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THOSE who call McKinley a coward are respectfully invited to investigate his army record.

IT LOOKS as though the entire American nation will be compelled to wear the blue again.

"COIN" Harvey has not yet volunteered a suitable remedy for the depressed condition of the Spanish 4's.

THE Spanish flag in Cuba has covered a long succession of horrors, and nothing better can be hoped for until it comes down forever.

The men in Congress who are so frantic for war are anxious to lead sentment, but it by no means follows that they are equally anxious to lead forces.

IT IS probable that those who have been wishing for something definite in the Cuban matter will have their wish gratified before the close of the present week.

THE verdict of the Spanish court of inquiry as to the cause of the Maine accident is directly opposed to that of the American court, and contrary to the judgment of that impartial tribunal, the public opinion of the civilized world.

BY a unanimous vote the New York Legislature has placed in the hands of Governor Black $1,000,000 as a contingent war fund. In asking for it the Governor truly remarked that "patriotism without preparation is as fragile as a dream."

GENERAL SCHOFIELD says "our best guarantee of peace is the formidable armament we are getting ready." Though on the retired list, the General is preparing to lead the National Military Reserves, who have elected him commander.

REPUBLICAN primaries were held in Allegheny county on Saturday. The harmony agreement whereby twenty-five of the thirty-eight delegates are conceded to Messrs. Magee and Flinn, and the remaining thirteen to Col. W. A. Stone was adhered to.

IT WILL soon be necessary for Minister Polo to take a furlough. His experience in Washington is telling upon him. He has had to play right along at the table without drawing any desirable cards or having a sufficient stack of chips to justify him in bluffing.

IN HIS annual Fast-day proclamation the Governor of Connecticut asks the people to pray that war may be averted if it can be done consistently with humanity and national honor. Not one Governor in the whole forty-five has indicated that he is for peace on any other terms.

A PIECE of pleasing news to the "Fakirs" in this county is that at a recent meeting of the Wanamaker State committee appointed by "General" Koontz a "finance committee" was appointed for the purpose of "raising the funds" necessary to pay the expenses of the campaign.

WHILE the name of the State organization of which "General" is the chairman has been twice changed within the past six weeks, we have not heard of any change being made in the name of the "General's" county organization of which J. A. Berkey is chairman, and George F. Kimmell *vice* chairman. Up to date they still retain the name of "Fakirs."

IN THE recent speeches of Mr. John Wanamaker there are frequent allusions to the political corruption existing in Philadelphia, for all of which that gentleman tries to lay the blame at the door of Senator Quay. Not one word about the corrupt management of political affairs by Mr. David Martin, who has been the recognized leader in Philadelphia Republican politics for years, and all because Mr. Wanamaker thinks that Mr. Martin is supporting his candidacy for governor. It makes much difference whose ox is being gored.

THE Spanish torpedo boats were at Las Palmas on March 23, and reached the Cape Verd islands on April 2. Time, ten days. Distance, 1,100 miles. Rate 110 miles a day. From the Cape Verd Islands to Porto Rico the distance is 2,700 miles, and from Porto Rico to Havana, 1,200 miles. The boats may, therefore, barring accidents and opposition, be expected to reach Porto Rico about April 26 or 27, and Havana about May 7 or 8. A good many things may happen before then, materially altering the aspect of their errand and the circumstances of their reception. The disastrous ending of the alleged invincible Spanish Armada doubtless has not been forgotten by the people of that country.

DAVID MARTIN, the Philadelphia boss and Governor Hastings' reform secretary of the commonwealth, says the Lancaster Inquirer, has retired from the secretaryship of the Republican city committee of Philadelphia. In doing so he gives as one of the reasons for his action that party defeat is almost certain, and that he does not propose to carry any of the odium of such a result. The action of this Philadelphia boss is only one of the many evidences that the gang of which he is the leader intend to wreck the party in this State, if in their power, in the coming campaign. Rule or ruin is their motto. From Martin to Wanamaker the word has gone forth that unless the minority is allowed to choose the State candidates the political wreckers will play the same game as was played on the man-of-war in Havana harbor. Shall fair play and justice be thus set aside?

AT ONE time the island of Cuba could have been purchased for three millions of dollars. San Domingo could have been ours for the asking. Hayti would have been glad to come under the flag. Hawaii has been begging admission. But the sentiment against extension of territory prevailed, and valuable possessions, which could have been ours for the asking or the acceptance, were refused.

