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WAR TO BEGIN IN APRIL

Spanish Naval Organ Says That is the Prevailing Impression.

Marshal Martinez Campos, Formerly Captain-General of Cuba, Prophesied That War Would Result if the Insurrection Were Not Suppressed Before This Year—Carlist Organ Indulges in Strong Talk—Cardinal Gibbons Believes in the Accident Theory as Regards the Maine.

Madrid, Feb. 28.—The Correspondencia Militar, the official organ of the Spanish army, says: "The prevailing impression is that war between Spain and the United States will break out in April."

It then goes on to quote Martinez Campos, former Captain-General of Cuba, as follows:

"I never entertained a doubt that if the rebellion were not suppressed before 1898 war with the United States would become an accomplished fact.

"Unhappily, my prophecy will be fulfilled.

"But I have the consolation of having done all in my power to avert it, and therefore I do not regret the blame which has been heaped upon me.

"All that is now possible is that we should all unite to meet the danger that threatens the country."

The Cardinal Archbishop of Valladolid has published a pastoral letter blaming America for the prolongation of the Cuban war. His Eminence says: "The hypocritical friendship of the United States fosters the rebellion and wastes Spain's resources in order the better to attack her when weakened."

He exhorts all true Spaniards to "unite in defending the rights and honor of the nation." The letter has caused widespread comment.

GEN. JOHNSON WOULD SEIZE CUBA

The Baltimore Military Man Says That Should Follow a Demand for $50,000,000 Indemnity.

Baltimore, Feb. 28.—Gen. Bradley T. Johnson, in speaking to-day of probable war with Spain, said:

"There are laws of strategy by which military operations are conducted which are laws of nature, and one war which has happened goes far to demonstrate what will happen in another.

"I am opposed to war, and I oppose war with Spain, and, therefore, I am in favor of prompt action as the only way to avert it. The American people are heating up every minute, and the moment the Court of Enquiry reports that the Maine was blown up by a mine in the Harbor of Havana, you will see such an explosion that as far exceeds that created by the firing on Sumter in 1861 as the Sumter exceeds any other in the history of nations.

"Before the war of 1861 there was some hesitation, some aversion, to shedding blood—not much, but some. In this case the whole country will go off in a blaze, and the South will be far ahead of the North. The old Confederates and their sons and grandsons are most intense Americans, and the murder of their fellow-countrymen on the Maine will send the torch over every mountain and through every crossroads from Mason and Dixon's line to the Gulf.

"The dignity and self-control of the American people for the last ten days has been simply superb. It shows a people who have confidence in themselves and confidence in their Government. But there are plain signs that the tension is becoming strained beyond endurance. Every village is panting to be let loose, and it will break loose if the Court of Enquiry reports that there was murder—base, cowardly, midnight murder—on the Maine."

WHAT CARDINAL GIBBONS SAYS.

Hopes and Believes the Wreck Was an Accident—Praises the President and Cabinet.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 28.—A solemn requiem mass for the repose of the souls of those who lost their lives through the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana was celebrated at the cathedral here this morning. Cardinal Gibbons made an address and read the services for the dead. A number of naval and military officers were present, including those of the militia and naval reserve.

The Cardinal said: "We have assembled here to-day to assist at the holy sacrifice offered up for the souls of the brave officers and men who have lost their lives at the post of duty.

"We are also called together to give expression to our heartfelt condolence and sympathy for the bereaved relatives of those faithful defenders of their country, whom the nation mourns. I see before me representatives of the United States army and navy, and of our fellow-citizens at large. You represent a sorrowing nation, for every home in our broad country feels the loss as a personal one.

"Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the President, on the members of his Cabinet, and particularly on the Secretary of the Navy and his able assistant, as well as on the Houses of Congress, for the calmness and tranquillity, the self-control and the self-possession, which they have exhibited during the fearful ordeal through which the country has been passing in the last few days. It needed only a spark to kindle a great conflagration, and the patient and dignified bearing of the Executive and legislative bodies is all the more commendable in view of the mischievous and intemperate utterances of some sensational newspapers.

"This nation is too just to engage in an unrighteous or precipitated war. Let us remember that the eyes of the world are upon us, whose judgment we cannot despise, and that we will gain more applause and credit for ourselves by calm deliberations and masterly inactivity than by recourse to arms. Thrice is he armed who hath his quarrel just.

