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## FRANCE IS ASSISTING SPAIN.

## FINANCING MONEY WITH WHICH TO PURCHASE BATTLESHIPS.

## PROBABLE ALLIANCE MADE.

Spain's Credit Is No Good, But She Is Securing War Vessels From Other Nations Without Any Trouble.

A special from London says: Spain has purchased two cruisers which the Armstrongs have been building for the Amazonian and a sister ship, unnamed, of 4,000 tons each, twenty-three knots and ten guns.

Spain is also negotiating for and will probably secure two cruisers of a similar type which have been building in Brazil.

The Amazonian is ready for launch and her sister ship will soon be ready.

The Spanish government is also endeavoring to secure guns and large supplies of ammunition in England and on the continent for immediate use.

The government of Spain seems to be buying a large part of the purchase money in cash, giving good security for the balance, these being the only terms upon which the Armstrongs would deal.

Some weeks ago Spain attempted to purchase ships and supplies in England on credit, from prominent firms having close relations with the government, but after inquiries the firms refused to give credit. Since then Spain has raised funds from unknown sources.

## France Backs Spain Financially.

Diplomats in London express the belief that French financiers are helping the Spanish government.

It is known that Spain is trying to purchase three other ships which are being built by the Armstrongs, but she has not yet succeeded in making a bargain, consequently there is still some doubt if the United States wishes to rest her.

The United States could also foreclose Spain in the purchase of other ships building in English and continental dockyards.

While Chile denies that any of the ships ordered for that country are for sale, it is believed by naval constructors that Chile's best cruiser, the "Higgins," which is just finished, should be purchased.

## HONORS TO MAINE'S DEAD.

The Graves of Victims in the Cemetery at Havana Are Decorated.

At Colon cemetery, Havana, Friday afternoon the graves of 161 men who perished in the Maine disaster were decorated with two large floral wreaths and a cross in the presence of a score more of Americans, including Consul General Lee, Captain Sigbee and Chaplain Chadwick. Chaplain Chadwick offered a brief prayer. The American flag was spread for a time over the graves, but eventually removed, and in its place was laid a red, white and blue ribbon with the following stamped in gold letters:

"In memory of our dead American heroes. American citizens mourn their boys."

## REWARD FOR LYNCHERS.

Postmaster Discusses Killing of Negro Postmaster at Lake City, S. C.

A Washington dispatch says: An hour or more of the time of the cabinet session Friday was occupied in the reading of a long report from the special agent of the postoffice department on the killing of Baker, postmaster at Lake City, S. C. The government's reward in each case was increased to \$1,500. Every effort will be made by the federal authorities to bring the guilty parties to justice.

## RATES CUT BY VANDERBILT.

Northwestern Makes Sweeping Reduction From Minneapolis to New York.

The Northwestern has announced a 10-cent through rate on flour from Minneapolis to New York. The rate was made with the concurrence of the Lake Shore and the Michigan Central lines. The Wisconsin Central and Erie lines will, it is understood, meet the rate of the Vanderbilt lines.

## WORK OF FIREBUGS.

Warehouse With Over One Thousand Bales of Cotton Destroyed.

Fountain Inn, a progressive town in Greenville county, S. C., was the scene of a big cotton fire early Friday morning, when a large warehouse and 1,800 bales of cotton were totally destroyed. The fire was the work of incendiaries. A gang of men have been burglarizing houses in Fountain Inn for some time, but there is at present no clew to the guilty parties.

The warehouse was a model of its kind, with stone foundation and iron roof. It was built about a year ago by Mr. Givins, the owner.

## MAY PROVE FORGERY.

Sensational Turn in the Carter Court-martial Case at New York.

The court-martial convoked to try Captain Carter, on charges of conspiracy, embezzlement and conduct unbecoming an officer, convened in the army building at New York Wednesday. Thomas F. Barr, assistant judge advocate general, stated that he would offer in evidence vouchers and checks given by Captain Carter in payment for work done from January to June, 1895, in the improvement of Cumberland sound, Georgia, and other times, and that he would introduce in connection oral testimony.

The first witness called was Conrad N. Jordan, ex-sub-treasurer of the United States in New York city. Mr. Jordan identified a large number of checks drawn by Captain Carter on the sub-treasurer to the order of contractors employed in doing the work of improvement in Savannah harbor and at Cumberland sound, Ga. Some of these checks were drawn to the order of Anson M. Bangs, but the greater number to the order of John F. Gaynor, president, or Edward H. Gaynor, treasurer of the Atlantic Contracting company.

