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INTELLIGENCE FROM ALL PARTS.

NEW TRIAL GRANTED

FRANCE DECIDES TO REVISE THE DREYFUS CASE.

The Condemned Man Still Remains a Prisoner on Devil's Island as the Court Holds There Are No Grounds for Suspension of Penalty.

The Dreyfus Case.

Dreyfus will secure a new trial. The court of cassation of France on Saturday decided to grant a revision of the case, and will institute a supplementary inquiry. The court, however, declined to order the release of Dreyfus.

The decision of the court, textually, is as follows: "In view of the letter of the minister of justice, dated September 20, 1898; in view of the arguments of the public prosecutor denouncing to the court the condemnation pronounced by the first court-martial of the military government of Paris on December 22, 1894, against Alfred Dreyfus, then a captain of artillery attached to the general staff; in view of all the documents in the case and also of articles 443 and 446 of the code of criminal procedure, ended by the law of June 10, 1865, relative to the admissibility of an application in proper form for revision."

The court declared the application to be in proper form and legally admissible, and states that it will institute a supplementary inquiry, and declares there is no ground at the present moment for deciding on the public prosecutor's application for suspension of penalty.

The judges of the court were occupied for three hours and a half in considering the judgment. The public, whose admission to the court was regulated with the greatest care, awaited the decision with marked calmness. During the suspension of business the public crowded into the lobbies and there was evident anxiety to hear the verdict. There was no demonstration when the court rose. The decision created no public excitement and complete tranquility prevails on the streets.

LIFE BOATS CHAINED DOWN.

Story of Miss Rondebush, a Survivor of the Mohegan Disaster.

Miss Maud Rondebush, who is better known on the operatic stage as Miss Maud Roudoz, one of the survivors of the Mohegan disaster, arrived in this country Sunday on the Cunard liner Eraria. Miss Rondebush was dressed in deep mourning, and her face bore traces of the strain and hardships she endured when the steamer was wrecked. When seen by a reporter Miss Rondebush, in reply to a question, said:

"The opinion of John Hyslop that the life boats were difficult of access I believe is true, and I can say myself that they were double railed, as has been stated, and that the rail around the boat was almost as high as one's chin. They were chained down and when I went on deck I saw some of them which apparently no attempt had been made to launch. I do not know what caused the accident."

VRIDEN MINE STRIKE CASES

Penwells Are Fined \$20 and Costs for Inciting the Riot.

The trial of Orve and Max Penwell, sons of operator G. V. Penwell, and Louis Jehle of Chicago, charged with inciting the riot at Pana, Ill., of September 28, when negroes and union miners fought a battle on the principal business streets of the city, was called in Judge Crosby's court Saturday morning. The Penwells were fined \$20 each and costs. The case against Jehle was dismissed. The Penwells will appeal to the circuit court.

Anarchists in Ponce.

A sensation was created in Ponce, Porto Rico, Saturday on the arrival of the steamer Philadelphia from the Spanish main by the discovery in the handbags of two passengers of a number of explosive cartridges containing dynamite. The discovery was made by the customs officers and the passengers were arrested on the supposition that they were anarchists. The police, who fear that others belonging to the gang have escaped, are making a strict search.

Big Grain Shipments.

More than 600,000 bushels of wheat and corn cleared the custom house at Philadelphia Saturday on steamers bound for European ports. The shipments of wheat and corn from this port since January 1 have aggregated over 25,000,000 bushels.

Great Fire in Cashmere.

A great fire in Serinagar, one of the capitals of Cashmere, in the Vale of Cashmere, India, destroyed all the public buildings and many residences Sunday. One man was killed. The damage is estimated at \$500,000.

Noted Presbyterian Divine Dead.

Samuel Mutchmore, one of the most prominent ministers in the Presbyterian church, died at his home in Philadelphia Sunday from kidney trouble. He was 69 years.

Sails for Manila.

The transport Zealandia, with the First and Second battalions of the First Tennessee regiment, comprising 597 men, sailed from San Francisco Sunday for Manila.

DREYFUS CASE CALLED.

Question of Granting New Trial Before French Supreme Court.

