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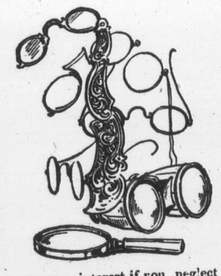
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AMERICAN WEALTH OFFERED FOR WAR.

Russell Sage Says the Money Will Be Forthcoming.

The Honor of the Government Comes First—Families of Maine Victims Must Be Provided for, and Spain Must Pay the Bill—Three Spanish Merchants Said to Have Done the Awful Deed—Americans Were Warned to Leave.

New York, Feb. 28.—Russell Sage gave out the following authorized statement Saturday afternoon:

"From all the information received there is little doubt in my mind that our warship was blown up by outside agencies, and if the Naval Commission so reports, the time for action has come. There should be no wavering. This Government must demand the fullest reparation and that without delay.

"Whatever action, war or otherwise, President McKinley may take, he should and will have the fullest support both from rich and poor, Republicans and Democrats. There is no question as to where the rich men stand. In the civil war, when it broke out, I bought Government bonds, and I did the same in 1864. So did other rich men. We have confidence in our Government. If necessity arises now, I will do the same again generously; so will other rich men I know of. I am an American first and last, and propose to stand by the flag.

Speaks for Others.

"Party lines will be dropped. As for the stock market, that has got to take care of itself for the present. The ticker is now a secondary consideration. The honor of the Government comes first. I speak not only my own views on this point, but those of other moneyed men with whom I have talked. Another thing, the families and dependents of every sailor killed on the Maine must be taken care of. That is a bill Spain must be made to settle. If the citizens of this country enlist to defend our flag, and all that it means, we are in duty bound to see that their families are provided for if they are killed.

"With that understood by the people, there will be no lack of soldiers or sailors when the need arises. I think the President has been wisely cautious in the matter, but I am confident that now he will act promptly in the Maine matter."

READY FOR THE WAR.

United States Prepared to Back Request for Indemnity if Need Be.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Administration, although talking pacifically, is preparing for a fight. It sees no other way out of the Maine affair. The talk of an indemnity is along proper lines of procedure, but no one expects Spain to pay an indemnity and all believe a declaration of war would immediately follow. Actual hostilities are imminent and the preparations for war are on a scale never before known in this country, for never before were the means of warfare so complete.

Fleet to Back Him Up.

It is not denied now that orders have been issued to concentrate United States warships in preparation for a descent on Cuba when the word is given—one of the latest rumors of the President's intention is that he will demand an indemnity of $100,000,000, with the North Atlantic squadron to back up the request, in fact to repeat Germany's act in Hayti, but on a larger scale. It is felt that Spain would refuse and actual war would follow. Members of Congress rage at the mere mention of indemnity, however, and declare that without wishing to interfere with the plans of the President, their constituency revolts at the prospect of measuring the loss of American sailors in dollars and cents.

Might Demand Cuba.

The concurrent sentiment of Congress, however, is that, if the board of enquiry's finding is in favor of an outside explosion, the indemnity to be demanded should be the island of Cuba, and the execution should be simultaneous. The United States is in a position now to seize Cuba by means of warships alone, and these ships are being disposed for the express purpose. What may be called the Cuban fleet now ready for active service is really three separate squadrons, so disposed as to attack the island from different directions. One part of the fleet was concentrated to the immediate vicinity of Key West. Six other ships have been drawn together to make the fleet which will rendezvous to the south of Cuba, while the flagship and two gunboats of the European squadron are at Lisbon awaiting sailing orders which will send them speeding across the Atlantic, reaching Cuba to the eastward. When these three fleets are combined, as they will be in case of conflict, the United States will have a naval force in West Indian waters quite sufficient to surround the entire island and take possession of Havana and the other seaports, immediately following which the Cuban insurgents can be depended upon to rout the Spanish soldiers, who dare not go any great distance from their base of supplies.

IS HE A TRAITOR?

Only One Public Man in the United States Says Spain Was Justified.

Washington, Feb. 28.—During all the discussion in and out of Congress as to the cause of the disaster to the Maine, only one man has been found so far who thinks Spain would have been justified in blowing up the Maine. This man is Representative McCleary of Minneapolis, an intelligent and able man, who was a very conspicuous leader of the gold men of the Northwest in the Presidential campaign, and in the session of Congress preceding it.

