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UNITED STATES WORRIED OVER THE PHILIPPINES.

Spanish Steamer Loaded with Supplies Reaches Cuba.

HER GUN COTTON GUNS—HURLERS OF THUNDERBOLTS.

Falls City has sent five more young men to the front. Prof. Hildeman, J. R. Pickett, W. R. Hershey, Clarence Musselman and Jake Norris went to Omaha to join the Third regiment band.

Germany Has Four Warships at Manila Under Pretense of Protecting a Handful of Her Subjects—Means Mischief.

Washington, D. C.—Special—The administration is fearful of German interference in the Philippines. The lack of news from Dewey concerning the arrival of the first expedition has caused much uneasiness. A cabinet officer, in speaking of the situation, said:

Could Smash Greater New York in Thirteen Minutes—How the Wonderful Craft is Behaving in Cuban Waters.

Hitchcock county is suffering from hot winds. The damage to spring wheat, barley and oats is reported as serious. Nothing but a heavy rain will insure anything like a crop of cereals.

"The situation of Admiral Dewey at Manila affords us more worry, anxiety and uneasiness than any other feature of the war.

Most spectacular of all the incidents of the war, since the battle of Manila, were the performances of the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius at Santiago a week ago.

That was all. That was the only reference to a subject rich in historical and the possibilities of unwritten romance. How little is known of the mysterious city beneath the waves of Kingston harbor, a city which at once suggests the hidden wonders of fabled Atlantis, which Jules Verne has described with such a wealth of imagery in his "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea." But Atlantis was probably a myth, while Port Royal is not.

The bootlegging case of H. W. Munroe and Charles Ellis, which has occupied the attention of the county court at Tekamah for the last few days, terminated in the binding over of both of the defendants to the district court under bonds of \$500 each.

"We cannot but regard with suspicion the constant augmentation of the German strength in the harbor of Manila. The plea that German vessels are there merely for the purpose of protecting German citizens is puerile. When it is considered that there are not more than a score of German citizens in Manila, the presence of five, or, according to some reports, seven, German ships of war in the harbor indicates that Germany means mischief to the United States in the Philippines. It is true that the state department has received the positive assurance from the German government, both through its ambassador here and through our own ambassador, Mr. White, in Berlin, that she harbors no ulterior purposes regarding the Philippines. The state department is compelled to accept these assurances. It cannot openly indicate its doubt of their sincerity. At the same time we remember instances where diplomatic promises have been made only to be broken.

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The traveler who visits the capital of Jamaica should pray for clear weather without wind. When the water of the harbor is ruffled by breezes the hidden city is obscured from view. But on a cloudless, still day, when the surface of the sea is perfectly smooth, the ruins of the phantom city may be plainly seen even in the depths of the transparent water.

A piece of gas pipe, some powder and a match comprised the materials which, after the explosion, disfigured the face of Ned, son of R. S. Wilkinson, at Weeping Water. The chest bone was exposed and the cut extended down through the upper lip.

"The city council of Tekamah has ordered the city engineer to set grade stakes on Main street for the purpose of bringing all sidewalks on that street to grade. As it is at present some of the walks are below grade and the council will endeavor to have them uniform.

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The spirit of the old cathedral is the most prominent object. In the clear water you can see the fishes, lazily swimming in and out among the ruined turrets, more suggestive of coral basins than of the fenny water of the sea. Occasionally glimpses can be had of the ruins of other buildings—buildings which for more than two centuries have kept their ghastly secrets and will keep them until the end of time.

Dr. John B. McConnell was found Wednesday about noon in a barn back of Burkhardt's meat market in Falls City in an unconscious condition. Upon examination it was found that two of his ribs had been broken. He entered the barn sometime during the night before and was kicked by a horse.

"The postoffice authorities at Washington have sent information to the Tecumseh office that the free experimental rural delivery, which is operated in a number of offices over the country, including Tecumseh, will be continued one year. The time previously provided for expired after being in operation a year and one-half. This gives employment to four mail carriers.

They flung up the sea like subterranean volcanic explosions, and made the earth gape open like craters' mouths.

Down there, in that peaceful depth, lie the bones of three thousand men, women and children, carried down into the sea with their homes on that awful June day in 1692. An earthquake, suddenly and without warning, smote the profligate city of Port Royal, and it sank into the sea. The waters opened and swallowed it up, and there, beneath the silent waves, was hidden the wickedness and debauchery of a community described by historians as being almost without parallel.

The harvest is on in earnest in Johnson county, and there never was a time when men were so scarce. There is a great demand for harvesters, and any man who can shock wheat and desire work in the field. The wages paid generally are \$1.50 per day and board. The harvesting, together with the building in the city and the railroad grading work on the Burlington south of Tecumseh has been a boon to the laborers of Tecumseh this summer.

