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BIRTH OF THE NEW SOUTH
Colonel Mosby Believes That the South Will in Time Be Richer Than the North.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.
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SENSATION AT MANILA
Frauds Said to Have Been Discovered in the Commissary Department.

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Lieutenant Commander Jesse Mims Roper Is Suffocated—Twenty-two Officers and Men Are Prostrated.

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FIGHT FOR EIGHT HOURS
The Masters Refuse to Discuss the Matter Which the Strikers Consider the Crucial Point in the Dispute—Quantities of Goods Rotting on the Docks—An Industrial Loss of 25,000,000 Francs—Commerce at a Standstill.

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PRINCE KRAPOTKIN ON ANARCHISM
The Russian Nobleman Speaks Before an Enthusiastic Audience in New York City.

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IMMENSE STORES STOLEN
Although the Investigation Has Scarcely Begun, Thousands of Sacks of Flour and Other Government Supplies Have Been Found in the Hands of Unauthorized Persons—New Scandals Are Developing Daily.

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Deserters at Cape Coast Castle.
Austria, Gold Coast Coast, March 31.—Three hundred men of the British West African regiment, who deserted at Kumasi, marched about Cape Coast castle where all business has been suspended owing to a fear that the deserters will see the town, and would be ready to capture the castle today to suppress the revolt.

Wage Increase at Youngstown.
Youngstown, O., March 31.—The blast furnace operators of the Youngstown valley have succeeded in their demand for the increase of 30 cents per day which they had asked for in a strike at a steel plant at Youngstown.

Earthquake in East.
Distinct Shocks Felt in Odessa, Rome, Padua and Florence.
Odessa, March 31.—This city experienced today a distinct seismic disturbance.

North Atlantic Squadron May Go to Venezuela.
San Juan, P. R., March 31.—The North Atlantic squadron, under Admiral Foxhall, is expected to leave for Venezuela.

Bulgarians Invade Macedonia.
Constantinople, March 31.—Bulgarian troops are invading Macedonia.

Arrangements for the Ceremonies Attending the Unveiling.
Washington, March 31.—Arrangements for the ceremonies attending the unveiling of the statue of General John A. Logan in Iowa city, April 8, have been completed.

Seventeen Cases of Plague.
Cape Town, March 31.—Seventeen fresh cases of the bubonic plague, four European and thirteen colored, were officially reported today.

WEATHER FORECAST
Washington, March 31.—Forecast for the District National guards, under Colonel M. Emmett Urell; a light battery of artillery and two companies of marines will be in command of the military.