The court of cassation of France which is to decide upon the question of reopening the case of Dreyfus, opened at noon Thursday in Paris and was filled with people, but there was no demonstration. As a matter of precaution only ticket holders were admitted. Maitre Laborio, who was counsel for Zola during the latter's trial, was among the lawyers occupying the first row. Mme. Dreyfus was present, and was represented by Maitre Mornard. The Dreyfus appeal case was called immediately.

According to a special dispatch from Paris to a London paper the anti-revolutionist mob around the palace of justice, where the appeal in the Dreyfus case is being heard, became so dangerous that the lawyers fled.

VICTIMS OF VRIDEN RIOT.

Coroner's Jury Renders Its Verdict—No One Censured.

The coroner's jury which has been in session at Carlinville, Ill., for fourteen days holding an inquest on the bodies of nine of the victims of the riot at Vriden, October 12, between miners and guards of the Chicago-Virden Coal Company returned a verdict Friday evening. The verdict in each instance is that the deceased came to his death by gunshot wounds inflicted by weapons in the hands of parties unknown to the jury. No one was censured, and no recommendations were made to the grand jury. The grand jury will convene November 9 in special session to investigate the causes of the riot and indict the guilty parties.

OREGON INDIANS UP IN ARMS

Redskins in Baker Mining District on a Shooting Affray.

Word was received Thursday from Canyon City, Ore., of a shooting affray, in which Indians shot and seriously wounded Dave Cuttings and shot the horses from under E. Duncan and F. Mosier. The redskins then went to the home of John High and shot him but not fatally. The scene of the trouble is on the south fork of the John Day River, thirty miles southwest. A well armed posse from Canyon City took up the trail and trouble is expected, as the Indians are well armed.

BOY ROBBERS SENTENCED.

Five Youths Who Held Up a Train Get Ten Years Each.

In the criminal court at St. Joseph, Mo., Thursday afternoon Herbert Donovan, Alonzo Ardeburn, Charles Cook, James Hathaway and William Hathaway were sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years for robbing a Burlington passenger train near St. Joseph on the evening of August 11. The robbers are mere boys and of good families. The robbery was successfully executed but no booty was secured.

Lake Schooner Sinks.

The three-masted schooner St. Peter of St. Vincent sank Friday about five miles southwest of Sodus, on Lake Ontario, with all on board save Captain John Griffin, who was rescued in a precarious condition. Eight persons at least perished. It is thought that the St. Peter lost her rudder and that the heavy seas caused her to spring a leak. She was bound from Oswego to Toledo with coal.

Great Tobacco Combine.

A syndicate, composed of several eastern capitalists, are about to file articles of incorporation of the Continental Tobacco Company. The company will have a capital of \$75,000,000, one-half to be 7 per cent. preferred and one-half common stock. This syndicate will control more than four-fifths of the plug tobacco output of the country.

Light Catch of Seals.

The official statement of the sealing industry for the season just closed shows a total of 27,865 skins for the fleet of thirty-five schooners; by far the lightest catch in many years; also fewer schooners have, of course, been employed. The catch is divided thus: Asiatic coast, 440; British Columbia coast, 10,655; Behring Sea, 17,870.

Sick Soldier Suicides.

Philip R. N. Hildreth, 26 years old, a member of Troop A, New York volunteers, committed suicide in New York City while delirious from fever contracted in Porto Rico. He shot himself through the head with his army revolver. Hildreth was cashier for the shipping and export house of William R. Grace & Co.

Drunken Fight of Soldiers.

In a quarrel at Lexington, Ky., Thursday between William H. Green, John Nowitz and Ed Wilson, all privates in Company H, Seventh Immunes, negroes, Green was shot and instantly killed by Nowitz. All were drinking and had come back to camp from town.

Board of Trade Firm Fails.

H. C. Gray Co., commission merchants on the Chicago Board of Trade, on Thursday required Secretary Stone to close up all accounts which were open with them. Mr. Gray has served as a director of the board for the past two years.

Double Hanging in Texas.