Hopes it Was an Accident.

"I hope and believe, for the honor of humanity, that the destruction of the Maine was caused by an accident, and in that case Spain cannot be responsible.

"The only circumstance that would warrant active hostilities would be the evidence that the Spanish Government connived at the placing of torpedoes or explosives in the harbor of Havana to destroy the Maine. But I do not believe, and no sane man can believe, that a chivalric nation would be guilty of such inhumanity.

"An able commission has been appointed by the Government to investigate the cause of the disaster. Let us calmly and dispassionately await the result of their verdict, and not anticipate their judgment. One thing is certain, this country knows how in any emergency to defend her honor and protect her interests.

"I earnestly hope that the day is not far off when a grateful nation will show her appreciation of the services of those brave and faithful public servants by erecting to their memory a suitable monument. 'Dulce et decorumest pro patria mori.' (It is sweet and honorable to die

CARLIST ORGAN SPEAKS HOTLY.

The Loss of the Maine Was Due to Lack of Discipline—Limit of Concession Reached.

London, Feb. 28.—The Carlist organ, El Correo, of Madrid, in its issue of Feb. 22, just received here by mail, says: "There is no doubt whatever that the loss of the Maine was due to lack of discipline," and cites the case of a United States cruiser which was lately at Venice, describing her crew as being "rather pirates than the sailors of a civilized nation." Continuing, El Correo remarks: "Drunkards, insubordinates, thieves and fighters, the sailors of the United States never set foot ashore without creating riots nightly. Several of them slept in jail, or were taken on board under arrest, until the municipality was forced formally to complain to the commander and request him not to allow his men to land, as otherwise they could not be answerable for the consequences. Had these officials belonged to the Christina regime, the United States would have replied by demanding an indemnity, or an apology, or both, with the certainty of obtaining it. But the protest not being Spanish, no attention was paid to it, the cruiser leaving Italy. This naval convict ship, which is never free from the fumes of alcohol, must be a twin sister of the Maine. It is a marvelous thing in such hands, that one of their ships does not blow up daily."

Limit of Concession Reached.

The Imparcial, Feb. 25, temperately approves the "growing sentiment that concession has reached its limits," and expresses the belief that "the best forces in Spain are convinced that the time has ar-

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THE CRIPPLED CHAMPAGNE.

Passengers Laying for Their Destinations There Was a Time of Anxiety and Short Rations.

Halifax, Feb. 28.—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. All the saloon passengers who did not leave by to-day's trains for their destination will start to-morrow. The steerage passengers will probably be sent by steamer via Boston. 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. Quantities of oysters and other perishable delicacies in the cargo were consumed by the passengers, the officers considering that it was better to use these than allow them to spoil.

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The Election Returns at Dineens'.

The man who counts on getting a new spring hat for correctly predicting the results in to-day's elections deserves the best to be had in the world. When the scores are settled to-morrow he should insist on a Dunlap Hat as being the only hat which will come up to the occasion. It's the hat to mark an event worth remembering. The newest Spring Styles in Dunlap Hats are now at Dineens'—and Dineens' only. And the price is Five Dollars—cash.

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THE KLONDIKE TRADE.

Seattle is Getting Half of It—Vancouver Merchants Cutting Prices to the Injury of Themselves.

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Seattle is outfitting 50 per cent. of the Klondike trade at present; the rest is about equally divided between San Francisco, Vancouver and Victoria. Vancouver, however, is so busy, and such great crowds are on her streets, that she has the appearance of a city as large as Toronto. The trade, however, is not entirely satisfactory, owing to the insane policy of the merchants in cutting prices. As a consequence the profits are cut to pieces on all outfit goods, including groceries and clothing, and Klondikers can get better and cleaper goods by far in Vancouver than they can in Seattle, in spite of the duty. However, for some unexplained reason the great majority are drifting through to Seattle, even at Mission Junction, where the C. P. R. connections are made for the States. Many Klondikers pick up their packs and take the train for Seattle. The Seattle agents and agents of Yankee roads have an organized system of lying and misrepresentation all over the continent, and the Canadian coast trade is in consequence seriously handicapped, while the Washington authorities are aiding in making a laughing stock of the British Columbia merchants, who, fearing that the rush will not last, are altogether too eager to unload their big stocks.

