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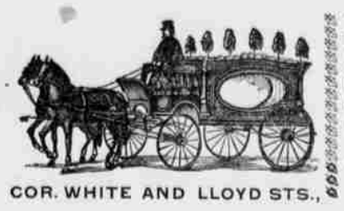

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Extra size and fancy quality, 2 for 25c.

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Extra early June, 4 for 25c.
Sifted early June, 3 for 25c.
Fancy quality, sweet and tender, 2 for 25c.

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Picnic size, 3 for 10c.
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Fine quality, very cheap, 4 for 25c
Extra quality, 3 for 25c.
Fancy quality, 2 for 25c.

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Standard Yellow Crawford, 2 for 25c.

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Red Alaska, 3 for 25c.
Columbia River, 2 for 25c.

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At KEITER'S.

NO MESSAGE TO-DAY; CONSULS HELD IN CUBA

Message Delayed to Allow the Americans to Leave.

IMMENSE CROWDS AROUND THE CAPITOL.

Twelve Hundred People at the Capitol Awaiting the Opening of the Building at 6 O'clock--They Swarm the Gallaries of the Senate and House--England Sends Greeting to America and Says She is in Entire Sympathy with our Cuban Policy.

WASHINGTON, April 6.

There will be no message sent to Congress to-day. This action was decided upon this afternoon, after a conference between President McKinley and his Cabinet, and leading members of the House and Senate.

This action was taken because of advices from General Lee at Havana late this afternoon. The delay is to enable Lee and the Americans to leave Cuba in safety.

From high authority it is said Gen. Lee telegraphed to Washington to the effect that one American Consul was held up in Cuba and it is impossible to get him away now. He has fears of the safety of Americans should the President's message be made public to-day.

The message, it is given out, will be submitted to Congress to-morrow.

The scene at the capitol to-day was unparalleled in the history of Washington. In every part of the city the crowds were unprecedented, all eager to learn the latest news emanating from official sources.

Thousands sought admission to the Senate and House as early as six o'clock this morning. It is estimated that twelve hundred people were in front of the capitol awaiting the opening of the building at that hour.

President McKinley's message is vigorous in tone, and points directly by inference to the necessity for armed intervention. The President's plan is to pacify the Island and maintain peace in order to secure Cuban independence. He is for peace first; freedom next. The members of Congress practically agree to the plan, yielding to the President as to the recognition of Cuban independence.

Nothwithstanding the diplomatic hopefulness of many, it is evident that Congress will take action very soon after the receipt of the message, probably the following day, unless in the meantime Spain shall yield to the diplomatic demands of the United States and end the war in Cuba and grant independence. There is no conflict of opinion between Congress and the President as to the duty of the Government to accomplish these results; there is merely a difference of opinion as to whether independence shall be recognized as existing now, or whether it would not be the wiser course for the United States to intervene to end the war and establish a free Government for the Cuban people.

LEE'S INSTRUCTIONS.

The Government Arranges for a Quick Exodus From Cuba.

Washington, April 6.—The wires between this point and Havana were kept busy today. Instructions were sent to Gen. Lee yesterday that all Americans must be on board the steamers at their disposal at half-past 12 o'clock this afternoon. Gen. Lee may also return at this time, but it is not probable.

It is likely that Gen. Lee will remain in Havanna until every American who wants to leave has gone. He has made arrangements for transferring the consular archives to the care of the British Consul in Havana and for seeking an asylum with that official should relations between Spain and the United States be severed before he has left his post.

Support the President.

Washington, April 6, 1 p. m.—Five Republican members of the House Foreign Committee announced this morning that they will support the President's recommendations if they are as announced in this morning's papers, especially if he asks intervention at his discretion.

The Republican members of Congress met this morning in conference, with ninety in attendance. No proposition was presented as to the action to be taken in reference to the President's message, but the tone of the speeches was strongly in favor of vigorous action on the part of Congress if the President's message did not meet their expectations.

A Madrid special to-day says the situation there is one of expectation. Every one is auxiously awaiting President McKinley's message. The Spanish Cabinet discussed the situation at length, and the prevailant opinion among officials is that a peaceful solution of the crisis is now impossible.

The Texas Sailed.

New York, April 6.—The battleship Texas sailed to-day to join the flying squadron at Hampton Roads.