At Richmond, Texas, Manuel Morris and Peter Autre, negroes, were hanged from a double gallows. Morris murdered and then outraged a 6-year-old blind girl, and then confessed the crime. Autre assassinated his mistress.

The Plague in Russia.

It is now recognized that the epidemic prevailing at Samarkand, Russia, is the true plague. The mortality is higher.

MEEKS FAMILY MURDERER.

George Taylor Is Located in Texas, but Eludes Officers.

Another clue to George Taylor, one of the murderers of the Meeks family, has gone glimmering. Ever since the escape of George Taylor from the Carrolton Jail, four years ago, many efforts to capture him have been made. He has always succeeded in eluding arrest, and now he has again slipped out of the clutches of the police, just when they were sure they had him.

A week ago Detective Charles Sanderson of Kansas City received a tip from an old crook that Taylor was living on a ranch twenty miles from Galveston, Texas, and that he was in the habit of going to Galveston every Tuesday. Sanderson quietly slipped away from Kansas City and landed in Galveston, but the bird had flown. Some one evidently had tipped Taylor, and he has again disappeared.

MORE WARSHIPS FOR DEWEY

Two Light Draft Gunboats to Be Sent to the Philippines.

Two more men of war will probably follow the auxiliary cruiser Buffalo to the Asiatic squadron. Orders have already been given to the gunboat Helena to prepare for her long trip through the Suez Canal to the far east, and as soon as she is ready she will start. The Yorktown, it is understood, will soon be placed in commission on the Pacific coast and will start for Manila. In addition to these gunboats it will be necessary for the department, within the next few months, to send an auxiliary cruiser carrying another draft of men to take the places of those on the Asiatic station whose terms of enlistment have expired.

NOTED THEATRICAL MAN DEAD

Nathaniel Childs Takes Morphine and Then Shoots Himself.

Nathaniel Childs, press agent of the Way Down East company, died a suicide at the Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia Saturday. He had swallowed forty-five grains of morphine, after which he shot himself in the head. The act was committed October 25 but through the efforts of friends the affair was kept secret and Childs was taken to the hospital, where he lingered until Saturday. Despondency is given as the reason for the act. Childs was one of the best known men in the theatrical world.

Case of Religious Fanaticism.

A case of fanaticism of the worst type was discovered at Los Angeles, Cal., when Nell Thompson, colored, died while being taken from the home of Mrs. Minerva Williams, who is said to call herself a representative of Christ, and who has been preaching the doctrine of fasting as a means of grace. The Thompson woman practiced this doctrine, having gone without food for eight days and sleeping on the river bottom on a piece of matting, in pursuance of what is said to be Mrs. Williams' teachings.

Opposed to Penitentiary Products

The national convention of the wholesale saddlery dealers, in session at Cincinnati, adopted resolutions requesting congress to put hides on the free list and to buy no goods manufactured in penal institutions. The association the last year spent \$18,000 to dispose of a plant at Joliet, Ill., and they are now after the plant working under contracts in the Maine penitentiary.

To Punish Chinese Soldiers.

In response to the demand of the British minister, Sir Claude Macdonald, the empress dowager of China has issued an edict directing the punishment of the Chinese soldiers who attacked a party of English railway engineers at the Marco Polo bridge on the Pekin-Hankow railroad.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$4.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 68c to 67c; corn, No. 2, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2, 22c to 24c; rye, No. 2, 40c to 51c; butter, choice creamery, 21c to 23c; eggs, fresh, 17c to 19c; potatoes, choice, 30c to 40c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 69c to 70c; corn, No. 2 white, 32c to 33c; oats, No. 2 white, 26c to 28c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.50 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.50 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 70c to 72c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2, 25c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 50c to 52c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 68c to 70c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 25c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 54c to 56c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.25 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 26c to 28c; rye, 50c to 55c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 71c to 72c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 32c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 51c to 53c; clover seed, new, \$5.10 to \$5.20.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 67c to 68c; corn, No. 3, 32c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 26c to 28c; rye, No. 1, 50c to 52c; barley, No. 2, 46c to 47c; pork, mess, \$7.75 to \$8.25.

