



TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 31, 1898.

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CUBAN INVASION HAS NOW BEGUN

Twenty-Five Transports to Convey Soldiers from Tampa and Mobile to the Scene of Action in Cuba—Landing Will Be Protected by Admiral Sampson's Big Guns—Regular Army Troops Are Expected to do Much of the Fighting.

Washington, May 30.—The military invasion of Cuba has begun. Unless the orders of the war department miscarry the troops that have been gathered at the gulf ports have begun to break camp and march aboard transports waiting to carry them to the enemy's territory.

ditions and that they will be landed at four different points. Whether Porto Rico is one of these points or not cannot be learned. Before the entire force which it is proposed to use in Cuba can be landed the transports must make four separate voyages across the straits. Arrangements have been made to utilize the services of the insurgents to the largest possible extent.

discussion had covered the entire range of naval and military operations with particular view to the active movements about to begin. General Miles brought with him a memorandum showing the exact disposition of the military forces now concentrated at various points throughout the country, with the number of men at Tampa and other southern points ready for embarkation. He also made known that at one o'clock this morning, immediately following the receipt of definite information of the presence of the Spanish fleet at Santiago, he had gone to the war department and had issued telegraphic orders putting the troops in motion and thus starting the forward movement of the military arm of the service. Further than this, those attending the conference would not discuss their plans.

be dispatched to any given point or to several points, is not disclosed, as that is a part of the secret campaign plans of the government. Back of this force are other available regiments at Mobile, New Orleans and other points easily accessible to Tampa. Still further back is the large volunteer camp at Chickamauga, comprising about 49,000 infantry volunteers, 1,000 cavalry volunteers and three regiments of artillery volunteers. It is understood to be the plan—although as to this there is no precise official statement—to have the troops at Florida ports as fast as the latter leave for active service, thus keeping a large force always ready for embarkation from Florida. Aside from the troops already specified, there are the 18,000 men at Camp Alger, near Washington, and lesser bodies of troops on Long Island and in various states. The 75,000 volunteers under the recently issued second call, constitute still another reserve which, however, is yet to be organized and equipped.

PREDICAMENT OF CERVERA'S FLEET

Hemmed in at Santiago Harbor With Schley Waiting Outside. AN INTERESTING STORY OF THE REASONS THAT LED THE SPANISH ADMIRAL TO FALL INTO THE TRAP—HE INTENDED TO LAND AT PORTO RICO, BUT WAS FRIGHTENED AWAY BY REPORTS OF THE BOMBARDMENT.

Key West, Fla., May 30.—(5:20 p. m.) Everybody knows that Spain's flying squadron, four splendid cruisers and two torpedo boat destroyers, is imprisoned in Santiago harbor. This fact has been known here forty-eight hours and the speculation now is over the probable disposition of the Spaniards—whether they will be blockaded or the forts reduced and the vessels compelled to fight.

SPAIN'S TALE OF WOE.

Duke Almondozar de Rio Thinks She Has a Good Case. Madrid, May 30.—In the chamber of deputies today Senor Puigerciver, minister of finance, presented a bill to prohibit the exportation of silver money. In the senate Senor Sanchez Toca wanted to discuss the red book. Duke Almondozar de Rio, the foreign minister, replied that it would be impossible to discuss foreign policy while the country was at war, although, he added, "the documents make a good case for Spain before the world, as they prove that Spain did everything possible to avoid war without an ulterior motive, whereas the American diplomatists pretended they wanted peace until the last, while war seems to have been a foregone conclusion."

GEN. MILES ON THE SCENE.

Will Personally Direct the Movements of Troops and Invasion of Cuba. Washington, May 30.—Major General Nelson A. Miles, commanding the United States Army, accompanied by members of his family and his personal and official staff left here at 11 o'clock tonight for Tampa, Fla. The party, comprising thirty-four persons, occupied a special train. General Miles will proceed directly to Tampa where he will establish temporary headquarters as the headquarters of the army. He will personally direct the movements of the troops and the invasion of Cuba.

EXCITEMENT AT TAMPA.

Transports Await the Arrival of Sampson's Ships. Tampa, Fla., May 30.—The impression prevailed around headquarters today that the end is now not far off and that definite orders for breaking camp and getting on board the transports in waiting will soon be given. All kinds of rumors were about. It was reported on what appeared to be good authority that orders for embarkation had actually been received from Washington and that several of Admiral Sampson's ships were on their way from Cuban waters to act as convoy for the vast fleet of transports on their journey south. This was denied at headquarters.

THE PRIZE CASES.

Commissioners Taking Testimony. Graves Decorated. Key West, Fla., May 30.—The prize commissioners were busy all day taking testimony in the case of the British steamer Restormel, captured by the cruiser St. Paul, and as a result of the hearing the ship and cargo have been libeled and will go before the court in the same form as the other prize cases. Decoration day was observed very quietly. Lieutenant Bernardou, of the United States torpedo boat Winslow, and two of the Winslow's crew, with a party of newspaper correspondents, visited the Key West cemetery and placed flowers on the graves of the four Winslow men killed at the battle of Cardenas, the grave of one of the cruiser Marblehead, who fell at Cienfuegos, and the graves of twenty-four Maine victims.