We see how it may some time be in the negotiations for the Danish Islands in the West Indies. We are willing to pay a big price for them, although they are not worth much, except for strategic points and coaling stations. They could have been bought much cheaper years ago, when they were offered to this Government.

A nation, like an individual ought to utilize opportunities as they come, and not put off everything until it has to be had. In this way the growth is quicker, and the cost is infinitely less.

THE "Republican Union" State executive committee recently appointed by "General" Koontz have issued a public address in which they arrogate to themselves all the public and political virtues and denounce United States Senator Quay and his friends as political freebooters, robbers and brigands. The men who have managed the affairs of the Republican party in the State in a manner to increase its majority from fifteen or twenty-five thousand to a quarter of a million are thus denounced by these holier-than-thou gentlemen under the specious plea that they want to reform the party. Their real aim and object are to disrupt the party organization which they have thus far been unable to control. The movement has back of it a small coterie of Philadelphia millionaires who have a personal axe to grind, and with them are a few gentlemen from the country, like our own "General," who are used as stalking-horses in an attempt to give it the appearance of a State-wide uprising.

THAT small coterie of Philadelphia millionaires who are running Mr. John Wanamaker for governor have had considerable trouble in determining upon a name for their new party. Originally they styled themselves the "Business Men's League," but when they found that the legions of business men over the State could not be hoodwinked they sought another name, and, at the Bourse meeting, presided over by the veteran "General" Koontz, they adopted the name of "Republican Taxpayers' Union," and under this banner went forth to do battle against the regular Republican hosts. The first engagement occurred in Lancaster county and resulted so disastrously for the "Taxpayers' Unionists" that they hastened to once more change their name, and, at a recent meeting of "General" Koontz's State committee the name of "Republican Union of Pennsylvania" was adopted. This name may be adhered to until after the November election, when it is likely to be changed to that of "Dennis," or "Mud."

Political Notes.

If br'er Wanamaker is getting any delegates in Pennsylvania, his press agents are keeping very quiet about it.—Morristown (N. J.) Press.

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Ex-Governor Pattison has emissaries in various parts of the state actively working up his gubernatorial boom.

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The opposition of organized labor helped materially in breaking John Wanamaker's neck in Lancaster county. The laboring people are not for John. His violation of the United States law, prohibiting the importation of foreign labor, will stare him in the face as long as he lives.—Huntingdon Globe.

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Dr. Swallow has come to the surface again. A delegation of Philadelphians met him at the Lochiel hotel a few days ago and tendered him the independent nomination for Governor. The doctor did not give a definite answer, but was evidently pleased. He promised to make known his intentions in a few days.

It is our belief that Dr. Swallow will be a candidate and will probably be supported by several organizations. Nevertheless we do not expect him to poll anything like the vote he did last year. He is not a man to wear well, being full of vagaries and lacking the solid qualities that belong to a man of real strength. Many of his statements made for the purpose of obtaining support are wild and founded largely on rumor. When he comes before the people a second time the political bubble on which he rode around so gaily last year, will be pricked, and will return to its natural size, which is very small.

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Senator McCarrell, of Harrisburg, Dauphin county, who returned from Florida, on Wednesday of last week, denied the truth of the report in the papers that he would not be a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. He said: "I am a candidate and will remain a candidate until the end. What is more, I will be nominated. The assurances of support from my friends throughout the state justify me in making this statement.

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A Reformed Populist.

