

SPAIN'S FAIRY TALES

Story from Madrid of European Interference at Manila.

FOREIGN WAR SHIPS DISEMBARKING TROOPS

Tals is Utterly Discredited by Government Officials at Washington.

NO SUCH EMERGENCY IS SAID TO EXIST

Another Report that Dewey Has Had a Clash with the Germans.

ABSOLUTE DENIAL OF THE STATEMENT

Dewey and Ots Have the Situation Fully in Hand and No Fear Exists as to the Final Outcome.

MADRID, Feb. 26.—An official dispatch from Manila says: The situation here is very serious. The foreign war ships are disembarking troops. General Itier will leave Manila and go to Zamboanga, island of Mindanao.

MADRID, Feb. 26.—No such emergency exists here as is presented by reports circulated in the United States and cable back to Manila—to the effect that Admiral Dewey has had a collision of a forcible character with the German naval commander.

MADRID, Feb. 27.—11:40 a. m.—Admiral Dewey, when asked by the correspondent of the Associated Press to give his reasons for requesting Washington to send the battleship Oregon to Manila, firmly declined to discuss the matter.

MADRID, Feb. 27.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says he is authorized to deny that Germany has any intention of interfering in the Philippines. He adds: "Neither has any other power and the German emperor has been ordered to Manila on this account."

Denied at Washington. WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The government officials here discredit the statement in the above dispatch that the foreign war ships are disembarking troops at Manila.

General Ots has repeatedly stated in his dispatches that he has no intention of leaving the situation well in hand and there is no reason to believe he would have trouble in keeping order at Manila where the cream of his troops are stationed.

INSURGENTS BECOME MEKIK.

Fluc is Raised at Cebu Without Any Native Opposition.

MADRID, Feb. 26, 6:20 p. m.—According to the advices brought this morning by the steamer Nueve de Mayo, the United States flag has been raised over the island of Cebu, the United States gunboat Petrel, Commander C. Corwell, visited Cebu, February 25, and Commander Corwell sent an ultimatum ashore declaring the intention of the Americans to take possession—peacefully if possible, by force if necessary.

The rebels immediately vacated, taking their arms to the mountains. The American flag was hoisted over the government building, which they still occupied when the Nueve de Mayo left Cebu. A battalion of the Twenty-third regulars left for Cebu today by the United States transport Pennsylvania. The same steamer brought a dispatch from Brigadier General Miller at Iloilo to Major General Ots, reporting all was quiet there, that there had been no further fighting, that confidence had been restored and business was being generally resumed.

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WOUNDED IN THE TRENCHES

War Department Receives Latest Report from Ots of Injured Near Calocan.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Major General Ots has reported to the War department following additional casualties to troops under his command: MANTLA, Feb. 25.—Additional wounded, February 24 and 25, in trenches near Calocan: Second Oregon.

Corporal William Penick, Company G, chest, severe.

Third Artillery. Private John W. Corder, Battery H, thigh, slight.

Private Michael J. Crowley, Battery K, leg, slight.

Private Charles S. Lamp, Company F, thigh, severe.

Twentieth Kansas. Private Larry Jones, Company D, head, serious.

Private Campbell Scott, Company D, arm, severe.

First Montana. Private Francis J. Aupbach, Company A, arm, severe.

Private Albert S. Hicks, Company A, lung, severe.

FRATERNIZATION IN CUBA

Cubans and Americans Arrive at a Cordial Understanding of Each Other's Desires.

HAVANA, Feb. 26.—The banquet at the Tacon last evening proved a brilliantly successful affair. Governor General Brooke and Major General Lee spoke. Cubans generally really the banquet at the Tacon, the most promising auguries of Cuban independence since the peace protocol was signed.

The theater was crowded to overflowing with spectators and more than 200 covers were laid for the banquet. Besides the governor general and General Lee the company included Major General Ludlow, General Chaffee, the governor general's chief of staff, the staffs of Generals Lee and Ludlow and other many army officers, a large number of the most prominent citizens and Havana officials.

General Andrade sat on the right of Gomez and Mayor Lacoste on his left. The boxes were filled with people representing Havana's best society. As the American generals entered a trumpet at the door blew once, whereupon a concealed band played the "Star Spangled Banner." When the Cuban commanders entered the trumpet was sounded twice and the band played the Cuban hymn.