He says that, as the Maine entered Havana harbor with her guns loaded for action, Spain had a right to place her over a mine or destroy her, as she saw fit, if she had reason to suppose that her intentions were warlike. That the ship was not on a friendly mission McCleary thinks will be generally admitted.

Mr. McCleary was born in Ingersoll, Ont., on Feb. 5, 1853, and was educated at the High School there and at McGill University, Montreal.

Boy Stabbed His Mother Fatally.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Feb. 28.—George Collins, 12 years old, of Cairo, stabbed his mother twelve times while she was attempting to whip him. She cannot recover.

ONE MISCREANT ARRESTED.

A Civic Employe of Athens Was One Who Attempted to Assassinate the King on Sunday Night.

Athens, March 1.—One of the men who attempted the life of the King of Greece on Saturday has been arrested. His name is Karditza, and he is a minor employe in the Mayor's office here. He refuses to give the name of his accomplice.

The municipal councils throughout the country are addressing messages of sympathy to the King, and thousands of congratulatory telegrams are arriving at the palace.

Karditza, who is 35 years of age, was formerly a non-commissioned officer in the army. He belongs to a class of doubtful repute, locally designated as the Koutzavantis.

Admitted He Was in the Plot.

The authorities obtained information that Karditza was hiding, and the place was surrounded by police. In the meanwhile, Karditza had proceeded to the public prosecutors' office, where he surrendered himself, declaring his innocence. Closely pressed, however, he confessed to being one of the King's assailants. He did not express any regret, and declared that if the gun had not trembled in the hands of his accomplice the King would infallibly have been killed. Karditza refused to furnish any further information. It is believed his head was turned by the abuse heaped daily upon the royal family by certain newspapers. According to the Astay, it was decided at a secret meeting of a certain club held outside the city to assassinate the King, this decision being arrived at when it became known that he had accepted the propositon for international financial control of the revenues, in view of the Greek war loan. This decision, it further appears, was recorded on the minutes of the club, a copy of which was sent to the King. Karditza's name was frequently mentioned therein, but the King paid no attention to the threat.

His Majesty also received many threatening letters from members of the club, who are of the lowest classes, accusing the King and the Ministry of being the instruments of foreign powers.

The police, it now appears, also found a dynamite bomb at the scene of the recent attempted assassination of the King.

THE RATE WAR.

The Latest Phases of the Cheap Transportation Fight on This Continent—How It Is Viewed in London.

Ottawa, March 1.—Your correspondent learns that the suggestion contained in the telegram sent to the American lines by their representatives after the latter had conferred with Mr. D. McNicoll, of the C.P.R., was to the effect that the American roads should restore their rates until March 17th, and that in the meantime a conference of all lines should take place. The Chicago papers in getting hold of this telegram appear to have jumped at the erroneous impression that the Canadian Pacific had receded, and that Mr. McNicoll was beginning to show signs of weakness. "This has been our position from the start," remarked the C.P.R.'s general passenger agent yesterday afternoon. "We have told them from the start to restore their rates and we would meet them in conference. This is still our policy, but they must first restore their rates."

As had been expected, the Grand Trunk has met the C.P.R.'s cut in Ontario and Quebec, while the latter company have made still further concessions to the traveling public.

Hot Theme in London.

Montreal, March 1.—A Star special cable from London says: "The railway rate war is a burning theme in the city. Yesterday's discussion turned largely upon a Times Ottawa telegram, which alleges that the Grand Trunk admits having worked in conjunction with American lines to divert to the Western States British and European settlers intended for the Canadian Northwest. The Grand Trunk, under Mr. Hays, has done so much to re-establish itself in public opinion here, that this allegation must act most prejudicially. England is just now in too keenly an Imperialistic mood to appreciate an anti-British policy on the part of the line built by British capital. The friends of the Grand Trunk here deny the allegation, and say that Mr. Hays will certainly be able to contradict it."

Western Roads in It.

Chicago, March 1.—General passenger agents of the Western roads at their meeting yesterday were engaged in equalizing rates from the various competitive points in the intermediate territory between Chicago and the Missouri River to the North Pacific coast in such a way that none of them would have an advantage over the others in meeting Canadian Pacific competition. The western lines will put in cut rates to Puget Sound points to-day. From Chicago to Seattle the first-class fare will be $36.50 and second-class $31.50. The regular rates are $61.50 for first-class and $51.50 for second-class. The cut rates will apply throughout the St. Paul and Missouri River gateways. By way of St. Paul tickets will be sold at the full rate, but by the Missouri River the rebate plan will be adopted.