WON'T ENLIST AS REGULARS.

Officers Find That All Want to Be Volunteers. Washington, D. C., May 30.—It looks as though the project to raise the regular army to its maximum strength of about 62,000 men will have to be abandoned. The War department officials have practically given up hope of securing a greater force than 40,000. Most of those who wish to serve at the front are desirous of entering the volunteer army, and will have nothing to do with the regulars.

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1,033 Recruits Leave Atlanta—Another Philippine Expedition. Atlanta, Ga., May 30.—One thousand and thirty-three recruits left Atlanta today for Tampa over the Southern and Central of Georgia railways. The men were not uniformed and lacked guns. One thousand men will be started for San Francisco for service in the Philippines as soon as their equipment reaches Port Matheron.

TARIFF RATES ADJUSTED.

Arrangements Made With France for Reductions Under Dingley Law. Washington, May 30.—The United States and France have concluded the first commercial agreement entered into under section III of the Dingley tariff law. The negotiations have been pending for the last eight months, and after many vicissitudes were concluded on Saturday last, when Ambassador Cambon, in behalf of France, and the Hon. John A. Kasson, reciprocity commissioner for the United States, affixed their signatures to the formal agreement. It makes important changes in the tariff rate on a number of articles constituting the chief trade between this country and France. The particular advantage secured by the United States are on meat products and lard compounds, France reducing her rates one-half on most products and about one-

WILLIAM A. STONE IS IN THE LEAD

He Will Probably Be Nominated for Governor. HAS THE NOMINATION SURE UNLESS SENATOR QUAY INTERFERES—GEN. GOBIN FOR LIQUOR TARIFFS—GOVERNOR AND HON. GALUSHA A. GROW FOR CONGRESSMAN—AT-LARGE—OTHER SELECTIONS THAT MAY BE MADE.

Harrisburg, May 30.—All signs tonight indicate the nomination of Colonel William A. Stone, of Allegheny, for governor by Thursday's state Republican convention. General J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, is almost certain to be named for liquor tariff reform. As for the rest of the ticket, General James W. Latta, of Philadelphia, will be re-nominated for secretary of internal affairs; Galusha A. Grow, of Susquehanna, and Samuel A. Davenport for congressman-at-large; and Judge William Porter, of Philadelphia, for judge of the Superior court. John P. Elkin, of Indiana, will be re-elected state chairman.

The friends of the various gubernatorial aspirants admit Colonel Stone is in the lead and that he will win unless Senator Quay interferes in behalf of some other candidate. The senator controls the situation and it is conceded that he can name a ticket to his liking. Colonel Stone's managers say he is Quay's choice and that he has enough delegates to nominate him on the first ballot.

NO OTHER ASPIRANTS PRESENT.

None of the other aspirants have put in an appearance, except Congressman William C. Arnold, of Clearfield, who is seeking the nomination for congressman-at-large, and Senator S. J. McCarrell, of Harrisburg, the choice of the Dauphin delegation for lieutenant governor. There is a strong sentiment among the party leaders for McCarrell, but Senator Quay has expressed a preference for Senator Gobin because of his splendid soldier record. Colonel Samuel M. Jackson, of Armstrong, is being discussed as a compromise candidate for governor. Armstrong's three delegates are pledged to him and Clinton's two delegates are counted for him. Chairman Elkin has opened state headquarters at the Lochiel hotel and has invited the delegates to meet tomorrow at 10 o'clock. There is a strong sentiment among the party leaders for McCarrell, but Senator Quay has expressed a preference for Senator Gobin because of his splendid soldier record.

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The Greatest Excitement Prevails at Chickamauga. Chickamauga National Park, May 30.—The greatest excitement prevailed in Camp Thomas today over a rumor that a general order had been issued to all troops in camp here to proceed at once to Tampa. Every man seemed to be glad and there was general bustle about in the various camps, each man acting as though he expected to be ordered to pack his traps on the instant to be ready to move to the front. The rumor proved to be only partly true, only eight regiments being affected by an order from the War department, as follows: First, Ohio; One Hundred and Fifty-seventh, Indiana; Third, Pennsylvania; and First, Illinois; to be commanded by Brigadier General Simon Snyder; Second, New York; Sixty-ninth, New York; Fifth, Maryland; and First, District of Columbia; under command of Brigadier Lewis H. Carpenter.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 30.—Forecast for Tuesday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair; for western Pennsylvania, fair; warmer; light westerly winds. New York, May 30.—In the middle states and New England today the weather will be clear with lower followed by rising temperature and fresh to light northerly and westerly winds, shift to easterly.

WAS, McKinley's Tribute.

Mrs. McKinley sent a beautiful bouquet to New York yesterday to be placed on the tomb of General Grant.

NEW ENLISTMENTS.