"I observe, Mandy," said Deacon Hayseed to the wife of his bosom as he laid down the paper and wiped his spectacles, "that our governor has been wavin' his chin whiskers again and talkin' quite promiscuous like. It hasn't been mor'n a couple of weeks since he was roarin' mad because McKinley was too slow about gittin' ready to whip Spain, and wanted to lead the Kansas militia right to the front in person. You recollect what I was readin' the other night about what the governor said about McKinley's pusillanimous policy, as he called it, and now when the president and congress air gittin' ready to increase the standin' army to a hundred thousand men, Leedy breaks out again and says that it is just another scheme of the plutocrats to have an army to keep down the laborin' men. I didn't vote for McKinley. I was cavortin' around with the people who wanted to do up the United States courts and give the country the same kind of financial system they have among the greasers of Mexico, but I will own up to you now, Mandy, that I'm tolerably blamed glad that Mckinley is at the head of things instead of some such man as Gov. Leedy. What other way, I'd like to know, is the government goin' to get ready for a war than get an army ready to fight? All this talk about the government bein' able to whip Spain without gettin' any army ready is, I'm a thinkin', just between you and me and the gatepost, Mandy, about on a par with the talk us fellows was a makin' durin' the last campaign about the government bein' able to maintain free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 without the aid or consent of any other nation on earth. This here Kansas militia may be all right in its way and I reckon it will average up with the militia over in Missouri and other places, but my experience in war, and I had about four years of it, is that one regiment of regular soldiers is worth a ten acre field of raw militia. Of course the United States kin whip Spain if we hev to, but the best way to keep from hevin' it to do, in my opinion, is to be gettin' good and ready just as fast as we kin. President McKinley would be about the biggest chump that ever trod on this free sile, if he was to jump into a war with Spain and depend exclusively on sich fellers as Gov. Leedy and the state militia to help him out. Some way or other, Mandy, when our governor begins to shoot off his mouth, as the boys say, I feel like I had been pitchin' hay all day without no dinner. You advised me Mandy, agin' votin' for Leedy when he was runnin' the last time and I wouldn't pay no attention to you, but if you think now that it would be any satisfaction for you to slip on my boots and practice kickin' me a spell where you think it will do the most good, I'll not make no complaint."—T. A. McNeil in Topeka "Mail."

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SIGNS OF PEACE.

McKinley Hopes to Avert War With Spain.

WILL TAKE NO BACKWARD STEP.

There have been many new developments during the past week, but at this writing there is no certainty as to whether war will be declared between Spain and the United States.

The Washington administration still hopes that a peaceful solution of the difficulty may be arrived at, and Minister Woodford wires from the Spanish capital that he continues to hope that the difficulties may be satisfactorily arranged through the medium of diplomacy.

In administration circles it is said that the President's message to be submitted to Congress this morning will meet the wishes of Congress and the country. No official correspondence has passed between Washington and Madrid since Thursday, and it is announced that the President will send all of the communications interchanged between the two countries, prior to that time, to Congress, and ask that he be directed to take such effective steps as in his discretion are necessary to secure a speedy termination of hostilities between the government of Spain and the people of Cuba, the withdrawal of military and naval forces of Spain from the island and the complete independence of the people.

Congress is not to declare war. The President it is said wishes to be authorized and directed to use, if necessary, the entire land and naval forces of the United States to make Cuba free.

In case the President's message fails to meet the approbation of the war element in Congress it is not unlikely that resolutions will be adopted declaring in favor of armed intervention in behalf of the starving Cubans.

Meanwhile active war preparations have been continued throughout the country and steps have been taken to place the whole country on a war footing. All of the Atlantic coast defences have been strengthened, new war ships have been purchased abroad and are now hurrying to this side of the Atlantic. The "Flying Squadron," composed of five of the most powerful and fleetest vessels in the U. S. Navy, have been assembled at Hampton Roads and stripped for action, while further down the coast at Key West, is congregated a squadron believed to be capable of holding its own against the combined navy of Spain.

Word comes from London that the United States Embassy has discovered that Havana harbor is full of mines and that the deadly explosives were purchased by officers of the Spanish Government.

All of the principal Spanish papers think that war is inevitable, and say that means have been taken to arouse Spanish patriotism.

A sensation was caused in Madrid, on Monday, when it was announced that the Pope had interposed and expressed a willingness to mediate between Spain and the United States. This is denied at Washington, but it is claimed that the news was received with great rejoicing by the Spaniards who hope that peace may be preserved through the mediation of Leo XIII.

MESSAGE SURE TO-DAY.

The Foreign Committees of Congress Will Wait No Longer for Some Decisive Action.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—At the adjournment of the special meeting of the Cabinet at 11:15 to-night Secretary Long authorized the statement that the President's message will be sent to Congress on Wednesday. As to the mediation of Europe or the Pope, one of the Cabinet officers said to-day:

"You can say for me that all the powers of Europe and the heads of all the churches may propose mediation to Spain if they desire, but the United States will positively not listen to mediation of any kind that does not lead to the acceptance of our condition, which is for Independence for Cuba.

