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RESULT OF NEWS "ENTERPRISE."

Grave Charge Brought Against Some Metropolitan Journals.

Charged with Supplying the Enemy with Valuable Information--Nothing Given Out of Any Importance--Probable Movement of Our Two Fleets to Head Off the Armada--Cartel Arranged for Exchange of Prisoners.

Washington, May 17.--An order posted yesterday morning stopped by Secretary Long relative to the publication of news emanating from the navy department had the effect yesterday of considerable curtailing the supply of information that heretofore has been rather freely given out.

And This is the First Day's Budget. The sum total of the information published by the bulletin board yesterday under this rule was a notice of the intention to start the Philippine relief expedition, and of the permission given to some foreign neutral vessels to pass the blockade at Havana.

Cargo of the Spanish Armada. Intimations have been received here that Captain General Blanco at Havana is very short of ammunition, in which case the powerful batteries at the entrance of Havana harbor of course would be deprived of a large part of their defensive strength.

RAISED IT FIFTY MILLIONS.

What the Senate Committee Has Done to the War Revenue Bill.

Washington, May 17.--The debate upon the war revenue measure was begun in the senate yesterday. The opening statement for the committee on finance was made by Allison, the ranking member in the absence of Morrill of Vermont.

Appended is a recapitulation of the amount of revenue to be derived by the government under the present law and under the bill as it was reported from the senate committee on finance.

Fermented liquors, \$58,906,120; tobacco and snuff, \$43,840,560; cigars and cigarettes, \$16,302,465; tobacco manufacturers and dealers, \$307,102; bankers, \$2,394,609; exchange brokers and pawnbrokers, \$1,500,000; commercial brokers, \$213,094; theatres, circuses and other exhibitions, \$1,820,447; bowling alleys and billiard tables, \$166,967; stocks, bonds, merchandise, etc., \$10,000,000; bank checks, \$5,000,000; inland bills of exchange, \$1,500,000; foreign bills of exchange, \$500,000; express and freight, including all bills of lading, \$100,000,000; life insurance, \$1,277,000; mortgages, \$2,041,529; all other articles in schedule A, including tax on receipts, \$28,000,000; proprietary preparations and perfumeries, \$20,000,000; chewing gum, \$1,000,000; legacies and successions, \$9,275,475; total, \$214,045,529.

Add the revenue to be derived from articles not included in the pending bill on the basis of receipts of 1897 to this \$214,045,529: Spirits, \$82,008,542; brewers (special tax), \$160,927; retail dealers in malt liquors, \$191,071; wholesale dealers in malt liquors, \$278,801; oleomargarine, \$1,034,029; filled cheese, \$18,992; miscellaneous receipts, \$375,468; total estimated revenues, \$298,113,658. Less revenues for 1897, \$146,613,293. Revenue provided by senate bill \$151,494,066.

At the conclusion of Allison's statement the bill was made the unfinished business and it will be pressed to passage as soon as possible. The house received its first veto from President McKinley and voted unanimously to sustain the executive. The veto was of a bill conferring upon the court of claims jurisdiction in a private claims case of long standing. The day was given to the consideration of bills under suspension of the rules, none of which was of general interest.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

Report of the Party That Went to Havana Under a Flag of Truce.

Key West, Fla., May 17.--The Uncas after leaving here at 1 o'clock on Sunday morning headed for Havana and spoke the Mayflower, which was acting as flagship of the blockade fleet.

the captain, who thereupon instructed the Uncas to hoist a white flag and proceed into Havana harbor. The Uncas then steamed towards Havana, and when within signalling distance of Morro Castle she signalled, asking for an anchorage. The castle signalled back that its commander was waiting for instructions and that the Uncas must certainly not anchor.

After an interval a launch with the harbor authorities on board put out from the shore and took on board Lieutenant Brainard and Mr. Knight, the correspondent of the London Times, who had been chosen to negotiate the exchange of prisoners. As the launch was returning to the shore she was met by Captain General Blanco's launch coming out with the captain general's aide-de-camp and Mr. Gollan, the British consul general. The boats drew together and a conference was had. Lieutenant Brainard and Mr. Knight were assured that Messrs. Thrall and Jones were absolutely safe and were being threatened with every consideration.