The checks were for amounts varying from \$18 to \$55,000. The aggregate was not stated, but must have been a couple of hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Jordan was briefly cross-examined by Frank P. Blair, of Chicago, one of Captain Carter's four counselors, whose questioning was directed to show that some of the checks might have been paid to the bank runners or to some other person not nominated on the check.

The object of Mr. Jordan's testimony was to establish the payment of moneys and the identity of the persons who received them in connection with the work which was in charge of the defendant. Its special pertinence lay in the fact that Captain Carter is accused of having held stock in the Empire Construction Company, which, as charged, was subsequently metamorphosed into the Atlantic Contracting Company, which by or through Captain Carter was awarded the contracts for nearly all the \$7,000,000 worth of work done under his supervision during the last ten years.

David N. Carvalho, an expert in handwriting, the next witness, identified certain papers presented as exhibits in the case which had been given him for examination. Some of these were bills presented by the Atlantic Construction company and signed by Edward H. Gaynor. Carvalho testified that in all of the cases the Gaynor signature had been written by the same man.

Continuing, the witness said that the signature of Edward H. Gaynor, treasurer, on a receipt for \$230,749.90 being genuine and admitted, all the fifteen signatures of Edward H. Gaynor on the monthly bill were forgeries or simulations of Edward H. Gaynor's handwriting.

## VICTORY FOR LYNCHERS.

Indiana Judge Decides Test Case in Their Favor.

There was never such a large gathering of humanity in the history of Cross Plains, Ind., as there was Wednesday to hear the closing argument in the trial of Hezekiah Hughes, for alleged complicity in the southern Indiana wholesale lynching.

It will be remembered that on the 14th of last September, at a little town named Correct, in that state, five men were lynched by prominent people of the community because of such outrages as burglary, pillaging and general lawlessness, which these five men were believed to be guilty of.

Squire Craig, in rendering his decision, said that according to the testimony given in the case, Hezekiah Hughes was not guilty.

## SUPPLIES FOR CUBANS.

Government Will Send Two Big Ship Loads To The Island.

A Washington dispatch says: The administration has decided to send two battleships to Cuba at once. The vessels will carry supplies to the starving reconcentrados.

The Montgomery will take supplies to Matanzas and the Nashville supplies to Sagua Grande.

At the navy department Wednesday afternoon it is said the vessels will not stop in Cuban waters, but will return immediately after delivering their supplies, which were furnished by the New York Cuban relief committee.

## MONEY FOR ADMINISTRATION.

Senator Hanna Secures Promise From Prominent Financial Men.

The New York Evening World says that Senator Hanna was in conference last evening with a number of representatives of prominent financial institutions, and that he was given to understand by them that the administration could depend on all the money support necessary to carry out any plan of action that might be determined.

According to the World, a series of bond issues aggregating \$500,000,000 was suggested as a possibility, and was acquiesced in by the assembled financiers.

## IRONCLADS MAKING READY.

## THE KATAHDIN AND MIANTONAH MAH TO BE BROUGHT OUT.

## OFFICIALS EXPLAIN PROCEEDING.

The Two Vessels to Go Into Commission After Having Laid Up For Two Years at Navy Yard.

A Washington special says: Orders were issued at the navy department late Tuesday evening to put the ironclads Miantonomah and Katahdin into commission on the 10th instant. They are now at the League Island navy yard, where they have been laid up for a year or two past.

It is said at the department that the purpose of putting them in commission is to make berths for the survivors of the Maine, now at Key West waiting on the court of inquiry which, without doubt, will have finished with them by the 10th.

The Miantonomah is a formidable double-turreted monitor carrying four ten-inch guns. She is of 3,990 tons displacement and steams ten and a half knots per hour. In addition to her main battery she carried a good secondary battery of rapid-fire guns and her turrets are clad with eleven and a half-inch armor.

The Katahdin, otherwise known as the Ammen ram, is a freak in naval architecture and although opinions are divided as to her qualities, there is little doubt that her presence in any harbor would make an enemy anxious.

She lies mostly under water with a turtle back of steel varying in thickness from two and a half to six inches, and the theory of her designer, Admiral Ammen, was that this armor plate could not be struck directly by a shot from another vessel and that any such shot would be harmlessly deflected by the sloping steel deck. In action the conning tower and smoke stack are about all of the ship that would present a mark. The former is made of steel eighteen inches thick.

The Katahdin is a ram pure and simple, having in the way of weapons of offense nothing except her sharp steel beak and a few small rapid fire guns to keep off boarders or torpedo boats.