The reports of European mediation assumed their first tangible form this afternoon, when at least two of the foreign establishments in Washington received official information that an exchange of notes between the great powers was now in progress with a view to arriving at a basis on which they could make a joint proposal for mediation. It is evident that the exchange has not yet been productive of a common understanding, as the ambassadors and ministers at Washington have not yet received instructions to initiate the movement. It had been understood that France and Austria were most active in bringing about this movement, and that Great Britain had held aloof from it, but it developed to day that the British government was also taking part in the exchange, and that in case of concerted action by the powers Great Britain probably would act with the others.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to-day agreed on a resolution declaring the independence of Cuba and armed intervention to secure that independence, with an amendment fixing the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine upon Spain, either by design or criminal negligence. The House Foreign Affairs committee will report, if possible, a resolution in line with the President's recommendation, and efforts are being made to have the resolutions of both committees agree with the President's wishes. The conference of Republican members of the House was adjourned until 11 o'clock Wednesday by the committee in order to await the message. If it is not received by that time the independence and intervention resolutions will be pressed at both ends of the Capitol.

The Spanish minister is making all arrangements to leave the United States and has notified a local music house to call for his piano and organ.

Cuban Consuls All Ordered to Havana.

The state department on Saturday night cabled to the United States consuls in Cuba to repair at once to Havana and be prepared to leave there at a moment's notice. Consul General Lee has been cabled to the same effect. In view of the Spanish character some treacherous blow to these men is feared after Congress takes action. Under the rules of civilized warfare representatives of a hostile country are permitted to leave the territory of the enemy without molestation. Spain, however, is not much of a stickler for international custom, if the killing of anybody is regarded as judicious.

Decks Cleared for Action.

KEY WEST, March 31.—Every preparation for action was taken by the warships to-day. All woodwork was stripped off exposed spots and sent ashore. The wood pilot houses on the cruisers were taken down. To a certain extent interior woodwork was also removed and sent ashore. Even the sailors' wooden boxes were removed from some of the ships. These precautions are being adopted to prevent so far as possible, the danger of flying splinters in case of action. The officers sent their personal valuables and belongings to be stored on shore. The Castine and two torpedo boats left their anchorages after dark and steamed to the southward, where they will patrol during the night. This precaution was ordered by Captain Sampson to-day. He is peculiarly anxious to watch closely the Havana entrance to this harbor and also to afford additional safety for the Iowa, Indiana and New York, which lie unprotected six miles out.

The establishment of a patrol is considered by the few who know of it as most significant. The entire fleet is now in readiness to move at 15 minutes' notice.

Every family should have its household medicine chest, and the first bottle in it should be Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, nature's remedy for coughs an

PLANNING SERIOUS ACTION.

President's Message Will State the Entire Case to Congress.

President McKinley will send a message to Congress to-day, in which he will state the facts in regard to the Cuban situation, the propositions he has made to Spain and the reply of Spain, and his view of the situation at this time.

The President desires to pacify the island and will take early steps in that direction.

Since the President received on Thursday night Spain's answer to his proposition that there has been no communication on the subject with the Spanish Government. As the Spanish note did not call for any reply there has not been any made, and probably will not be.

The President consulted to-day with members of his Cabinet and with leading members of Congress in regard to his probable action.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has agreed to report the resolution introduced in the Senate by Mr. Foraker, which is similar to the one introduced in the House by Mr. Mercer, with an amendment.

The resolution provides for the recognition of the Cuban Republic, and declares it the duty of the United States to demand the withdrawal of the Spanish land and naval forces in Cuba, and authorizes and directs the President to take the necessary means to carry out that end.

The amendment to the resolution is one relating to the destruction of the Maine and holding Spain responsible for the loss of the ship and the 266 lives sacrificed on it.

THE MESSAGE DELAYED FOR MILITARY REASONS.

The committee will not report until after the President's message reaches Congress.

There are important reasons, in regard to the condition of the army and navy, why the President does not desire immediate action by Congress, and it is probable that both houses will wait until perhaps the latter part of the week before passing any resolution on the subject.

Still there is great objection on the part of the many Congressmen to any delay, and they will only consent to it on the ground that there are strong reasons from a naval and military sense to make such delay necessary.

SPAIN'S PLANS ARE DISTRUSTED.

Spain's proposition to feed the reconcentrados, for which it has appropriated about the equivalent of $250,000 in American money, is received with no faith either on the part of the Executive or on the part of Congress.