Wabash Goes to Buffalo.

New York, March 1.—The Times today prints the following: "Joseph Ramsey, jr., Vice-President and General Manager of the Wabash Railroad, has issued an official statement in regard to the eastern terminus of the road. This will, from now on, be at Buffalo. Under a permanent lease from the Grand Trunk Railroad, the Wabash has the right to operate over the former from Windsor to Black Rock, and from Welland to Suspension Bridge. From these points the tracks of the Erie Railroad will be used into Buffalo.

"The Wabash has the right to handle through or local traffic and interchanges with Grand Trunk lines are to be made at Black Rock, Suspension Bridge and Buffalo, instead of at Detroit. Canada transit freight will be in bond. The line east of Detroit becomes the Buffalo division.

Child Died From Burning.

Toronto, March 1.—Stanley Saunders, three years old, and only child of Mr. and Mrs. David Saunders, 479½ Yonge street, was burned to death yesterday. At about 8 o'clock in the morning the child set fire to his clothing and was terribly burned before the garments could be taken off. He was removed to the Sick Children's Hospital, where he lingered in agony until death ended his sufferings shortly after noon.

The Crippled Champagne.

Halifax, March 1.—It is not yet known whether the disabled liner La Champagne will be repaired at Halifax or towed to New York. The agents announce that they are awaiting advices from New York. The critical state of affairs on board the helpless steamer while she drifted on the Banks may be judged from the fact that everybody was put on reduced rations. For six days only two meals were served each day, one between 1 a.m. and 12 noon, and the other from 6 to 8 p.m., and these were not as elaborate as under ordinary conditions.

Cuban Insurgents Whipped.

Havana, March 1.—La Lucha published late last evening an official despatch giving an account of a battle in the Province of Puerto Principe, in which the insurgents are said to have lost 181 killed and wounded. The Spanish troops are said to have captured many weapons, a large quantity of ammunition

FARMERS' LOAN COMPANY.

An Offer From Ottawa for the Mortgages on Farms.

It Is Recommended for Acceptance by the Advisory Committee—The Conference at Osgoode Hall—Mr. Mulock's Proposal Again Considered and No Action Taken—Further Statement by Mr. Langmuir Before the Master.

Toronto, March 1.—Master-in-Ordinary Hodgins held a conference yesterday morning at Osgoode Hall with the Advisory Committee in reference to the winding up of the affairs of the Farmers' Loan & Savings Company. Rev. Dr. Warden, Dr. Moffatt, Alexander Patterson and E. R. C. Clarkson represented the shareholders; ex-Ald. Scott, Major Cosby, E. B. Osler, M.P., and Albert Wright represented the creditors, and Liquidator Langmuir was also present.

The Master's Advice.

After congratulating the creditors on the selection of their representatives the Master tendered the committee some advice as to their duties. The outside public might regard their dealings with this matter through spectacles that were colored politically, but it was the committee's duty to look through the clear light of business spectacles. When they were in doubt as to any question of law they should consult the liquidator and his solicitor. Proceeding, the Master explained the present position of affairs. The creditors were to have all their claims in by March 31. Shareholders were liable to the amount of their unpaid shares, and in regard to the payment of dividends that have not been earned, it was for the liquidator to say who was liable. Two parties were liable by law. Shareholders might be ordered to refund, or directors, managers and auditors compelled to make up the sum. In the case of the Oxford Building Society the court held that the balance sheets put forward by directors without scrutiny were not legal, and they were ordered to make full compensation. In the Leeds & Ontario Company case not only directors but auditors were compelled to make restitution. The Master added that he did not know how far the law was applicable to the present case.

An Offer From Ottawa.

Liquidator Langmuir announced that an offer of $99,000 for the farm mortgages, the value of which was $100,000, had been received from Mr. J. A. McLaren of Ottawa. Mr. McLaren had refused to raise the offer to $95,000. Mr. E. B. Osler stated that Mr. Henderson, his inspector, had valued the same mortgages at $89,000, or less than Mr. McLaren's offer. The committee favored the acceptance of Mr. McLaren's offer, but the Master withheld his consent until he can make a personal enquiry. Hon. William Mulock's offer of $150,000 for a complete discharge of all his liability was left in abeyance, as the committee had previously passed a resolution to the effect that no offer should be accepted to compromise the liability of any director until a full investigation had been made.