## INSURES FREEDOM IN CUBA.

Such Is the Opinion Expressed by a French Diplomat.

A dispatch to the New York Herald from Paris says:

In the Intensest, Heri Rocheford writes: "To really grasp the situation, the explosion on the Maine must be regarded as the first battle between Spain and the United States. We only see it in the last stage of the advance of the Cubans toward independence. The catastrophe has caused the death of 254 unfortunate sailors, but it has also saved the lives of millions of combatants, for it insures the final triumph of the insurrection before many weeks."

## CONGRESSMEN OFF FOR CUBA.

Will Make a Personal Investigation of Affairs on the Island.

A party of senators and members of the house left Washington Tuesday afternoon for a trip to Cuba. They went by Fortress Monroe and from there took a private yacht for Havana.

The party consists of Senators Gallinger, Thurston and Money and Representatives Amos J. Cummings and William Alden Smith and their wives. Senator Thurston said that the trip was undertaken for the purpose of making a personal investigation into affairs in Cuba.

"It is not," he said, "in any sense an official tour, but it will naturally give us a better opportunity for investigation than we can possibly have from this distance."

## SAUNDERS ADMITS GUILT.

Express Robber Is Sentenced To Two Years in Penitentiary.

L. L. Saunders, who robbed the Southern Express company of \$4,000 at Social Circle about a year ago, was taken into court at Monroe, Ga., Tuesday morning, and pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

## MAY CENSURE LONG.

Congressman Preparing Resolutions Depreciating Secretary's Statements.

A Washington special says: Secretary of the Navy, Long, sent a delegation of friends to Congressman J. Hamilton Lewis Thursday afternoon, asking the latter to withhold action on his proposed resolution of censure until he (Lewis) investigate for himself and find that the statement made eliminating Spain from official responsibility in the Maine disaster was grounded on nothing more than pre-emption.

The secretary gave further assurance that he had received no report of any kind from the board of inquiry warranting him in speaking as he did.

## NINE PEOPLE CREMATED.

Caught in a Burning Tenement in Charleston, S. C.

Nine lives were lost in a fearful fire which raged for a short while in Charleston, S. C., Saturday morning. At 2:10 o'clock a policeman on duty noticed big sparks flying from the tenement house at 100 Church street and he promptly sent in the alarm from the nearest box. The officer found that a blaze was issuing from one of the windows on the first floor. The doors were broken open and the family on that floor rushed out without any damage.

Some one cried out then that a family of women were sleeping on the third floor. The police rushed up stairs and when they reached the top story the life-saving work was stopped by the flames, which seemed to be playing over the entire building.

Screams from the dying women were heard and Officer Bagby rushed in and pulled out three charred bodies. The quick work of the fire department checked the fire and it was soon under control. The dead are:

Mrs. Rebecca Knickmeyer, Albert Oneale, Caswell Oneale, Josephine Knickmeyer, 17 years old, Katie Knickmeyer, 13 years old, Leonora Knickmeyer, 9 years old, Frances Knickmeyer, 6 years old, Baby of Mrs. Knickmeyer, 1 month old.

Mrs. Knickmeyer is the wife of Theodore E. Knickmeyer, a carpenter, who is also a call man in the fire department. The other Knickmeyers are all his children, and the O'Neales are his brothers-in-law.

## ALABAMA BRIGANDS CAPTURED.

Reign of Terror Brought To an End in Lamar County.

A special from Kennedy, Ala., says: Lamar county, the birthplace of Rube Burrows, is infested with another band of desperadoes whose deeds of lawlessness will go down in criminal annals alongside of the record of the big brigand who was never captured alive.

Under instructions from Governor Johnston a detective has been in the neighborhood for two months and the raid was planned and successfully brought off Saturday when A. W. Roland, the ringleader; Will McCullagh, Cootie Long and Vester Pate were lodged in jail at Vernon, the county site.

The officers are scouring the country for Ed Wilson, another of the desperadoes.

## STEAMER BURNS AT SEA.

Six of Her Crew Perish and Remainder Rescued.

A Boston special says: The steamer Legislator, Captain Tenant, bound from Liverpool for Colon, was burned at sea February 16th, in latitude 31:23 north and longitude 44:10 west.

The fire broke out on February 13th and burned fiercely for three days, during which time Fireman Thomas Roberts was burned to death, Second Officer James Bateman and Seaman William Angell were drowned by the capsizing of a boat, Third Officer Martin and Chief Steward John Gaffney went adrift in another boat and Chief Cook Fred T. Lee, crazed with fearful burns, jumped overboard.