No one puts any more trust in the latest "order" of Blanco in regard to the reconcentrados than was put in the similar order he issued last November. This representation on the part of Spain will not be considered in reaching a conclusion as to what shall be done by the Executive or by Congress.

Both the Senate Committee or Foreign Relations and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs will insist that the destruction of the Maine shall not be overlooked in any resolution presented by Congress in regard to the Cuban situation.

The President, it is understood, does not wish to make the destruction of the Maine figure as responsible in any way for the action of this country on the Cuban question.

But the Senate Committee will make a strong report on the subject, to the effect that the destruction of the Maine alone is sufficient cause for war with Spain, and members of the House Committee are practically unanimous in the same direction.

SPAIN WON'T FIRE FIRST.

There is good authority for saying that it is the intention of the Spanish Government not to fire the first shot or take the first action to bring on hostilities. They desire to put the United States in the position of beginning the war.

There is rumor to the effect that the Spanish torpedo flotilla was despatched from Cadiz to influence the Spanish elections and that its reported arrival at the Cape Verde Islands is evidence of the fact that Spain did not or does not want the fleet to arrive promptly in Cuban waters.

The fleet is very little nearer Porto Rico where it now is than it was when at the Canary Islands. It is calculated that if it makes the same rate of progress from the Cape Verde Islands to Porto Rico that it made on the previous part of its trip, it will take twenty-six days to reach Porto Rico.

NO PROPOSITION FOR MEDIATION RECEIVED.

This Government has received no proposition for mediation on the part of France or any other Government. No proposition is expected, nor would there be any entertained. The Cuban question, in the belief of our Government, does not admit of mediation on the part of any foreign Government.

Reports from Europe to the effect that the Pope was interesting himself in behalf of Spain are absolutely denied by the Papal representative here. The State Department has no knowledge of any such action on the part of the Pope.

PRESIDENT WILL SPEAK WITH POWER.

The President in his message will give his views in strong, firm language and will let it be known to the world that all the power of the United States will be used to put an end to the war.

The reconcentrados cannot be relieved in any way that will be permanant, excepting by restoring peace in Cuba, and that end the President proposes to reach at the earliest opportunity.

There will be no backing down whatever in the President's message.

The diplomatic door is closed and that will be made known in no uncertain tones in his message.

If that door is opened again it will have to be by Spain.

Tremendous pressure has been brought to bear on Spain by her creditors to prevent her from going into a ruinous war, but our Government does not expect that Spain will change its attitude until perhaps a naval battle has been fought and she has been defeated, when there may be an excuse to give up Cuba.

The sooner the United States interferes the sooner the war will be ended, and the sooner will the starvation be stopped in the only way possible to make it permanent.

Over 100,000 persons have been starved to death since Blanco issued his alleged order last November annulling Weyler's concentration order and pretending to furnish relief to the people.

General Bingham, of the House Appropriation Committee, saw the President to day and informed him, on behalf of the committee, that it would appropriate every dollar he might ask to bring about the pacification of Cuba. He also expressed the opinion that the House would stand by the President and would not try to override his wise policy.

CONSIDERING NEW SOURCES OF REVENUE.

Mr. Dingley, of the Ways and Means Committee, and Secretary Gage have been considering what should be done in case of need to raise more revenue. Doubling the tax on beer and restoring some of the war taxes can easily be done whenever it is found necessary for the purpose of raising revenue.

And Still Another.

LONDON, April 2.—Lieutenant Commander Colwell, United States naval attache here, this afternoon purchased from the Thames iron works for his Government a cruiser of 1,800 tons displacement, and capable of a speed of 16 knots. The vessel carries six 4.7-inch guns and 10 smaller ones. She is fitted with twin screws and has a protected deck. At 5 o'clock this afternoon Lieutenant Commander Colwell hoisted the Stars and Stripes on the cruiser, and had already obtained a crew. The vessel will go to sea within three days. The price paid is said to be very reasonable.