"The president and all of us are anxious about the situation in the Philippines. We fear that intrigue and keen European diplomacy may provoke complications with Aguinaldo and his insurgents. We fear that on some pretext or another Germany will land forces on the islands and will refuse to withdraw them without insisting upon receiving compensation, perhaps in the shape of a coaling and naval station. We believe that we know that Germany intends to seize one of the islands of the group as a base. We hope, and have reason to believe, that as soon as Germany makes a move, Great Britain will make a counter demonstration. If Germany lands troops we believe England will do so also. If Germany indicates an intention to seize an island, we believe that England will vigorously counsel her to abandon it.

But there is another aspect to it. What we have made others may imitate. What if the Spaniards were to repeat the same thing right in New York harbor? There is no length to which desperation will go. If the government propose Spain should stake all on one daring blow of this kind. If she were to equip one gunboat exactly like the Vesuvius and were to pick out the one brave man in her navy to try to rival Hobson, there is no telling what might happen.

Previous to that fateful seventh day of June, 1622, Port Royal had been known as "the finest town in the West India, and the richest spot in the world." It was, as it now is, a British colony, but before that it was a Dutch colony, and its customs, of British morality. We are told that it was a place of luxurious debauchery; that in their excesses the colonists rivalled the profligates of ancient Rome.

Locked up in a pauper drunkard's cell at police headquarters in Omaha is "Sure Thing" Jimmy Nolan, once one of the most prominent horsemen in this country. Twenty years ago Nolan was accredited with being worth half a million dollars, and he had a string of race horses that were as good as a bank and numbered among them some of the noted horses of those days. Nolan was phenomenally successful in those days and won the name of "Sure Thing" because of his luck in picking winners. Through prodigality Nolan's fortune slipped through his fingers and he was reduced to poverty. During the last few years he has been a race track follower and lives by means of the few dollars he can earn by doing odd jobs about the racing stables and that he receives from horsemen who know him in the good days.

"But we would feel less anxious if we could hear that our troops had made good on that Dewey's squadron had received its reinforcements. As soon as we take possession of Manila any excuse for German interference will have been removed. That is the reason we were disappointed Monday when news came from Dewey, and learned that our troops had not arrived on the 23d.

With all the patrolling feet of Sandy Hook, with all the threatening guns of Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth, with all the mine fields ready to convert bay and narrows into a vast graveyard, and with all the infernal craft might sneak up under cover of darkness and take a position just below Liberty light.

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An immense crowd of Fairbury citizens came out to witness the flag raising at the round house, which was arranged and conducted by the employees of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad in honor of Admiral Dewey. The exercises were opened by a short address by Mayor Denny, followed by several other prominent men of the city, more notable among whom were Hon. Samuel N. Bailey and E. H. Henshaw, who delivered very appropriate and patriotic addresses to suit the occasion. The Star Spangled Banner was then sung by a select choir, after which "Old Glory" was raised amid profound cheers and salutes were fired. The exercises closed by a display of fireworks from the roof of the round house. The success and pleasure of the occasion were marred by an extremely high wind.

"I do not believe that the total as come. I would not be surprised to see Germany's intentions were it not for the fact that she has so many warships at Manila. The other nations are content with one or two vessels there, but Germany has five or seven. If she had not some ulterior motive, why she would send a single ship. The Germans are shrewd, calculating people, and the policy which their government has outlined, some outcroppings of which we see in this aggregation of warships, is not a mere whim. Senator Lodge, while admitting that the situation is full of interest, says that he does not believe Emperor William contemplates any hostile action at Manila, for the reason that such a step would compel an Anglo-American alliance by force of circumstances. He believes Germany would provoke this alliance.

Thirteen discharges of her guns could strew all these shores with desolation. And this is exactly how it could be done: Each torpedo, charged with 500 pounds of gun cotton or other high explosive, is capable of completely shattering everything within a radius of 300 feet of the striking point.

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In the district court at Falls City the case of Gladwell against the city of Falls City, upon motion of the defendant's counsel the court instructed the jury to return a verdict for the city. This was a suit brought by the executor of the estate of Gladwell against the city for the negligent construction of a bridge whereby young Gladwell lost his life. The evidence tended to show that the plaintiff himself was negligent in not using proper caution in approaching the bridge. This case will be brought to carry to the supreme court. In the case of Mahoney against the New York Mutual Life Insurance company, which was tried Wednesday, the court rendered a judgment in favor of the plaintiff. The suit was brought to recover the payment of two life insurance policies by the widow of one Mahoney, who came to his death by suicide.

"At the same time," added the senator, "if I were England, I would have a strong naval force at Manila to protect her interests."

What such a terrible engine could actually do in New York harbor can be most impressively told in actual figures.

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