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TROOPS LEAVING SANTIAGO

Volunteers Whose Mission is Accomplished Set for the Cuban Troops' Departure.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Feb. 26.—The United States transport Minnesota will leave on Tuesday having on board the Twenty-third Kansas volunteers. The Twenty-third Kansas volunteers, who were organized by the Eight Illinois regiment, those troops, like the Ninth Illinois, have of late had no special duties to perform.

At least one more regiment is needed by the department, preferably cavalry, as during the rainy season it is difficult to move infantry. It was recently reported to General Leonard Wood, on reliable authority, that a prominent Cuban holding a high position in this province under the military government had openly stated that if the Americans did not "get out" by July, Cuba would declare war.

General Wood is able to keep only what has been done in repair. He has no power in the holding of funds except so far as the monthly allowance is concerned, and this prevents fresh contracts and the giving of work to thousands of Cubans who want it.

Damaged by the Wind.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 26.—A violent cyclone passed over Evansville today, destroying and damaging much property. The Evansville brick company's plant was demolished; loss, without insurance, \$10,000.

KIPLING NEAR DEATH'S DOOR

Post and Story Teller Meets Crisis of an Acute Lung Trouble.

PARIS, Feb. 26.—In consequence of the spreading throughout the city of speeches of the Duc d'Orleans, the Orleanist pretender, recently delivered at San Remo, and the seizure of scarifying and medals bearing the pretender's portrait, the prefect of police was ordered by the government to make arrest investigations in order to prevent the proceedings of the monarchist party.

PHYSICIANS HAVE FEARS FOR OUTCOME

Sixth Day of the Disease Finds the Author in Weakened Condition—Several Literary Friends Visit His Bedside.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—There was a general impression about the Hotel Grenville at 5 o'clock this afternoon that Mr. Kipling's condition was worse than at any time since he became ill. Dr. Janeway arrived at the hotel at 3:30 p. m., and as he was not expected until later in the afternoon, it was at that time there was a sudden change for the worse and that the physician had been called. He remained in the hotel until 4:15 and then left, returning in half an hour.

At almost the same time an oxygen tank was brought to the hotel and taken up to the Kipling apartment on the first floor. That the oxygen was to be administered was practically admitted by Dr. Janeway. This is heroic treatment and is resorted to only in extreme cases.

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POLICE CALL UPON SUSPECTS

Large Number of Incriminating Documents is Found in the Homes Visited.

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TRYING TO HOLD A CAUCUS

Legislators Endeavoring to Break the Long and Tedious Deadlock.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Less than a fourth of the legislators have returned this afternoon, more senators being reported absent together as early as Tuesday. The lower house arrivals during the afternoon and evening hastened to the various headquarters to ascertain the latest in the situation, the news having been spread abroad that Tuesday evening was the date fixed for the caucus that would be binding.

Senator Reynolds, who has taken an active part the last forty-eight hours toward getting the republicans in caucus, said he was one of the hopeful fellows who believed a caucus would be held this week and that Tuesday night was the time fixed upon by those who are trying to bring the matter to a caucus. He was not positive the republicans would meet as early as Tuesday, but believed it would be accomplished by Wednesday night anyhow, saying it was better to push an early day in the week as a starter with view of success at least before the close of the week.

Believing that much could be done to break the deadlock, Senator Reynolds took upon himself the task of securing the fifteen Haywood men who would agree to vote a secret ballot. Eleven names were secured. None have been added today, although the senator from Dawson believes that other four will be easily secured tomorrow. Under the rules adopted two-thirds would be necessary to elect, which would be forty-five if only sixty-seven to select the senator to go into caucus. In all probability, however, the number will increase to seventy-five, the full republican vote, as none would be very desirous of being left out in the cold while the selection was being made. With seventy-five in the caucus fifty would be necessary to select.

The opinion that a caucus will be held this week is not shared by all the candidates. Friends of Field believe the only way out of the deadlock is to begin balloting on the day of the joint assembly and keep it up till a selection is made. In point of fact, the first move made by the Thompson supporters was to secure a list of seven candidates, which was done by the Thompson supporters. When obtained, however, they raised the number to fifteen. So the friends of this candidate, who cannot see how Field Haywood voters casting a secret ballot would be to Mr. Thompson anyway, believe that some other obstacle will pop up to delay matters after Senator Reynolds completes his list.