Buffalo—Cattle, good shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, common to choice, \$3.50 to \$4.00; sheep, fair to choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$5.00; lambs, common to extra, \$5.00 to \$5.75.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 77c to 79c; corn, No. 2, 39c to 40c; oats, No. 2, 28c to 30c; butter, creamery, 16c to 24c; eggs, West, 19c to 21c.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Thirteenth Annual Convention of Nebraska Christian Endeavor Union at Hastings—Good Attendance and Much Enthusiasm.

State Christian Endeavorers. The thirteenth annual convention of the Nebraska Christian Endeavor Union was held at Hastings, Oct. 21, 22 and 23. There were 400 delegates in attendance. The convention proved a success, as the weather was favorable, the attendance was large and everybody seemed to be greatly enthused. The various programs as arranged were interesting and instructive and every meeting was well attended. The following information is gleaned from the secretary's report:

Societies.	Members.
Congregational	143
Presbyterian	149
Christian	142
Lutheran	25
Evangelical	32
United Brethren	24
Baptist	18
Methodist Episcopal	14
Protestant Methodist	11
Friends	9
United Presbyterian	8
Free Will Baptist	8
Reformed	4
Advanced Presbyterian	3
People's	2
Church of God	2
Seventh Day Baptist	1
Men	71

Solution of a Mystery.

The mystery surrounding the identity of the body of the young man who was found dead near Wymore recently has been cleared up. John Krapp of Cortland had a brother named Peter Krapp, who disappeared from home about July 15. The former has positively identified the clothing as that of his brother. The deceased, he says, was partly penniless and was frequently talking of going to South America, which he expected to reach by walking. How he came to his death, being physically strong, is more of a mystery than ever. As long as the remains were thought to be those of E. E. Priest, of Omaha the conclusion was reached that he died from an overdose of morphine. How the latter's letters came to be in the vicinity of the dead man is not apparently explained.

Boy Commits Suicide.

Mead Clark, the 11-year-old grandson of Walter Holston, a leading farmer, north of Trenton and a prominent citizen, committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver through the left breast. He came into town to school in the morning, but failed to attend and went on an errand for which he received 75 cents. After completing the errand he visited a school in the country and did not arrive home till about 5 o'clock. His grandfather reprimanded him mildly for staying out of school, when he went into the house and used the revolver with the above result.

Supposedly Murdered.

Meager particulars of the murder of Lawrence R. True, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. C. True of Tecumseh, at Cincinnati, have reached the former city. He had left Cincinnati presumably on a freight steamer for St. Louis and as he had upwards of \$100 on his person it is believed he was killed for his money and thrown overboard. His body, with the throat cut and otherwise lacerated, was found floating near Lawrenceburg, Ind.

Claivoyant Under Arrest.

C. O. Corbett, the clairvoyant, who nudged his board bill at the Commercial Hotel in Bancroft last week, was arrested at Wayne, turned over to Constable Rossier and taken back to Bancroft for trial. Corbett is also wanted at Elk Point, S. D., where he went under the name of W. J. Paulington, which is supposed to be his true name, and where he is charged with numerous offenses.

Gamblers at Grand Island.

About three weeks ago the doors of the gambling rooms at Grand Island were again thrown open and everything has since been running wide. No interference is attempted by the police department and the clicks of the roulette wheel have been heard on the streets by pedestrians passing some of the saloons. The mayor and city council are being severely criticised.

New College Building Dedicated.

An elaborate ceremonial at Lincoln one day last week was the dedication of the building devoted to the college of mechanical arts, just completed, on the University of Nebraska campus. President Chapin of Washington University, St. Louis, delivered the dedication address.

Wreck at Lincoln.

A wreck occurred in the B. & M. yards at Lincoln in which two men were badly injured. A switch engine left the track and the fifteen cars following it were piled up in a promiscuous manner. Several of the cars were reduced to kindling wood.

Killed His Affianced Wife.

John Melchert, an exposition employe, shot and fatally wounded his affianced wife, Lillian Morris, and then turned his weapon on himself and blew his brains out at Omaha last week.

More Telephones for Nebraska City.

