote to President McKinley a broad and comprehensive letter, in which he tendered his services and expressed a willingness to accept any position, regardless of rank, that the president might select for him.

It is well to state here that the president makes no appointments under a brigadier generalship. Positions of lower grade are made by governors of states. As this fact is or ought to be known to men prominent in political life, it is fair to assume that Mr. Bryan was either to be brigadier general or major general.

Since writing his letter to the president, Mr. Bryan's friends among the Democratic politicians have been urging the president's appointment. The president has not taken kindly to the idea, and has notified Mr. Bryan's friends that he is going to give one generalship to Joe Wheeler, of Alabama, and another to Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia.

So plain did the president make his intentions known to Mr. Bryan's friends that Senator Jones, of Arkansas, has advised Mr. Bryan to enlist as a private and wait for the promotion which will surely follow.

FATHER'S VENGEANCE.

Joe Reibert Attempts to Kill Charles Donnelly.

Lancaster, Pa., May 2.—Joe Reibert, a Spaniard, who served a term in jail for feloniously assaulting H. E. Osborne, a few years ago, made an attempt shortly after noon today to kill Charles Donnelly. Reibert and Donnelly work at the Lancaster silver plating works, and the latter is under bail for trial on a charge of ruining Reibert's step-daughter.

Donnelly and Reibert had not met after the charge was brought until today. Donnelly was at work when Reibert entered the shop. The latter drew a pistol and fired at Donnelly, but missed. He made an effort to shoot again, but the weapon would not go off. He then rushed at Donnelly and beat him over the head with a hammer. Other workmen prevented him from killing Donnelly, whose injuries while serious will not prove fatal. Reibert was arrested.

SPAIN'S PLANS.

It is Not Thought That the Fleet Will Cross the Ocean.

Washington, May 2.—It is not believed in naval circles that the Spaniards will risk coming across the Atlantic with a divided fleet. It is thought the enemy's ships will be more likely to rendezvous at the Canary Islands until they can gather in force. There is a plan under discussion here to make an aggressive movement against Spain if she does not take the initiative.

It is said the fast cruisers might weaken the enemy's armada by making a dash at the Spanish coast, and Spanish merchantmen, to draw some of the warships in pursuit, when the American squadron might pour upon the fleet remaining at the Canaries. It is hardly probable such a plan has gone beyond the roughest stage of speculation.

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