It was asserted late tonight that one member who had signed the secret ballot agreement being circulated by Senator Reynolds had decided after thinking the matter over to withdraw his name from the list on the ground that the Thompson forces had never shown any disposition to meet the other side half way and he did not believe further concessions should be made to him. He was further credited with a statement that tomorrow two or three others would join him in withdrawing their names. The Thompson forces say no intimation of anyone's backing down has reached him. He attributes the rumor to the fact that he has the original list that was signed by all the members of the committee on caucus except Field. He is confident, however, that a loyal agreement seems as desirable for France as for Germany.

With regard to the reported Anglo-German agreement, Prince Radziwill remarked: "An entente between such serious countries, which are in such a position, and Germany is almost impossible." At this stage of the interview appears the reference to America: "But there is another country against which continental powers should indeed combine. I mean the United States, whose pretensions and wealth are becoming a danger for us all."

Older Than the Vinegar Bible. OMAHA, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—A brief telegram from Boston says that in the fire that occurred in the Old Colonial church the "vinegar bible" came near being destroyed. Doubtless a great many persons who read that wonderful work the "vinegar bible" in any city is designated by such name. The bible is the oldest in the United States. It was printed in 1717 at Oxford, England, by John Barrett, and in 1733 was presented to the Colonial church by George II, who was then king. In the present church of St. Luke, which contains the parable of the vineyard at the top of the page is the title, "The Parable of Vinegar," and from that misprint it derived its name of the "vinegar bible."

The above item is taken from the Omaha Press of February 25. The "vinegar bible" is not the oldest in the United States as Clark Penn Engelhart, our deputy county clerk, has a bible that was printed in 1707. It is therefore 120 years older than the "vinegar bible." The independent gave a brief notice a few weeks ago of the bible owned by Mr. Engelhart, and anyone can see it by calling at the county clerk's office, as it is kept in the vault there.

Investigation Resumes Today. LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The investigating committee will resume its public hearing of the charges against Auditor Cornell tomorrow night. Chairman Frank D. Curtis of the committee will return tomorrow. An executive session will be held tomorrow morning. In answer to an inquiry as to how much longer the investigation would continue, Representative Fisher of the committee said they were not half through.

House Down to Pieces. LOGANSPORT, Pa., Feb. 26.—The house of Daniel Eckhart at Walton, near here, was blown to pieces today by a natural gas explosion. The house was a two-story brick structure. Mrs. Eckhart is seriously injured and is lying in a hospital. Her husband is also injured. The cause of the explosion is being investigated.

Give Pastor a House Warming. EXETER, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Friday night about sixty members and friends of the Congregational church gathered at the parsonage and gave the new pastor and his family an old-fashioned house-warming.

Declaratory Contest. SHELTON, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The second annual declaratory contest of the Shelton High school occurred last night. There were two contestants, the one receiving the highest honors being entitled to enter the district contest, which takes place at Geneva March 21. Miss Vivian Lee took first place, her subject being "How Ruby Played." Daisy Fitzgerald took second and Lorenz Stevens third.

Epidemic of Meningitis. PORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 26.—Texas is passing through an epidemic of meningitis. The number of deaths is increasing rapidly. Reports from the country towns give a similar situation. Many schools have been closed on account of the ravages of this disease.

Movements of Green Vessels, Feb. 26. At New York—Arrived—Umbria, from Liverpool; Cuffe, from Liverpool. Sailed—Furness, for Glasgow; Pompanon, for Glasgow; Kaiser Wilhelm III, for Genoa. At Queenstown—Sailed—Lusania, for New York. Liverpool—Arrived—Euria, from New York. At Havre—Arrived—La Bretagne, from New York.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair; Northerly Winds. Temperature at Omaha yesterday: High, 19; Low, 10. Today: High, 17; Low, 8. Tomorrow: High, 15; Low, 6. Wednesday: High, 14; Low, 5. Thursday: High, 13; Low, 4. Friday: High, 12; Low, 3. Saturday: High, 11; Low, 2. Sunday: High, 10; Low, 1.