Nebraska City is to have another telephone exchange. An ordinance granting a franchise to Henry A. Colt of St. Louis passed the city council and was approved by the mayor.

Farmers Are Busy.

The cold wave of the last week has given way to more pleasant weather and the farmers are taking advantage of it and getting their corn in cribs as rapidly as possible.

Suicide Near Millard.

Mrs. Mohr, living two miles south of Millard, committed suicide by hanging herself in an outbuilding. The cause of the deed is unknown.

FATAL WRECK.

Collision on the Union Pacific Kills Three Men.

A collision on the Union Pacific at Silver Creek resulted in the death of three men and the serious injury of one other. The dead are: Samuel Hindman, engineer; William Ranan, fireman; B. Shannon, brakeman. Seriously injured: John Griffing, brakeman. An extra freight train stood on the side track, and the switch being left open freight No. 27, going at a good rate of speed, crashed in the rear end of the extra. The engine was badly wrecked and four cars reduced to kindling wood.

Samuel Hindman, engineer of No. 27, was taken from the wreck unconscious, but died in a short time. William Ranan, the fireman, was caught in the freight cars, being thrown several feet, and was wedged in between timbers and parts of the engine. It was half an hour after the collision before he was extricated. He died a little later. John Griffing, brakeman of the extra, was caught between the cars and sustained serious injuries. Brakeman Shannon was fatally injured, being thrown from the car to a considerable distance.

CHARGED WITH KIDNAPING.

A. E. Spencer Arrested for Enticing a Girl Away from Home.

A. E. Spencer, a cook, is locked up in Omaha charged with having kidnaped 16-year-old Helen Hopkins from her home. The girl cannot be found. Spencer having secured her, and he refuses to tell where she is. A trace of her was obtained at 313 South Tenth Street, but when the police went to search for her she was not to be found. She had been left at this number by Spencer, but upon his arrest had left and secreted herself somewhere in the west bottoms. It is learned that she has assumed the name of Helen Williams. Spencer, according to Mrs. Hopkins, the missing girl's mother, coaxed her eldest daughter, who is married, to desert her husband and go west with him four months ago. She said that he deserted her daughter in Denver and returned to Omaha. He had not been in the city a week, she says, until he coaxed Helen, her next to youngest daughter, to elope with him. Mrs. Hopkins is prostrated over the loss of her daughter.

Sheep Dipping Plant.

The Fremont Stock Lards and Lard Company has put in a sheep dipping plant near the packing house in that city. The plant, which is a large one and equipped with all the latest conveniences, has a capacity of 1,200 sheep a day. The dipping solution, which is prepared in large boilers, is conducted to a tank. The sheep are driven into it down an inclined walk or passage and come out on a similar walk at the other side. The company expects to do a good business dipping sheep this winter, as an unusually large number of sheep are being unloaded at the yards near the packing house to be fed and watered.

Bloody Fight at Beatrice.

A bloody fight occurred at Beatrice between a man who claimed to live at Omaha but who refused to give his name, and a young horse trader named Blowers. The two had traded horses, the stranger to give Blowers some money in addition. Not having the cash he asked his wife for it. She evidently did not want the trade to be made and refused to give her husband the money, whereupon he set on her and began choking her. As he picked up a board and was going to strike her Blowers interfered and a hard fight followed. The woman was badly injured.

Cattle Lost in the Storm.

W. I. Walker of Omaha, who has a large cattle ranch on the Winnebago reservation, north of Bancroft, lost thirty-two head of cattle in the recent storm. At the beginning of the storm the herd, numbering some 600 head, was driven with the storm to the south until a creek was encountered, where by a jam thirty-two head were crowded into the stream and trodden under foot, forming a bridge for the remainder of the herd to cross on. Mr. Walker estimates his loss at upwards of \$1,000.

Shooting Quail at Wymore.

Notwithstanding the fact that the "open time" to kill quail did not begin until November 1, for the last month hunters have been killing quail in the vicinity of Wymore in large numbers and the true sportsmen are very indignant that such a flagrant violation of the game law is permitted. Quail are plentiful this season and hunters have no trouble in bagging two or three dozen in a half day's hunt, and they are doing it so openly that several arrests are likely to be made.