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PROGRESS ON CROW'S NEST

Construction Engineer Says Everything is Going on Smoothly.

Four Thousand Men are Working at Present and There is Room for 1500 More—Rock Work Has Been Given the Preference During the Winter—News From Montreal.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Mr. Hugh D. Lumsden, engineer in charge of construction of the Crow's Nest Pass road, is in the city, and gave your correspondent to-day some details regarding the progress of the work. Everything he says, is going ahead smoothly, the only drawback being the lack of men. The engineer states that at present about 4000 men are at work all along the line from Lethbridge to the Kootenay Lake, some 290 miles, and that the company would like to engage 1500 more. He states that all the rock work is being done this winter, so that the softer work may be attacked a little later on. So far 105 miles of grading have been completed, bringing it to the summit of the Rockies.

"And the tracklaying?"

"We had knocked off tracklaying, but I expect the work will be resumed today. So far 75 miles have been laid, and from this out rapid progress will be made in this as well as on the other branches of construction."

He confirms the report that the extension round Kootenay Lake, which is mostly rock, will be built as soon as the survey now being carried on is completed.

The engineer says that although there was a good deal of sickness last fall the men are now in good condition. Mr. Lumsden in conclusion referred to Judge Dugas and his brother commissioners, who had spent two weeks in McLeod, but he does not believe anything of a very serious nature was brought to their attention.

Made Mr. Weatherston Give Up.

Another little incident of the new I. C.R. management has just come to light. Mr. Weatherston, the Toronto agent who had his salary reduced from $150 to $75 per month, was given a bonus of two months' pay, viz., $300. Mr. Harris, however, got wind of the matter and made Mr. Weatherston refund the bonus which had been sent him by the treasurer.

Notes.

The Theatre Royal case was postponed till to-morrow.

The Archbishop of Montreal left today to attend the funeral of Archbishop Cleary.

Pember's Turkish and vapor baths, 129 Yonge.

On and after this date the following service will be given on the Richmond Hill division of the Metropolitan Railway: Leave C.P.R. crossing, Yonge-street for Richmond Hill, 7.20, 9.40 a.m., 2.40, 5.40 p.m.; returning leave Richmond Hill for C.P.R. crossing, 8.45, 11.00 a.m., 4.00, 7.00 p.m.

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PAY UP, SAY COUNSEL.

Dickinson, Lansing and Warren Advise the U.S. Government to Settle With the Canadian Sealers.

Washington, D.C., Feb. 28.—The President to-day sent to the Senate a full record of the proceedings between the United States and Great Britain in the arbitration relating to the compensation for the seizure of British ships in Behring Sea, under the treaty of Feb. 29, 1892. A statement of the Government's counsel, consisting of Messrs. Don M. Dickinson, Robert Lansing and Chas. B. Warren, is appended, in which they say:

"If there are serious questions as to the validity of the award in the light of precedent and authority yet in view of the history of the controversy and in the existing conditions as well as because of the comparatively small amount of the aggregate award we venture to express the hope that the result will be accepted by our Government."

THE KLONDIKE FEVER.

Steamers From the Old Land are Booking a Good Many Passengers for Canadian Gold Fields.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—The Star's cable from London says:

"Despite Government and other efforts to keep back Klondikers until the season really opens for traffic via the Stikine, steamers are now taking between two and three hundred each week, mostly booked for Vancouver. These numbers will be swollen next month, but the agents of whom I enquired to-day do not anticipate anything tremendous in the way of a rush from Europe. The Klondike fever is, nevertheless, checking general farm emigration for the moment."

Victim of a Perjurer, He Says.

Quebec, Feb. 28.—The prisoner Malenfant, who was recently sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for forgery, was found late last night by a guard lying unconscious on the floor of his cell at the jail. He was taken to the hospital, and this morning recovered consciousness. In his cell was found a letter to his wife, in which Malenfant stated that he was the victim of a perjurer, and was about to serve a sentence for a crime of which he was innocent, and he had become tired of life. The evidence points to an attempt at suicide.