QUAYS GO ON TRIAL TODAY

Senator and His Son Must Confront the Pennsylvania Courts on a Serious Charge. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 26.—There is every indication tonight that United States Senator Quay and his son, Richard J. Quay, will be placed on trial in the criminal court tomorrow to answer the charges of conspiracy and the unlawful use of slate money.

Both sides are ready and it is said anxious to have the trial proceed without further delay. Senator Quay and his son have been in the city for some time past in daily consultation with their lawyers, A. S. L. Shields and Rufus E. Shapley. So far as known former District Attorney Graham, who was active in the case together as early as Tuesday, will take no part in the trial, which will be conducted for the commonwealth by District Attorney Rothelmer, who was selected to officiate last November, and his associate, Philander and Clement.

The trial will undoubtedly be of unparalleled importance, not only because it presents the unusual spectacle of a United States senator as the chief defendant, but also because upon its result largely hinges the political future of the city with one of the most powerful men in the state. The trial will undoubtedly be broken in the meantime and it is conceded the outcome of the trial will directly influence the question of the senatorial reelection.

The Quays were indicted November 21 last jointly with former State Treasurer Benjamin J. Haywood, who died last Thursday. The charges grew out of the failure of the People's bank of this city in March last. The former allegation is that the Quays and Haywood, while the latter was state treasurer, conspired with John S. Hopkins, cashier of the bank, to use and that they did use in violation of law state funds on deposit in the bank to cover a protracted shortage of the bank's funds.

The case has already gone through many preliminary stages and a number of postponements have been granted at the prayer of the defense. The trial will be held in the morning, with the assistance of counsel, been devoting much time to arrangements for admission to the courtroom. In anticipation of a crush the police have permitted tickets to be sold to the press and newspaper representatives, who will be provided with special tickets. Even members of the bar not connected with the case will be excluded.

To insure order a squad of policemen will be on guard in the courtroom outside the court room, with orders to admit only ticket bearers. The first day will doubtless be occupied in drawing the jury and it is thought the trial will continue at least one week. The case will be heard by a jury of fifty and sixty witnesses and the defense probably as many more. A curious feature of the case is that among the witnesses summoned by the defense are former Pennsylvania Governor Wm. V. Smith, Judge Gordon, Democratic National Committee Guffey and State Senator David Martin, who have been the leaders in the Quay opposition.

South Dakota Dispensary Law. Prognostications on the Fate of the Matter in the House. PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—A sentiment is being worked up among house members today to take up the dispensary bill as it passed the senate and push it through under suspension of the rules and the gravest questions. The senate has put in three days on besides the work of the committee for most of the session, and if discussion is ever allowed in the house the rest of the session will be devoted to that one question. The dispensary bill has members this afternoon shows little opposition to this proceeding. In the senate but one man declared that he had supported the measure at the polls and favored such a bill, and in the house there is opposition to the theory most of them accepted it as the inevitable and supported it. In the house there are probably not a half dozen who believe in the theory, but the majority will support it on the same ground it secured support in the senate and push it through.

Jury is Discharged. FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Judge Grimshaw discharged the jury in the Peabody-Bismarck case at 2 o'clock this morning. It stood 11 to 1, the same as it stood very shortly after it went out. The twelfth juror, Charles Townsend of Dodge, held out for the defendant. He refused to argue the case, but he was ordered to do so by the judge. He and several of them feel intensely bitter against him. The case will be retried at the next term of court. Old residents say that there was never a civil case tried in Dodge county in which the people were so deeply interested as this one. Public sentiment is strongly with Peabody.

Parting Honors to Hereford. NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Admiral Hereford sailed today in response to social calls upon him. He began with a breakfast given by Commodore Philip, commander of the navy yard. He was at luncheon with Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead Reid, where ex-Mayor Hewitt was also a guest. A part of the afternoon was devoted to calling and tonight the admiral was a guest of honor at a dinner given by General and Mrs. Lloyd Price. Tomorrow night Lord Hereford will dine with Mr. and Mrs. Levi P. Morton, after which the party will visit the opera. Mr. and Mrs. Heath will give an arrival dinner to Lord Charles Tuesday night. He will sail for England on Wednesday.

Agent and Operator Killed. PISCATAWAY, N. J., Feb. 26.—Agent Ryan and Operator Wilson of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Mechanicsville were killed on the Big Four near Trenton this evening. They were returning home from Trenton on the 10:30 train. The train was derailed and an extra ran them down, killing both men instantly.