Governor Hastings is Requested to Name Recruiting Officers. Harrisburg, May 30.—Governor Hastings received the following telegram today from H. C. Corbin, adjutant general of the United States army:

Under the first call for one hundred and twenty-five thousand men, it was contemplated that the number of original organizations called for should be in the maximum strength, stated below, but on account of additional organizations having to be called, this maximum has to be reduced to eighty-one enlisted men per company. The maximum above contemplated is one hundred and six enlisted men per company, the infantry, one hundred per troop of cavalry, one hundred and seventy-three per light battery, two hundred per heavy battery, one thousand three hundred and twenty-six of all grades per regiment infantry, consisting of three battalions, of four companies each.

FATE OF A PATRIOTIC BOY.

Mangled by an Explosion of Powder at a Celebration. Pittsburg, Pa., May 30.—Frank Peters, aged 16 years, of Walnut street, Allegheny, and about a dozen of his companions had a flag-raising this afternoon. When Old Glory was being hoisted a salute was fired, and Peter is now at the Allegheny General hospital expected to die. The boys had a pint of powder, which they put into a tomato can and then filled it up with clay. A fuse was made, and straws were pulled for the honor of lighting it.

TOM LINTON THE STAR.

Adds to His Accomplishments Nine World's Records. Boston, May 30.—Tom Linton, the Englishman, was the star rider of the annual race meeting of the Massachusetts division, L. A. W., on Charles river park today and he is credited with having added to his accomplishments nine world's records in his thirty mile paced race with Harry Elkes, of Glens Falls, N. Y. He found Elkes a tough opponent to be and a close finish or a different ending might have happened had Elkes been furnished faster pace.

ERUPTION SHOP BURNED.

Williamport, Pa., May 30.—The erection shop, foundry and the machine shop of the Watsonown Car Manufacturing company, belonging to the estate of the late Arlo Larkins, burned to the ground at an early hour this morning. The plant has not been in operation for eight years. Loss, \$60,000; insurance, \$27,000.

THE DUPONT INJURED.

Mobile, Ala., May 30.—The torpedo boat Dupont arrived here today to go into dock for repairs to her hull, she having been in collision with some vessel at Key West. She will be ready to sail in two or three days.

AT PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, May 30.—Not since the year of its institution has Memorial day had a more impressive observance than that of today. At every cemetery where sleep the soldiers dead there were exercises of some character, in connection with the decorating of the graves. At the Lincoln monument in Fairmount park, services were held by the George G. Meade post, No. 1, after which the post visited the grave of its gallant commander, General Meade. An address was delivered by Archdeacon Charles T. Brady.

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President McKinley at Arlington Cemetery.

SENATOR THURSTON THE ORATOR OF THE DAY—THE ATTENDANCE AT GETTYSBURG MUCH LARGER THAN USUAL—SPEECH BY HON. WEBSTER DAVIS, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Washington, May 30.—At the National cemetery at Arlington, President McKinley and three of his cabinet today joined 6,000 citizens in doing honor to the patriotic dead. Ceremonies were held simultaneously in several parts of the cemetery, but the main ceremony was in the Amphitheater close to the old Lee mansion.

There some 2,000 or more people gathered while on the platform was a distinguished company headed by President McKinley, Vice-President Hobart, Secretary Alger, Secretary Gage, Secretary Wilson and Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, the orator of the day. Prior to the services there was a procession of members of the Grand Army, Sons of Veterans, the Women's Relief corps, ex-Soldiers and Sailors and the general public, headed by the Fourth artillery band. The exercises embraced a number of addresses, poems, singing by a quartette and the customary reading of orders. The feature of the ceremonies was the address of Senator Thurston, of Nebraska. His oration was listened to most attentively by the audience and prolonged applause greeted his references to the presence of Admiral Dewey in the harbor of Manila.

The presidential party left at the conclusion of Senator Thurston's oration, driving back to the city.

Simultaneously with the exercises in the Amphitheater a smaller assemblage gathered on the front porch of the mansion, where the Confederate chaplain, Lee, spent much of his life, to attend special naval services at the tomb of Admiral Porter, Ex-Secretary of the Navy Hilary A. Herbert, of Alabama, was the speaker of the day at this point.

AT GETTYSBURG. Gettysburg, Pa., May 30.—The attendance was larger and the ceremonies most interesting at the Memorial Day ceremonies held here today than on any similar occasions in the past dozen years.

While the many crowds drew here from neighboring towns, the parade formed on York street and moved promptly at 2 p. m. to the National cemetery, where after impressive services by the Grand Army of the Republic and amid the booming of the cannon of Houston post, of Chambersburg, the solemn children of Ladies Aid society and other strayed flowers over the graves. This work over, the crowd thronged about the post-mortem, Hon. George J. Tucker, member of congress from this district, presided, and the oration was given by Rev. H. C. Allen, of Christ Lutheran church. Chairman Bonner read a letter from President McKinley regarding his inability owing to the condition of national affairs to be present on this occasion. He then introduced the orator of the day, Hon. Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the interior, who held his audience for forty minutes in a masterful oration.

Rev. Glenn, of the Methodist Episcopal church, of this place, closed with the benediction. The day passed off without accident of any kind and the weather was particularly fine.

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