Thieves Steal Mules.

Grigor Landrammer and Grant Blair, two farmers living a few miles from Fairbury, lost a span of mules each in one night by theft. The teams were taken from their stables and one span evidently hitched to a buggy and the other led. The thieves were tracked for several miles and it is supposed drove into Kansas. Landrammer lost a carriage harness and Blair a draft horse.

His Friends Are Anxious.

Fred Schmitz, who worked on a farm near Richfield, has been missing for some time and friends were in Omaha the other day making inquiries about him. Little information of him was obtained. Some of the missing man's friends suspect foul play, but they are not prepared to say at the present time just why they suspect this.

Worthless Check Swindle.

Several merchants of Omaha have been victimized on the bank check swindle by an individual representing himself to be "H. Metcalf, an employe of the Hall Safe Company." He is supposed to have gotten ahead of the town to the extent of several hundred dollars.

Killed by a Train.

An Italian named Charles Foley, who has been working on the section of the Union Pacific Railroad for some time past, was run over and instantly killed by a freight train near Rudia. He was terribly cut and mangled, his head being nearly severed from the body.

ACCEPTS THE TERMS!

SPAIN AGREES TO ASSUME THE CUBAN DEBT.

Stubborn Dons Have Bowled to Your Uncle Sam and It Is Now Believed that Peace Negotiations Will Proceed More Rapidly.

It was announced in Washington Friday morning that the peace negotiations in Paris were proceeding satisfactorily, and that Spain had accepted the terms of the United States in regard to the Cuban debt, and all matters within the province of the joint commission excepting the disposition of the Philippines.

The articles of the protocol settled are:

1. The cession of Porto Rico to the United States.
2. The relinquishment of all sovereignty over Cuba and dependent islands, and the cession of Cuba to the United States for its pacification and the establishment of a stable government.
3. This country assuming no portion of the Cuban debt.
4. The cession to the United States of an island (Guan) in the Ladrone group.
5. The withdrawal of Spain's forces from the western hemisphere (now going on).

The one article that is decided is that providing that the United States shall occupy and hold the harbor and city of Manila and Subig bay until a peace commission determines the rights of both Spain and the United States in the Philippines.

The negotiations were nearly wrecked on the Cuban debt snag. The Americans were unwilling in their refusal to assume a single dollar of that debt, despite the threats of the Spaniards to break off the proceedings. Finally, the Americans remaining obdurate, Senor Montero Rios, head of the Spanish commission, telegraphed his resignation to Madrid, and affairs became extremely critical. Had his resignation been accepted, the other Spanish commissioners would have followed suit, and the peace negotiations would have come to an abrupt end. This result was averted by the action of the Queen Regent in begging Rios to continue.

As a last resort, the Spanish commissioners begged for mercy, declaring that should Spain be compelled to assume the whole of the Cuban debt, it would mean her utter financial ruin. This appeal was sent to President McKinley, and resulted in the midnight cabinet meeting in Philadelphia Wednesday night. The president and his advisers decided again that Spain must assume the debt, and the Spanish commissioners were forced to accept the inevitable.

WARSHIPS TO CUBA

Havana Harbor Is to Be Dragged for Mines.

The President has decided that American warships shall be stationed in Havana harbor, as requested by Admiral Sampson and other members of the evacuation commission. The delay has been due to official reluctance to expose national vessels and sailors to a possible repetition of the Maine horror. It was deemed discreet to await convincing assurances from the Spanish authorities that no torpedoes remained which might be exploded by disgruntled civilians or revengeful Spanish soldiers. These assurances have now been forthcoming, but, nevertheless, every precaution against raciality will be exercised.

The naval administration has for some time been engaged in equipping the Eagle and Vixen at the Norfolk navy yard, ostensibly for surveying duty, but in reality these vessels have been provided with apparatus for dragging Havana harbor for possible mines, and they will be promptly dispatched to carry out their purpose. It is not intended to send any of the larger armorclads to Cuba.

STEAMER DOTY LOST.

She and Her Entire Crew Are at the Bottom of Lake Michigan.