Grant a Divorce. FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Judge Grimshaw yesterday afternoon granted Sophronia Wurtzbaugh a divorce from her husband, J. D. Wurtzbaugh, and restored to her the custody of the minor children. She testified that Wurtzbaugh when they were married in 1896 was a professional campaign speaker then in the employ of the republican state central committee; that he was guilty of extreme cruelty and she was obliged to

SHOT IN THE HEAD

City Marshal Frank Money Receives a Bullet in His Brain.

LIES AT POINT OF DEATH AT CHADRON

Result of Collecting a Bill from Trooper Filled with Booz.

LOUIS GROSSMAN ACCUSED OF THE DEED

Discharged Cavalryman Fills Up and Uses His Revolver Too Freely.

Authorities Have a Time Getting Him Threats of Lynching Are Freely Made if the Wounded Officer Falls to Recover—Details of the Affair.

CHADRON, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—As the result of a shooting affray last night at Crawford, Neb., three miles from the military post of Fort Robinson, City Marshal Frank D. Money of Crawford lies in an unconscious state with a bullet wound in his head and with small hope of recovery and Louis Grossman, a bright young German, late trumpeter of Company C, First United States cavalry, is confined in the county jail at Crawford with one of two charges against him, of either murder or shooting with intent to kill, depending upon the death or recovery of Marshal Money.

Grossman, together with several other soldiers, were discharged from the army yesterday and were en route for the east. Grossman was bound for Chicago to visit relatives. He boarded the train at Fort Robinson. When Crawford was reached a number of other soldiers entered the car. They were all feeling bilious and had been drinking to excess. Marshal Money and J. D. Haglewood, a Crawford saloon keeper, entered the car at Crawford in search of Grossman. Haglewood had a bill against the musician and upon his presenting it Grossman promptly paid it. They then departed from the train just as it started to leave.

Money no sooner reached the depot platform than he was shot down, the bullet tearing through his eye and completely penetrating his head. He was thought to have been instantly killed, but received medical attention, being kept between life and death. Grossman is charged with firing the shot. This he denies and claims that after paying the bill to Mr. Haglewood he remained in his seat, blowing his trumpet, as soon as the train left Crawford. A deputy sheriff in that city telegraphed the circumstances of the shooting to officers here. Some little difficulty was experienced in locating Grossman after the train reached Chadron. Immediately after its arrival he was with other soldiers repaired to a saloon to purchase some liquor and reached the depot shortly before the Chicago express started. Sheriff Crawford and Deputy Sheriff Haglewood were called upon to investigate the matter and located him on top of the baggage car, where his friends had placed him evidently, after learning that the officers were searching for Grossman. He started to get up, but was held back. He stated to the sheriff, without knowing his identity, that Grossman had fired a shot before the train left Crawford.

The preliminary hearing will be held at Crawford in the morning, where the feeling is intense and in case after his death it is feared that Grossman may be summarily dealt with.

MONEY IN THE KEYSTONE FILES

Take-Off of Twenty-Five Per Cent for Some Eastern Mining Nebraska Lawmaker.

LINCOLN, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—One of the questions that agitated the legislature during the session was the proposed take-off of twenty-five per cent from the files and in both houses motion after motion was made to reject those furnished by the secretary of state and buy new ones from the Keystone company. In opposition to the theory most of them accepted it as the inevitable and supported it. In the house there are probably not a half dozen who believe in the theory, but the majority will support it on the same ground it secured support in the senate and push it through.

The resolution to order the Keystone files once passed the house, but was reconsidered the next day and in case after his death it is feared that Grossman may be summarily dealt with.

The impelling force that was behind some of these resolutions has at last been discovered. A circular letter was sent out by the Keystone people under date of December 21 and addressed to two or three of the members, asking them to introduce a resolution early in the session instructing the purchase of the Keystone binders. This plan did not seem to be a success and soon after the secretary of state's personal letter received the following personal letter:

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Dear Sir: Referring to the circular letter you recently permitted us to say we would be pleased to have you send us a copy of the circular letter (in house and senate directing the secretary of state to procure for and furnish to each member of the legislature two hundred copies of the Keystone binders, same as used in past years. Our binders have been used by the Nebraska legislature for several sessions and 300