A special from Key West says the cruiser Cincinnati is aground in the middle harbor at that place. The Cincinnati, after two hours' work, pulled off into deep water, and was not damaged.

The United States gunboat Helena arrived this morning at Key West.

M'KINLEY TO THE POPE.

Mediation of Rome Declined by the President—Spain Retracts.

Rome, April 6.—The Pope received yesterday a telegram from President McKinley, through Archbishop Ireland, which, while declining the intervention of his Holiness between the United States and Spain, also contains what is virtually a declaration of the President's policy.

Archbishop Ireland says that the President is extremely sensible of the initiative taken by the Pontiff, but that it is impossible for him to overcome the prejudice, even though unjust, which is entertained by a majority of the American people against the Vatican's intervention in political affairs.

Madrid, April 6.—The action of the Spanish government in announcing to the United States, through Minister Woodford, its regret at the publication of the statement that the Pope had been accepted as an arbitrator of the controversy between Spain and Cuba at the suggestion of the United States, is regarded as highly significant. The Spanish government not only expresses regret, but denies the truth of the published statement.

Consul in Cuba Held Up.

New York, April 6, 3 p. m.—The World's Washington special says that General Lee wires the authorities at Washington that one of the American Consuls at Cuba is being held up and cannot get away. This report created much excitement at the Capitol.

England For America.

London, April 6.—It is announced to-day upon the highest authority that the English government has assured President McKinley, through its representative at Washington, that he has Great Britain's fullest sympathy in its Cuban policy, and that there will be no intervention in the part of that country.

Mrs. Woodford Leaves.

Madrid, April 6.—The families of Minister Woodford and Mr. J. R. Mc Arthur, Second Secretary of the American Legation, started for Paris last night. Mrs. Woodford gave her usual reception yesterday afternoon.

Gen. Woodford will not leave, according to advices from Washington, until the Spanish Minister to the United States has been recalled by his government. The latter will get his instructions to return home as soon as the Madrid Ministry has read the text or a synopsis of the President's message.

It is understood that Gen. Woodford has asked the British Ambassador, in the event of his own departure becoming necessary, to take charge of American interests and properties in Spain.

Torpedo Boats Purchased.

London, April 6.—A Rome special received here says contracts were signed to-day for the purchase of three torpedo boats by the United States. The Spanish government has signed contracts for the purchase of the armored cruiser Guiseppe Garibaldi.

A special from Hong Kong says the United States fleet is preparing for sea, and that large supplies of coal are being purchased by the United States. The latter government has purchased the British steamer Quanshan for a store ship.

Movements of Spanish Warships.

London, April 6.—The Chronicle prints a report that one or two Spanish warships are prowling about off Queenstown in the track of vessels plying between the United States and Great Britain.

THE POPE HOPES FOR DELAY,

So That Both Spain and America May Have Time For Reflection.

Rome, April 6.—Both the pope and Cardinal Rampolla, papal secretary of state, declare that they never had any illusions about mediation, knowing that the United States would reject it, and that, any way, it would cause bad blood between Catholics and Protestants there. In fact the Vatican has received several dispatches from prominent Americans saying that the intervention of the pope might seriously retard the progress of Catholicism in America.

The pope's only object now is to gain time, so that both Spain and America may reflect. It is also asserted that influential prelates at the Vatican consider it is well for the church and the prestige of papacy that the undertaking of the pontiff proved abortive. They think that if Leo had been appointed mediator he would have found himself in a delicate position, as because of his known affection for Spain, and being godfather to King Alfonso, he would have been open to a suspicion of sympathy with Spain, and unless the independence of Cuba had been granted the United States would have been dissatisfied. He would have found a great obstacle also in having to declare for or against the Monroe doctrine.

Strange to observe, while the intervention of the pope, no matter how noble and generous, is considered by outsiders a failure, at yesterday's weekly reception of the diplomatic body by Cardinal Rampolla he received and accepted congratulations on the pope's proceedings at Washington. Cardinal Rampolla asserted that these proceedings had had the result of deferring President McKinley's message, and he made it understood that negotiations were continuing, with a prospect of obtaining an armistice in Cuba. It is announced that the pope, to set the real truth before the world, will in due time publish a history of the whole affair.

A Franco-Spanish Demonstration.

