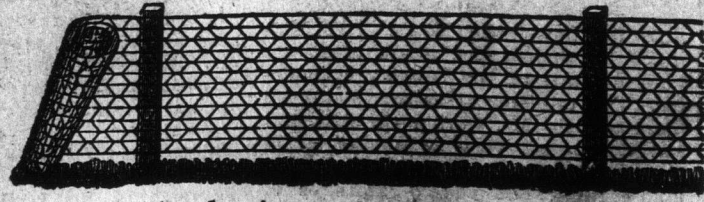


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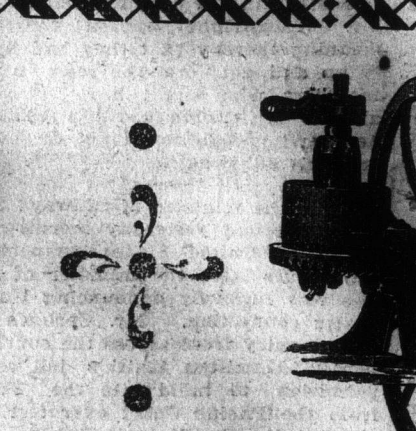
TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

By the Women's Christian Temperance Union of St. John.

The general officers have recently sent a circular letter to each member of the executive committee and board of superintendents urging their cooperation in a plan for securing a memorial to Miss Willard.

MISS WILLARD'S WILL.

This unique document has been much commented upon by the daily papers of Chicago, and will be of great interest to all who knew the



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WASHINGTON, April 7.—There is no longer any doubt as to the purposes of this government with respect to the situation in Cuba.

EVANSTON, Ill., Nov. 15, 1895. This is my last will and testament, after fifty-six years of my Heavenly Father's discipline and blessing to prepare me for better work hereafter (as I believe) in wonderful worlds unknown.

All of my personal property and the summer homes at Twilight Park, Catskill Mountains, New York; Pacific Coast Chautauqua, near Astoria, Oregon, and near Bar Harbor, Maine ("Willard's Acre")—of all of which I have made—I bequeath to my beloved Anna Gordon, who is to have them as a cottage home at Evanston, Illinois (deed recorded in Chicago). I bequeath to my beloved sister, Mary Bamister Willard, and to Anna Gordon, equally, to be used by them or dealt with as they may deem best during their lifetime, and to be made available to either or both of my nieces, Katharine Willard Baldwin and Mary Willard, if they should have need thereof, but to revert, aside from the claimants hereinafter named, to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, for the purpose of teaching boys and girls the evil effects of alcohol and tobacco upon the issues of the body and temperance of the soul, and to indoctrinate them in habits of personal purity in word and deed.

Remembrances of me are to be given by Anna Gordon to my dear relatives and comrades according to her knowledge of my wishes. My dear friend, Kate A. Jackson, is to choose whatever she will like as souvenirs of one who knew and loved her long, and gratefully remembers her loving kindness in earlier days.

To my beloved that heart could wish, I have nothing to leave save as she may choose any souvenirs she likes, and the undying gratitude toward one whom my mother loved from the first hour of her coming into our lives, even as I did. I make her, Anna Gordon my literary executor, and the executors of this, my will and testament.

In my personal property is, as a matter of course, included the birthday fund of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) given by sister white-ribbons on my fiftieth birthday. (Signed) FRANCES E. WILLARD. (Witnesses.) SUSANNA M. D. FRY. ADA M. MELVILLE.

SINCE 1827 the average of suicides in France has increased from five a year to twenty-six a year.

The reply of this government, which has previously been read and approved by members of the cabinet, is not considered as indicating any change in the fixed purpose of the president to intervene at once in Cuba, nor is it believed that it was the expectation of a minority of the foreign representatives present that the United States would change its policy or regard the joint note as other than an expression in behalf of peace and without special significance.

The navy department was today informed that the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Alabama and Texas were taking preliminary steps for the formation of a naval militia.

An order was issued establishing a new naval rating, that of chief electrician, and that of chief electrician's mate, the pay being \$53, \$40 and \$38 per month respectively.