50 dozen choice English ties, in Ascots' Spas and Derbys, now on sale at Varcoe's, Rossin Block.

DEATHS.

WINDRUM—At his late residence, 18 Brunswick-avenue, on Saturday, Feb. 26, Samuel B. Windrum, aged 54 years and 6 months.

Funeral Wednesday at 2 o'clock to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

LIGHTFOOT—Suddenly, at her residence, 240 Roncesvalles-avenue, Tuesday morning, March 1, Mrs. Sarah Lightfoot.

Funeral notice later.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

St. Leon drowns indigestion, dyspepsia and kidney disease.

CAMPAIGN NOTES.

After to-day it will be au fait to speak of Premier Whitney and Mr. A. S. Hardy, ex-M. L. A.

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The Government's audacity in cloaking itself with a surplice made out of whole cloth constitutes an insult to those who hold by the apostolic succession.

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"Would two dollars have any influence on you?" said the young lady to the waiter in the course of the play at the Grand last night. "Well," was the reply, "two dollars made me a Grit last year."

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Yesterday a man who was offering $100 to $50 that J. J. Foy would be elected in South Toronto could not find anyone to take him up.

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One who knows says Halton will elect Kerns by 100 majority, despite Barber's money.

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A Sudbury despatch says: "Grit heelers are practising wholesale bribery in East Algoma and Nipissing. Cash is being distributed lavishly, a remission of dues on cordwood and ties is promised and papers purporting to be receipts therefor are given by local officials. Religious pamphlets are being pushed under the doors of Roman Catholics at midnight denouncing Whitney. Piles of these pamphlets are found in Grit committee rooms and Catholics resent such tactics. Both constituencies are easily Conservative."

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Information obtained from the most reliable source is to the effect that the superintendent of the Massey works has told his big staff of men that they must vote Liberal to-day, and that upon their action depends their bread and butter. The men are indignant over this act of coercion.

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The long list of relatives whom Hon. J. M. Gibson boasts that he has found Government jobs for during his term of office should in itself prove the millstone that will sink him to-morrow. Mr. Gibson tries to excuse his action with the flimsy excuse that blood is thicker than water. He ignores the fact that he is only a servant of the people, and as such has no right to give to his relatives what belongs to the people.

FOOLS AND THEIR MONEY.

Only the postoffice is the gainer by the flood of anonymous circulars sent by mail within the past day or two to electors of the city. Don't vote for So-an-so, because he has a cross on his back; beware of Thingimy, because he is a Ribbonman. Who is the fool that prints them, and what a "dish of meat" must the man be who pays the postage on them! Nearly as foolish is the man who, getting one of these election tricks, shows it round. Throw them in the fire and say nothing, and vote as you think, and not as some scalawag seeks to influence you by creed or race hatred.

SHOOT THE BANDITTI.

The public ought to make short work of the adventurers, aldermen and newspapers (the latter now gone quiet as a rocket spent) who are trying to rob the city of its cattle market. It is a clear act of piracy. Mr. Edward Hanlan is making a poor beginning as a city father. The decent aldermen who have been "roped in" are beginning to break away.

WABASH GOES TO BUFFALO.

Permanent Lease of the Grand Trunk's Air Line Granted to the American Road.

New York, Feb. 28.—The Times to-morrow will print 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.

Death Came Suddenly.

Mrs. Sarah Lightfoot, wife of William Lightfoot, senior partner of the firm of Lightfoot & Sons, St. Lawrence Market, died very suddenly at her home, 240 Roncesvalles-avenue, early this morning. Deceased, who was about 60 years of age, has been a sufferer from heart trouble for some time past.

Kent's Wood Burning.

This is an advertisement, but it is worth reading. Don't buy poor or rotten hardwood. A fair price will obtain excellent No. 1 hardwood, perfectly dry and clean. You can't depend on cheap stuff. Order from John Kent & Co., 65 Yonge-street, opp. Webb's, near King-street. 246

Your Friends Like Mon-oon.

Three Hundred Dollar Fire.

A fire occurred last evening at 752 Queen-street east, in a tailor shop occupied by Jacob Vise, and owned by the Mafldine estate. The damage amounted to $390, fully covered by insurance.

Dunlop's Roses Reduced.