Madrid, April 6.—Two companies of artillery and two battalions of chasseurs sailed for the Canaries yesterday. The crew of the French training ship Iphigeni cheered the departing troops, which, with the crowds on the quays, warmly reciprocated, making a Franco-Spanish demonstration.

Six Years for a Jewelry Swindler.

New York, April 6.—Alfred Ballensi, alias William A. Bellwood, was sentenced to six years in Sing Sing prison yesterday on conviction of having swindled the William E. Marcus company out of $20,000 worth of gems and jewelry. Ballensi is alleged to have been one of those concerned in the financial ruin of Max Lehaudy, the Parisian millionaire, who died bankrupt in 1896.

At Kepchinski's Arcade Cafe.
Oyster soup, free, to-night.
Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

Necrology.

Thomas Purdy, one of Northumberland county's most prominent residents, died suddenly from a stroke of apoplexy at his Sunbury home Monday night. The deceased was 67 years of age and is survived by two daughters and one son. One of the daughters is a foreign missionary. Mr. Purdy was the founder of the Northumberland County Democrat at Sunbury. He gained some distinction as a writer and was the author of "Legends of the Susquehanna."

Joseph Bowers, 58 years old, died at Mahanoy City this morning after a lingering illness of cancer. He was a native of Pottsville, this county, and served during the civil war as a member of the 5th Pa. Vol. He had resided in Mahanoy City about a year and previous to that he was a resident of Shenandoah for about 20 years. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and five sons. The funeral will take place on Saturday. Interment will be made at Girardville. The surviving children are Mrs. Regina Wendt, Mrs. Mary E. Coyle, Mrs. Clara Quinn and Thomas, Peter, James and John Bowers, of Mahanoy City; and William Bowers, of San Diego, Cal.

If you need some swell neckwear, corner Main and Oak streets is the place to go. 1t

A Novel Suit.

Dr. L. A. Flexer, of Quakake, has brought suit against the Reading Railway Company for $15,000 damages. He claims that his practice has been injured by the blocking of a crossing while he was on his way to make a hurried call. During the delay his patient died, as he alleges, for want of medical assistance.

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NEWS FROM POTTSVILLE

Much Interest Centered on the New Commissionerships.

RUMORS ABOUT APPOINTMENTS!

It is Said Several Removals Will be Made. It's Cleaning Out Does Not Take Place—The New Commissioners Will Begin on Monday.

Pottsville, April 6.—The appointment of Frank Kantner, of Lofty, to succeed Frank Rentz, of Ashland, as County Commissioner was no surprise. In fact it was practically announced several weeks ago in conjunction with the name of Joseph H. Nichter, of Pottsville, who was to have been the successor of John P. Martin, of Pinegrove, were it not for the heavy weight petition and affidavit engineered by the Pennsylvania National bank officials. Before Mr. Nichter withdrew from the fight the name of Martin P. Quinn as the probable successor of John P. Martin, the Democratic incumbent, was not mentioned, he being a candidate for Congressional honors. Mr. Quinn is now regarded out of the race.

Both Messrs. Kantner and Quinn are at work on their bonds. Each must be approved by the court before they will be qualified to take their oaths. The salary of each will be $2,500 a year and they will serve until January 1900, providence and the taxpayers' association permitting. Both men have the reputation of being able.

Applications from 65 Republicans and 40 Democrats were received by the Judges.

It is intimated that there will be a general cleaning out of the employes who were under the old Commissioners, or at least a number of changes will be made.

It is also rumored that Frank Beckhol, Esq., will be made County Solicitor in place of Charles Gerber, Esq.

The appointment of the Controller will be made next Monday, and it is generally believed that Charles A. Snyder, Esq., of this place, will be the man.

Judge Koch this morning filed at the Prothonotary's office the order of the court appointing Messrs. Kantner and Quinn, along with the written resignations of Messrs. Rentz and Martin, and the affidavits of Messrs. Quinn and Kantner that they voted for Martin and Rentz, respectively. Kantner made his affidavit to this effect March 28th, before Notary Public Frank Little, of Pottsville, and Mr. Quinn made his affidavit before Justice J. W. Conrad at Pottsville this morning. The resignations of both Messrs. Rentz and Martin are dated March 8th, to take effect on April 1st. When the court approves the bonds of the new Commissioners in the sum of $10,000 each, they will be filed at the Recorder's office and Recorder Jenkyn will administer the oath of office to each.