In the war department matters have assumed a normal condition, every thing being in readiness for any contingency that may arise.

Secretary Alger has made an additional allotment of \$150,000 for the use of the ordnance bureau, the money to

be spent for ammunition and projectiles.

MADRID, April 7, 5:50 p. m.—United States Minister Woodford has issued the following statement to the Spanish press:

"The Madrid newspapers of this morning are filled with statements concerning the American minister which are so inaccurate that he asks the courtesy of the press to correct them. He does this in the interests of friendship and peace.

"The proprieties of his diplomatic position forbid his making any statement with regard to his diplomatic action with the Spanish government. But last September the Spanish foreign office received written permission to publish the text of any official correspondence which he should have at any time with the Spanish government, and this permission is effective today. The Spanish government is at complete liberty to publish every word he has ever addressed to the foreign office by letter, memorandum or statement.

"The second secretary of the American legation has advised New York, to resume the practice of his profession. He has resigned from diplomatic service. The American minister's wife left with her niece for Paris Wednesday night. She is in poor health and the excitement of the past fortnight has compelled her to seek absence and rest. The daughter of the American minister remains and will remain with him in Madrid. He has not given up his residence, where he expects to reside so long as he shall remain accredited to the Spanish court.

"The American minister has received nothing but courtesy from the people of Madrid. He has never had a personal apprehension as to his family's personal security, or that of his family. He is working for peace, and despite all rumors to the contrary, he still hopes peace will be kept between Spain and the United States, and that peace will soon be established in Cuba, based upon absolute justice, with protection for the great American interests in that island and the maintenance of the honor of Spain.

LONDON, April 7.—A despatch from Madrid, via Bayonne, France, which was sent yesterday evening before the cabinet council, and which, apparently, General Woodford, the other diplomat in the office fully believed a settlement of the Cuban crisis had at last been arrived at and would be accepted by the cabinet, says:

"There has been an exciting day in the cabinet. The Queen Regent appears to have gained the day over the bellicose section of the cabinet, and has agreed to a settlement, which those who have advised her admit will mean the ultimate freedom of Cuba or a government satisfactory to the insurgents.

"No one who has not heard the inside history of the negotiations can realize the difficulties and evasions General Woodford has had to contend with. It was 4 a. m. when the general received the telegram from President McKinley approving the plan of settlement, and after an interview with the Austrian ambassador, Count Count Deym, who was acting as the queen's intermediary, the last obstacle was apparently removed and the publication of a despatch today Friday was regarded as a certainty.

"The news of violent dissensions in the cabinet, but it was followed by a positive statement from the palace circles that the queen had taken the bit in her teeth and was prepared to change the ministry, if necessary. After that came the announcement that the dissensions were healed, that the cabinet was intact and that the settlement would be carried at tonight's council.

"Public feeling as expressed in the 'cafes and clubs' was very violent against the armistice. 'We are betrayed,' and denunciations of the pope and Queen Regent were on every tongue. This feeling was evidently fomented by the military party, and a large batch of promotions and decorations for the army and navy is announced, which adds to their zeal.

"The Spanish non-official press has had the war fever for the last few days, and it would be difficult to cause it to back down. Even some of the Catholic circles professed indignation throughout the length and breadth of the country, and outbreaks as well, if Spain yielded.

"The guns of the Carlists have been somewhat spiked, owing to the pope's initiative, but the republicans have had a great hand, with the additional anti-clerical cry.

"The Pais today announces the formation at its office of a new republican club, Ruiz Zorrillo, for the amalgamation of all the anti-monarchical parties.

LONDON, April 7.—A special despatch from Madrid says that the ambassadors of France, Germany, Russia and Italy waited together this evening upon Senator Cullon, the foreign minister, and presented a joint note in the interests of peace. Senator Cullon, replying, declared, according to the despatch, that the members of the Spanish cabinet were unanimous in considering that Spain had reached the limit of international policy in the direction of conceding the demands and allowing the pretensions of the United States.