Fresh cut roses are within the means of everyone since Dunlop is selling them from $1 per dozen up. Salesrooms—5 King west and 445 Yonge-street.

$100 REWARD

To any person giving information as to the name of the party who published and circulated a circular purporting to be an appeal to Protestants to vote against Mr. Foy.

The circular was neither inspired nor printed nor paid for nor circulated by any Reformer or by anyone on my behalf. I utterly repudiate such base tactics.

W. B. ROGERS.

LATEST PHASES OF THE RAILROAD WAR.

"Restore Your Rates, Then We Will Treat With You," Said the C.P.R.

The Canadian Road Has Insisted Upon That From the Start and Still Stands There, Mr. McNicoll Says—Something Important May Take Place To-day—Reply to the Grand Trunk.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—Special—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 17, 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 C.P.R. 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 this 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."

The answer from Chicago to the three delegates did not reach here until after they had left, so it would not reach them till to-day. It is believed, however, that important news will be at hand to-morrow.

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.

WESTERN ROADS IN IT.

General Passenger Agents Met in Chicago and Arranged to Meet the C.P.R. Cut as to Northwest Traffic.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—General passenger agents of the Western roads at their meeting to-day 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-morrow. 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.

Western passenger agents have spent four days in arranging the details for putting in the new rates, and have not completed their work yet. They will have another struggle with the question to-morrow morning.

REPLY TO GRAND TRUNK.

A Statement From the Canadian Pacific Side Which the Rival Road Has a Chance to Answer.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—The Grand Trunk issued a statement this morning to the effect that that company had done more towards building up Ontario and Quebec than the C.P.R., and that the C.P.R. had built up the Canadian Northwest at the expense of the older provinces by inducing emigration thither, thus reducing the population and land values of Ontario and Quebec. When shown to a Canadian Pacific official he pointed out the utter absurdity of this contention by quoting from a Grand Trunk folder, which advises intending Klondikers that "supplies can be best purchased at Pacific coast cities, Seattle, Victoria, etc., where the merchants are accustomed to put up just what is required."

"That is building up Eastern Canada with a vengeance," he asserted, "telling people to buy goods in Seattle instead of in Montreal and Toronto.

"In the petition which the Grand Trunk and the American lines presented to the United States Commission in Washington for authority to attack the Canadian Pacific, which authority was granted, they state that prior to the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Ontario and Manitoba their lines enjoyed the whole of a large passenger traffic between those provinces, and many of the passengers found inducements to settle in Minnesota and other Northwestern States. When the Cana-

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"Puff" Over the Result.

Toronto is to enjoy a straight up-and-up party fight—free from all the uncertainties and superfluities of the "fad" candidates who seek notoriety and cheap advertising. You may sit down in your study and while smoking one of Muller's Havanas you can figure out the result-to-be just as it suits yourself. Be sure and specify Muller's $5 box of Havanas when you wager on your judgment.

Four hundred asylum patients at Havana have died from lack of food and medicine, and the Spanish officials are blamed for it.

At the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, on Sunday night an entertainment was given for the benefit of the widows and orphans of victims of the Maine disaster, and $10,000 was realized.

The Italian claim has been settled by Hayti paying the full amount demanded. The French Government is now pressing a claim for damages for violation of the treaty rights of French citizens.

Edward J. Ratcliffe, the New York actor, has withdrawn his appeal and will serve out his six months' sentence for beating his wife. It is said he admitted having been married to the English wife.

Variable Weather.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimalt, 46—50; Calgary, 12—36; Qu'Appelle, 14—22; Winnipeg, 10—30; Port Arthur, 10—32; Parry Sound, 6 below—32; Toronto, 12—32; Ottawa, 6—26; Montreal, 14—24; Quebec, 20—28; Halifax, 30—40.

PROBS: Fair to cloudy weather, a little higher temperature during the day; light local rain or sleet falls.

Oak Hall's Klondike Branch Store is near the Union Station at 40 York-street. Main Store at 115 King-street, Toronto.

Steamship Movements.

Feb. 28.	At	From.
Mantoban	New York	Glasgow
Cuffe	New York	Liverpool
Pavonia	Queenstown	Boston
Etruria	Liverpool	New York.
Canada	Liverpool	Boston.
Gallia	Liverpool	St. John, N.B.