A PROMOTION.

Dr. George H. Halberstadt is now Third Brigade Surgeon, N. G. P., vice Dr. Egle, of Harrisburg. His new rank is Major. He was formerly the 4th Regt. Surgeon with the rank of Lieutenant. Major Halberstadt was serenaded last night by Co. F, 4th Regt., and drum corps.

Each Pottsville company of the National Guards has its full quota with none to spare.

Lawyer John G. Smith has joined Co. H, 8th Regt., to which his brother, Horace, also belongs.

Capt. Heskins, Health Officer, removed four children to the almshouse, from which they will be sent to a home, unless claimed by relatives. Their mother is dead and the father has been out of work.

The funeral of Mrs. David Quinn will take place on Friday, at two p. m.

Letters of Administration were granted to Andrew Yakalofsky on the estate of John Yakalofsky, late of Mahanoy City, deceased.

Letters testamentary were granted to John Lazarus on the estate of Martin J. Lazarus, late of Ashland, deceased. Also to Joseph O'Donnell, on the estate of Patrick Hoskins, late of Cass township, deceased. Also to Emma D. Moore, on the estate of Thomas Moore, late of Mahanoy City, deceased. Also to Annie Shoup on the estate of Isaac Betz, late of Delano, deceased.

The commission of S. G. M. Hollopeter, Esq., of Shenandoah, was received at the Recorder's office this morning from Harrisburg, continuing him as Notary Public.

DEEDS RECORDED.

Fred Stechler and wife to Daniel L. Frantz premises in Walker twp; Commonwealth Title, Insurance and Trust Company, Guardian, to Roy H. Johns, premises in Minersville; City of Philadelphia, Trustee, to Roy H. Johns, premises in Minersville; David Reichart and wife to Joseph Phillips, and same to same, premises in South Manheim twp; Philip Fox and wife to George I. Hohmann, premises in Pottsville; Charles I. Loesser to George Glenn, premises in Yorkville.

A release from John Kline and others to Catharine Haessler, executrix of the estate of Joseph Kline, deceased, was put on record this morning, involving the final settlement of the estate.

HEAVY MORTGAGE.

A heavy mortgage was recorded yesterday from the Catawissa Railroad Company to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for insurance on lives and the granting of annuities of the city of Philadelphia. The amount is $2,115,450 and is to secure the bonds coming due between this and 1929.

LATER.

The newly appointed County Commissioners will take their places on Monday, next, when their bonds will be duly approved by the court.

New Shoe Enterprise.

The empty store room in the Newhouser building, at 120 North Main street, is now being tenanted by Charles Dietz, of Mt. Carmel. He has opened a shoe store and carries a beautiful line of footwear. Economical prices and reliable goods is his business motto. Mr. Dietz is no stranger to our people, as he has been a former resident of town. 4-5-5t

When you need underwear, hosiery and night shirts, see what the Famous offer before buying elsewhere. 1t

Unfounded.

A rumor was afloat this morning that a workman driving a team for J. J. Francy had backed his team over the dump at the extreme end of West Lloyd street. There is no truth in the assertion.

Bickert's Cafe.
Fish cakes, free, to-night. Sour kraut, pork and mashed potatoes to-morrow morning.

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We state the simple facts when we say that our millinery parlors are the largest, handsomest and best styled in the county; and that we sell more hats, more flowers, more ornaments, more ostrich feathers, in fact more of everything in the millinery line than any of our competitors. The reason we do so is because our styles are always new and attractive and our prices are the lowest.

Our Display of Easter Millinery

is complete and will well repay an inspection. We have got trimmed hats for you to select from. Prettiest as well hats will be trimmed after the season's opening is delivering. Come and see for yourself and you will say what we advertise can be depended upon.

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This term fully answers the description of our spring line of gent's hats which we are now showing for the early season. In the way of Easter novelties we stand alone, barring all competitors.

A Word on Our Winter Stock

Which still remains on our shelves. It must and will be closed out regardless of cost to enable us to display our spring goods. We are not in the habit of stocking away any goods for future seasons.

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Looks Attractive.

When you find greater attractiveness than you had expected you are pleased. If you find less, you are disappointed. When we give you more than you expected you are pleased. Those who give you less disappoint you. We always please our customers, for they find the goods more than we claim for them. Come and see what we give with

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