The rest of the crew of thirty men, with two passengers—Dr. William E. Mortimer and wife, London—were rescued by the fruit steamer Flower Gate, and landed at Boston Sunday.

## LOST STEAMER SAVED.

The Missing La Champagne Towed Into Halifax By The Roman.

A special of Sunday from Halifax, N. S., says: "The 300 and odd passengers on board the French liner La Champagne will rest more soundly tonight than they have for ten days."

"Since Thursday two weeks ago, half of which time they have drifted on the Atlantic, the days and nights have been filled with anxiety for their personal safety, but tonight they sleep in peace and comfort, safe in the harbor of Halifax, their fears and cares on account of danger being dissipated by the happy knowledge that they are no longer at the mercy of the stormy ocean."

"After she had drifted for five days on the Newfoundland banks with her engines disabled and the screw shaft battered, the great Boston-bound freight steamer Roman, from Liverpool, came along, picked her up and brought her into Halifax without further mishap of consequence."

## LOUD BILL TABLED.

Party Lines Were Badly Broken To Accomplish the Result.

The Loud bill was defeated in the house Thursday by a combination of republicans, democrats and populists. At 4 o'clock, the hour set aside for the vote to be taken, Mr. Richardson, democrat, of Tennessee, moved to lay the bill on the table. A rising vote gave the victory to the opponents of the measure—125 to 101—and on Mr. Loud's demand the roll was called.

But the record-making vote only confirmed the rising vote. By a vote of 162 to 119 the bill was laid on the table.

## TRAIN SMASHES OMNIBUS.

## SEVEN OF ITS OCCUPANTS HURLED INTO ETERNITY.

## BODIES SCATTERED PROMISCUOUSLY.

A Number of the Victims Ground to Pieces Under Wheels—None In the Vehicle Escape Injury.

A 'bus filled with pleasure seekers was struck by a Grand Trunk passenger train at the Western Avenue crossing south of Blue island in the southwestern part of Chicago at 9 o'clock Saturday night.

Seven of the number were killed and none of the occupants of the vehicle escaped without injury. The dead are: Mary Rietz, 17 years old, Jennie Willette, 18 years old, Sophia Van Buren, 15 years old, Louis Sauerbier, 14 years old, Fred Pelky, 20 years old, Unidentified woman, taken to West Harvey.

George Sauerbier, driver, collarbone broken and severely bruised. Thomas Hayes, spine injured and ribs broken; cannot recover.

There were but four couples in the pleasure party, fourteen others who were to have gone having remained to take another 'bus.

The train which collided with the omnibus was bound toward Chicago. It was behind time as it approached Blue Island from the southeast and was going at a high rate of speed. As the 'bus rounded a curve in the road the train was seen approaching.

A slight down grade prevented the driver from stopping the vehicle, as it slipped on the ice and snow, and just as the frightened horses leaped across the railway tracks the heavy locomotive struck the frail vehicle fairly in the middle, hurling human bodies and fragments of debris far from the tracks and continuing on its northward journey several hundred feet before it could be stopped, passing over several bodies in its progress.

## TEN FIREMEN KILLED.

Explosion in Burning Building Causes Fearful Disaster.

Fire broke out in Hall Brothers' laboratory at Kalamazoo, Mich., at 10 Saturday night and while the firemen were trying to put the fire out in the second story a terrific explosion took place, blowing up the entire side of the building.

The first explosion was followed by two others. Firemen on the ladder were blown in every direction by the fearful concussion.

The flames shot high into the air and it looked for a moment as if there would be a great conflagration.

The crowd was dazed by the explosion. Horses were thrown down and windows in the vicinity shattered. Work of rescue began at once and the building was left to its doom.

The total number of known dead is ten. The list is as follows: George Holliday, engine driver, Pat McHugh, pipeman, John Hastings, Jr., hoseman, Charles Whiting, spectator, James Quigley, spectator, William Wager, fireman, L. L. Holliday, druggist, Frank Auwers, fireman, Eugene Dole, fireman, Joseph Clifford, telephone lineman. Fourteen persons were more or less seriously injured.

Other bodies are supposed to be still in the building, as two boys, Phillips and West, and a Michigan Central brakeman are missing.

## SOUTHERN BUYS ROAD.

The M. & C. Sold to Highest Bidder For \$3,500,000.

The Memphis and Charleston railroad, extending southeast from Memphis, Tenn., to Stevenson, Ala., a distance of 290 miles, was sold at public outcry at noon Saturday. The Southern Railroad company bought the property at the upset price of \$2,500,000, there being no other bidders.