MADRID, April 7, 3:30 p. m.—The outcome of the cabinet council is that the ministers considered and replied to a message from Rome delivered late last evening, and transacted the current business of the different departments. One member of the cabinet informed the representatives of the press that the aspect of affairs was more pacific than yesterday.



patch from President McKinley announcing the postponement of the presentation of the message to congress, and that changes the aspect of affairs, he withdraws the statements made in the previous note.

"To the question whether U. S. Minister Woodford has demanded his passports a negative reply is given, but the chief is expressed here that he will soon quit Madrid.

Senator Sagasta at the cabinet council this evening conferred with the Queen Regent. The government expects a despatch from Senor Polo De Bernabe giving full details of affairs at Washington.

The evening press is warlike in tone, but reports no new facts. El Pais publishes a sensational account of an alleged attack upon the Spanish legation in Washington, which is being cried all over town.

HAVANA, April 15.—Referring to the possibility of a conflict with the United States, General Correa, minister of war, is represented as expressing a hope that it may still be averted, because it is known that President McKinley's message to the American congress will refer to neither independence nor to intervention.

Gen. Correa adds: "In this changing his attitude, President McKinley responded, doubtless, to Spain's determined conduct, and had we not bowed our heads at the time we should not find ourselves where we are today. I am not of those who blindly should 'Victory' should there be a rupture and hostilities, but I believe that of the two evils war is preferable to humiliation."

HAVANA, April 7.—The Mascotto left this afternoon with seventy-four passengers. Many persons are holding back to the last available hour on the strength of favorable peace rumors.

The Ward line steamer Yucatan arrived this evening, and will leave for the United States tomorrow morning with about eighty passengers.

Despite the fact that the day is cloudy thousands of people have devoted it to visiting the various churches and monuments. Tonight the Plaza de Armas and Central are crowded with people of all classes, and in both places military bands are playing sacred music.

POST MONROE, Va., April 7.—The flying squadron is ready for action and complete in all details, except the possible addition of a despatch boat and an hospital boat.

The battleship Texas arrived today. "The Texas," said Captain Phillip to the Associated Press reporter, "is ready for sea at an hour's notice, and ready to fight and all rumors to the contrary, I believe she will also be self to be the worthiest ship on the ocean." All the ships are practically cleared for action.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 7.—The conditions here have undergone a decided change within the last twelve hours, in consequence of the Washington advices as to Consul General Woodford's approaching departure and the firm attitude of the administration, from the disappointment and chagrin that followed yesterday's pacific advices from Madrid. The latest news has aroused the bellicose spirit to a greater degree than ever.

The Mallory line steamer Comal has arrived from New York with a cargo of provisions and eight hundred cases of ammunition for the fleet, which have been in process of transfer throughout the day. She brought also several six-pounders, which will be mounted on the Mangrove. The latter is expected from Havana tonight or tomorrow, and in the event of war will probably serve as a despatch boat.

WEST PRINCE CONTEST.

The Nomination Proceedings at Albion, P. E. Island.

ALBION, P. E. I., April 6.—The nomination proceedings in West Prince passed off today most satisfactorily for the conservative candidate, Mr. Hackett. The mass meeting was addressed by Senator Ferguson and Nell McQuarrie of Summerside and Mr. Hackett. The great candidate was supported by John Yeo, M. P., and Benj. Rogers, both would-be senators. These speeches fell flat. Messrs. Ferguson and Hackett were in splendid form, and carried with them the enthusiastic applause of the electors. Both parties are working hard. Meetings are announced up to polling day. The great race is being dispensed by two imported agents. The conservatives are making an aggressive fight on the stump, and confidently expect to down the boodle brigade as well as the influence of the federal and provincial governments on the 13th.

"LET US DIE LIKE MEN."

One of the late Colonel Haughton's Sikhs reports that when Colonel Haughton saw that the position was hopeless, and that the enemy had opened on three sides of the party, his last words were, "Fix bayonets and die like men!" It was what any one who knew Colonel Haughton would expect him to say under the circumstances. Calcutta, Englishman.