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gave out. The physicians told us it was paralysis, which sometimes follows an attack of diphtheria. We did everything for him, but he grew worse until he was in a pitiful condition. He suffered terribly at night and complained continually of his head, and in what little sleep he was able to get, moaned unceasingly. He lost all control of the muscles of his body and limbs. He had no appetite and complained of feeling sick at his stomach all the time. After we had tried many different remedies and had about given up all hope, we commenced giving him Hood's Sarsaparilla. In a short time he ceased to complain, his appetite improved and at the end of three months he was able to attend school a part of the time. Now he is well and quite a strong and rugged boy. You are at liberty to use this testimonial, as we feel we cannot say too much in praise of Hood's Sarsaparilla as a blood purifier and building up medicine." MRS. R. E. ANDERSON, Cumberland, Maine.

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HUNDREDS DROWNED.

Of the 1,800 Inhabitants of Shawneetown, Illinois, Possibly 500 Have Perished.

CARMI, Ill., April 4.—Shawneetown, a place of 1,800 inhabitants, near here, was wiped out of existence by a levee bursting just about dusk last evening. The break in the levee was very large, and within an hour scarcely a vestige of the town was left. It is believed that 200 of the people were caught in the sudden flood and drowned. Hundreds of others were swept into the Ohio, clinging to the roofs of houses or floating on pieces of board. The disaster came when the great majority of the people were in their homes, eating supper. The break in the levee occured a mile above the town, and was within ten minutes more than half a mile wide.

A stream of water 12 to 20 feet deep, carrying half of the current of the flood-raised Ohio, descended on the unsuspecting people. It came down in a great rush, like a tidal wave. There was no slow rising of the waters to give warning. The houses on the outskirts were lifted up and rolled over and over. Most of them were torn into splinters. Their inhabitants were drowned in them.

Nearer the center of the town some brick structures stopped the onrush of the water for a few minutes, but about two thirds of the dwellings were lifted from their foundations and floated careening out into the black current of the river. A large house started down stream with the others. As it struck one house after another in its zigzag course some caught fire, and their unfortunate people were compelled to intrust themselves to the mercy of the swirling water on tiny floats of wood to avoid a more terrible death by fire.

The break in the levee flooded four miles of the valley land and cut off communication on two railroads, the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern and the Louisville & Nashville.

Beside the hundred or more who were on the roofs of the buildings, it is known that nearly 1,000 of the inhabitants managed in one way or another to make their way to the high hills back of the town, or to houses in the higher section of the village itself.

The property loss is tremendous. It is believed that the vaults of one of the banks have burst and that the contents have been dissipated by the flood.

MT. VERNON, Ind., April 4.—The manager of the telephone exchange at Shawneetown, Ill., last night gave Mt. Vernon its first definite news of the big inundation at the little city down the Ohio river. This is what he said: "Shawneetown was inundated by a break in the levee a mile and a half above the city at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. Three hundred persons are believed to have been drowned. All the frame buildings were swept away, and the brick and stone houses and blocks are under water. The survivors are in great need of help, and have sent me to ask neighboring towns for immediate assistance. I am four miles from Shawneetown now. I escaped and made my way here with a portable telephone. I climbed up a telephone pole and made a connection, and that is how you are getting the news. The flood came with a terrific dash and roar. Of course, the people had been watching for any break in the levee but they thought they were safe.

"The water came in an enormous wave, with foam on the top. At first a muffled roar was heard. It grew louder and louder, and before all the people in Shawneetown who had divined what was coming could rush to the hills for safety, it overtook the town. Most of the people fled to the hills back of the city and saved their lives, but their possessions are gone. They are in despair and frantic with terror and grief. Send all the help you can."

Mt. Vernon people were advised.

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A "Political Bank."

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Some of the newspapers are referring to the People's Bank as a "political bank" because men who have been in politics have been interested in it.

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"April-Fooled" by Brodie.

NEW YORK, April 1.—"Steve" Brodie finely hoaxed the country yesterday. He sent out a notice that he was dead, and his saloon on the Bowery was draped in mourning. This morning he was at his saloon, widely grinning at how he had "April-fooled" the public.

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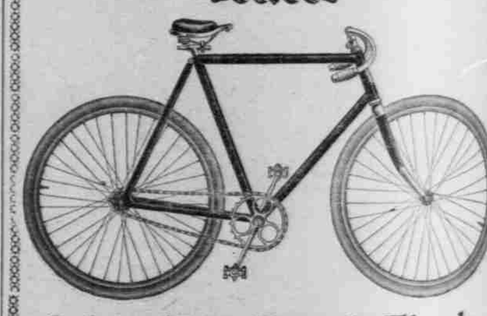

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