The sale was made necessary because of default in the payment of interest on the road's bonded debt. The Memphis and Charleston has been in the hands of a receiver for many years. Of late it has been operated on a paying business, and is considered a valuable piece of railroad property.

## WILLIAM SINGERLY DEAD.

Proprietor of Philadelphia Record and President of Broken Bank.

William M. Singerly died suddenly at his residence in Philadelphia Sunday afternoon, aged sixty-six years. Heart disease was the immediate cause of death.

Mr. Singerly was proprietor of the Record Publishing Company and president of the Chestnut Street National bank and the Chestnut Street Savings Fund and Trust Company, which recently collapsed. He was a man of affairs and held during his long business career many positions of trust, political and otherwise.

## NO TIME DESIGNATED.

As To When the Verdict of Board Will Be Made.

A Washington special says: It was developed Friday afternoon through telegraphic correspondence between Secretary Long and Admiral Sicard that the court of inquiry is unable to fix even an approximate date for the conclusion of its investigation into the disaster of the Maine.

Sharing the general anxiety for some information on this point, Secretary Long, Friday, at the instance of the cabinet, sent a telegram to Admiral Sicard asking him when it was expected that the report of the court would be made, and late Friday night the following reply was received:

Key West, Fla., March 4.—Secretary of the Navy: Have talked with the president of the court of inquiry and agree with him that it is not yet possible to fix a date for the finding, as so much depends upon the progress of the divers and wreckers and the results they obtain. Every effort is being made to advance the inquiry. The court returns to Havana by the Mangrove this evening, having about finished the examination at Key West. SICARD.

Admiral Sicard's message is regarded officially as disposing of the reports that the court has yet obtained positive or conclusive information bearing upon the object of the investigation.

It is taken to mean that upon the testimony or discoveries of the divers will depend the finding, the examination of the officers and crew of the ship having been insufficient to enable the court to even form an idea as to what lines may be opened up from the investigation of the wreck itself.

While the telegram was naturally somewhat of a disappointment in leaving the termination of the inquiry as much in doubt as ever, it was welcomed as practically setting at rest the reports as to the results of the investigation up to date.

## GOV. TAYLOR WILL RETIRE.

Says He Is Tired of the Harrowing Antagonism of Politics.

Governor Taylor, of Tennessee, issued a lengthy card Friday night addressed to the people, in which he announces that he will retire from politics at the close of his term as governor. This will leave Senator Bate a clear field in his candidacy for re-election to the United States senate. Governor Taylor, in part, says:

"It was my wish to retire last October from politics. I do so because I am tired of political life; I am tired of its harrowing antagonism; I am tired of its unjust accusations and its violent contention; I am tired of it because as I grow older I find myself less and less able to bear the stings of criticism and the stabs of slander; I am tired of it because there is no peace in it for me, and because I believe that I can do more good and have more friends, and more happiness in the private walks of life."

"To those who have so generously and vigorously sustained me, and who are even now working and planning to crown me with the highest honor in the gift of our people, I wish to express my deep and undying gratitude and love. For those who have opposed me in political life I have nothing but good will and the olive branch."

## ACCIDENT THEORY ABANDONED.

Consul Lee Gives an Unofficial Opinion Regarding Explosion.

The feeling is growing in Washington daily that the administration has abandoned the theory that the Maine was blown up by accident. Consul General Lee has given his opinion that the explosion was caused by outside agencies and since then there has been indications that the administration was preparing for a verdict to this effect from the court of inquiry.

Since the receipt of General Lee's letter other information confirmatory to his views came to Washington, but this has also been unofficial, for not a line or hint has been received from the court of inquiry, and therefore the administration is perfectly correct in stating that it has received no official news.

## RAISED QUARANTINES.

Tennessee Towns Let Down Restrictions Against City of Knoxville.

The quarantine instituted by small towns in Tennessee against Knoxville on account of the prevalence of a few cases of smallpox has been raised except in the case of Jonesboro, and it is thought that place will also raise its quarantine in a few days.

## COMPLICATIONS IN KLONDIKE.

British Flag On American Soil Creating Disturbances.

Five steamers arrived at Seattle from Alaska Thursday. The most important news brought down was a confirmation of previous reports that a Canadian official has raised the British flag on what is regarded as American soil, and trouble at Skagway with longshoremen who objected to Indians unloading freight from steamers. The presence of United States troops alone prevented serious trouble.

It is feared serious trouble will grow out of the Canadian attempt to collect duty on the summits of White and Chilkoot passes.