Unearned Dividends Paid.

Mr. Langmuir made a statement of the affairs of the company, showing that, as nearly as could be ascertained, the concern was sound until 1890 or 1891. The total dividends paid up that were not earned he estimated at $287,130. The yearly overcredit since 1891 was as follows:

1892	$ 15,000
1893	25,000
1894	35,000
1895	40,000
1896	56,000
1897	65,000
	$230,000

Illegal Procedure.

In 1891 there was a reserve fund of $181,000, which he thought might be applicable for dividends. Falsification of the books and speculation began in 1895. In 1897 the mortgage assets of the company were given as $2,194,000, while they were actually $1,400,000. Arrears of interest had been capitalized as capital, and many of the arrears were valueless. The sum of $396,000 had been accounted for in this way. The Attorney-General's Department had been interviewed in regard to Accountant Pinckney, but nothing definite had been done as yet.

The initiatory proceedings were taken in the Master's court.

PEOPLE CLAMOR FOR WAR.

Argentine Republic Showing Its Teeth to Chili—Nevertheless the President Says There Is No Cause for Alarm.

New York, March 1.—A despatch to the Herald from Buenos Ayres, Argentina, says: "In view of the warlike preparations being made by Chili the Argentine Government has decided to purchase three warships and arms for 150,000 men.

The people of Argentina are enthusiastic over the possibility of war. Many public officials have offered to give part of their salaries for buying warships.

It is not generally believed that war is imminent, but the people consider it their duty to be prepared for an emergency in case Chili should refuse to fulfill her promise made in the ordinary treaties.

Pressed by public opinion, President Uriburu has declared that there is no cause for alarm, and that the relations between Argentina and Chili are as cordial as ever. He adds, however, that the nation must be prepared to avoid any surprise.

Old Lady Burned in Her Home.

St. Thomas, Feb. 24.—By the burning of a house on the farm of Alex. Mitchell in Ray Township, Mrs. Thomas Mitchell, mother of Alex. was burned to a crisp. Mrs. Mitchell lived in the house about 20 rods from her son's residence, and it was not known till the next morning that the fire had occurred. Mrs. Mitchell's charred remains were found in the ashes.

The Revolver Went Off.

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 28.—A sad shooting accident occurred Saturday. W. S. Wiffen, employed in the Land Registry Office here, was examining a revolver in his garden, when the weapon went off and the bullet lodged in his brain. Deceased was an Englishman by birth, and was a nephew of Hon. J. H. Turner, Premier of British Columbia.

The Dangers Of Spring.

Which arise from impurities in the blood and a depleted condition of this vital fluid may be entirely averted by Hood's Sarsaparilla. This great medicine cures all spring humors, boils, eruptions and sores, and by enriching and vitalizing the blood it overcomes that tired feeling and gives vitality and vigor.

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THE [illegible]

Said That the [illegible] Dollar Rate [illegible]

Montreal, Que., [illegible] everything is in statu quo," [illegible] vice-president of the C.P.R. yesterday. It appears that the three delegates from the Eastern American lines left on Saturday for New York, and it does not appear that any definite decision was reached before they left town. Mr. Shaughnessy was asked if the trio of delegates had received an answer to the proposition they had forwarded on Friday evening, and the vice-president replied that he believed not, for the reason that the Chicago men had been in conference on Saturday and that nothing had yet been heard from them. It is quite likely that to-day will decide whether the negotiations are to be continued or declared off.

In the meantime a rumor has been current to-day that the C.P.R. will further reduce the Montreal and Toronto rates from $5 to $3 on Monday, if the other roads do not come to time. This report, however, has not been confirmed.

It would appear that General Manager Hays took action immediately on learning that this conference had failed to effect a settlement of the difficulties. As two new tariffs are already in the hands of the Grand Trunk passenger department in Toronto, which authorize them to meet the C.P.R. cut rates in force throughout Canada. One of these tariffs applies to Ontario and meets the Canadian Pacific cut at every point. The other tariff applies to Vancouver, Victoria and the Alaska ports, Juneau, Dyea and Skaguay, quoting exactly the same rates as those offered by the Canadian Pacific.

So promptly did these tariffs arrive in Toronto that they must have been printed and all ready to send out against such an event as has happened.

BRITISH STEAMER BURNED.

Six Unfortunates Lost Their Lives by Drowning and Fire.