It was added that Captain General Blanco was willing to release them the moment the United States authorities send him two Spanish prisoners in exchange. Mr. Knight was told he could not land at Havana from an American boat, in spite of the flag of truce, and it was explained to him that if he desired to reach Havana he must go there on a ship belonging to some neutral power. The Uncas then returned to Key West and delivered the information to the department. It is understood that two of the Spanish captives now in Fort McPherson, Atlanta, will be promptly sent down, and the exchange of prisoners will be consummated without further trouble.

Spain Seizes a Cable. Liverpool, May 17.--The telegraph office at the island of Grand Canary, near the center of the Canary islands the chief city of which is Las Palmas, has been seized by the Spanish authorities. All telegrams except the barest commercial messages have been stopped.

CHAMBERLAIN'S LATE SPEECH.

Matter Brought Up in the Commons by the Liberals and Davitt. London, May 17.--The speech of Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, at Birmingham on Friday last, is still the sensation of the day, and was introduced in the house of commons last evening. During a question as to the date for the discussion of the foreign office vote the Liberal leader in the house, Sir William Vernon Harcourt, said the country desired "to discuss the Birmingham foreign policy." The remark aroused tremendous cheering. The cheering was intermitted with ministerial "Oh's."

MORE GOOD GALLOWS' FRUIT.

Incident in the Criminal Annals of the Prairie State Capital. Springfield, Ills., May 17.--Joe Morris has been landed in the county jail and a charge of murder will probably be placed against him. Morris went to the residence of Jane Murray and demanded to see Lucy Murray, her daughter. He was refused admittance, whereupon he broke in the door and grabbed a lighted lamp threw it at the girl. The lamp exploded, cutting Mrs. Murray's hand and throwing it into the hall. Her screams attracted the attention of Henry Cleveland.

The latter rushed upstairs and extinguished the blaze, carrying the burning motion inside the room, where Morris was beating Lucy Murray. Cleveland rushed in. Morris attacked him with a large knife and came near disemboweling him. Cleveland was taken to the hospital and the physicians say there is no hope for his recovery.

Russian Editorial Opinion.

St. Petersburg, May 17.--The Novoye Vremya, commenting upon the recent speech at Birmingham of Chamberlain, the British secretary of state for the colonies, says: "We doubt if the United States desires an alliance, and question whether it would be agreeable to the other powers that the United States, after wresting the Philippine islands from Spain, should afterwards sell them to Great Britain." The Novoye Vremya says that display of such an intention would be "sufficient to induce the powers to reconsider their neutrality during the present war."

Notified to Look Out.

Springfield, Ills., May 17.--Dr. Egan, secretary of the state board of health, was notified yesterday morning by health commissioner of New York that one case of small pox had been discovered among passengers of the steamer Victoria. The passengers are destined for St. Louis, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Elgin, Bloomington and other places. Authorities at all these places have been notified.

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Legal Notice.

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska, in the matter of the estate of Addison F. Weston, deceased. William O. Weston, Frances Bixby, children of Joseph Weston, deceased; Frank Weston, and Arthur Weston, children of Jane Hall, deceased; Mrs. Ida Frost and Jennie Hall, Fletcher Weston, Annie Sprague, Sarah Huntington, Lydia Ann Kelsey, Emma Ruggles, Mary Buck, Fage Weston, Wallace Weston, Adeline Davis, Marion Hall, Joseph Baldwin, Edgewood Baldwin, children of Mary Sheldon, deceased; Irwin L. Sheldon, children of Mrs. A. D. Drexler, deceased; Cora McKinley nee Sheldon, Abbie Bailey, Thomas Baldwin, Albert A. Johnson, Albert J. Bixby, Adie O'Neil, children of Ernie Barton, deceased; William F. and Mattie May Weston, A. D. Drexler, May A. D. 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 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