Boston, Feb. 28.—The British steamer Legislator, Captain Tennant, bound from Liverpool for Colon, was burned at sea on Feb. 16 in lat. 31.38 north and long. 44.10 west. The fire broke out so suddenly that 11 men forwards were cut off from the rest of the ship, and in saving them a boat was capsized and five men, including the second and third officers, the steward and the cook, were drowned. A fireman received such severe burns that he died in a few minutes. The balance of the crew, 28 in all, with two passengers, Dr. W. Mortimer and wife of London, were rescued within four hours after the fire broke out by the fruit steamer Flower Gate, and brought to this port. The steamer burned to the water's edge.

The names of the dead are: Drowned—Chief Steward John Gaffney, Second Officer James Bateman, Third Officer William Martin, Cook Alexander Jenkins, Seaman William Angill.

Burned to death—Fireman Thomas Roberts.

The fire is supposed to have been the result of spontaneous combustion in the cargo of phosphate.

ARCHBISHOP CLEARY'S FUNERAL.

Thousands View the Remains of the Late Prelate at Kingston.

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 28.—Thousands have visited the Bishop's Palace to see the remains of the late Archbishop. The cathedral and chapel are draped with thousands of yards of black cloth. Telegrams and letters have been received from scores of church dignitaries, tendering sympathy. Nearly all the Canadian Bishops will attend the funeral. Mgr. Farrelly spoke in the cathedral Sunday, and so affectingly that tears were in many eyes. In the morning the body will be transferred to the Cathedral. The service on Tuesday begins at 9 a.m.

Very Handsome Girl Dead.

Hamilton, Feb. 28.—Lizzie Cain, a 17-year-old girl, belonging to Newmarket, died suddenly in the St. Nicholas Hotel early Sunday evening under particularly sad circumstances. She was with William Atkinson, an expert machinist, who claims to belong to Buffalo, and took breakfast and dinner yesterday with him, representing that she was his wife. About 4 o'clock she took sick and Dr. O'Reilly was sent for, but she died in less than an hour. The physician notified Coroner Griffin, and the coroner consulted with the Crown Attorney and an inquest was ordered. Detective Bleakly was instructed to empanel a jury. At 8 o'clock the jury met at the hotel, ordered a post-mortem examination, and adjourned to meet on Thursday night. It is supposed that the girl died from the results of a criminal operation or from attempts made to procure an abortion. She was a very handsome girl.

The Bell Telephone Company's counsel will submit to the Minister of Railways on Thursday in furtherance of their application for power to charge higher tariffs, that the cost of operating increases with the growth of business.

The new municipal buildings of Toronto are burdened with a lien filed by Pilkington Bros., an English firm, for the supply of glass to the value of $4,728.16, and they are asking, in the event of the city refusing to pay that sum, that the buildings, completed or uncompleted, be sold to satisfy the lien. The glass supplied was rejected by Architect Lennox shortly after its arrival as not having been up to the standard called for by the specifications.

Convict Carrie Is Dead.

Kingston, Feb. 26.—Convict Carrie died last night, and an inquest will be held to-day. Carrie was shot on Feb. 15 by Officer Gibson, who overtook him and Convict O'Connor, who were trying to escape arrest. Carrie was 26 years of age, and was sent from St. Thomas in 1894 to serve ten years for arson

The jury empanelled to ascertain the cause of the death of Carrie, convict, shot on Feb. 15 while resisting arrest after escaping, returned a verdict exonerating Guard Gibson and declaring that he fired the shot in the discharge of his duty and in self-defence.

Old Lady Charged With Murder.

St. Stephen, N.B., Feb. 28.—A formerly respectable old lady, Mrs. Lavina Kendrick, 72 years of age, of North Head, Grand Manan Island, was committed for trial Saturday to await the May sittings of the court at St. Andrews, for the murder of an infant of her adopted daughter, Miss Annie Maxville.

British Flag at Summit Lake.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 26.—The steamer Noye, which arrived here from Alaska yesterday, brings a report that the British flag has been planted at Summit Lake, 14 miles inside of the American boundary line and 12 miles from Skaguay. It is also reported that eight men have been frozen to death on the trail since Feb. 15.

Cigarettes Barred in Kentucky.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 26.—The House has passed the anti-cigarette bill. The bill is sweeping in its penalties and absolutely prohibits the sale, barter, loan or use of cigarettes or cigarette material, or to even have these things in one's