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SPANISH SHIPS COMING

Two Armored Cruisers and a Torpedo Boat Destroyer Start.

PROBABLY FOR HAVANA

Infanta Maria Thresa, Cristobal Colon and Destructor Depart from Cartagena, Exciting Much Interest in the Navy Department—A Powerful Fleet.

Washington, March 31.—The Navy Department has official information that the most formidable offensive Spanish squadron that has yet left Spain sailed from Cartagena yesterday.

It includes the heavily armored cruiser Cristobal Colon and Infanta Maria Teresa, and the powerful torpedo boat destroyer Destructor. The destination has not been learned as yet. The news excited great interest at the Navy Department.

The information of the sailing of the Spanish fleet was contained in a dispatch to the State Department from United States Minister Woodford at Madrid. Cartagena is a Spanish naval station on the Mediterranean Sea, and according to the Minister's dispatch, the ships were headed "westward." This, it is said, is undoubtedly the most formidable array of vessels that has departed from Spain in this direction during the present crisis, and the presumption generally held by the Navy Department officials is that they are headed ultimately for Havana, and will be first heard of at the Canaries.

The fleet is composed of two armored cruisers of the second class, under the convoy of a formidable torpedo boat destroyer. The Infanta Maria Teresa is a sister ship to the Vizcaya, which visited New York preliminary to her trip to Havana, where she now is. The former is built of steel, is 384 feet over all, of 65.2 beam, and has a displacement of 6,890 tons, with a mean draught of 21.6. Her speed is put down as slightly over twenty knots an hour. The Cristobal Colon is 328 feet long and 59.8 feet beam. She is 6,840 tons displacement and has a speed of twenty knots.

The convoy of the vessels, the Destructor, is a formidable ship of her class and capable of excellent service.

Sailing of the Torpedo Flotilla.

London, March 31.—Mail advices from Las Palmas, Canary Islands, under date of March 23, confirm the Washington advices of the sailing of the Spanish torpedo flotilla. The letters received here say that on that day three Spanish torpedo boats, three torpedo boat destroyers and their escort, the transport Ciudad de Cadiz, received telegraphic orders to proceed to Cuba.

TIME TO STOP SPAIN'S FLEET.

If Her Reply Is Unsatisfactory Our Ships Can Intercept Her Torpedo Boats.

Washington, March 31.—It having been announced that Spain's reply to the President's proposition would not be forthcoming before Monday, the impression begins to prevail in many quarters that Spain is again merely sparring for time, hoping to postpone the issue until her torpedo fleet should reach Cuban waters.

Inquiry at the Navy Department brought the information that the officers there have figured out the course of the Spanish torpedo boats and have decided that the flotilla will reach Porto Rico about April 7. Assuming that Spain's reply to McKinley is received on Monday next, this will still leave the better part of a week for the interception of the flotilla by the American fleet in case of hostilities.

Mobilizing Spanish Ships.

Madrid, March 31.—El Pais says that orders have been issued to mobilize all the Spanish warships, and that a second torpedo squadron is being prepared for sea at Cadiz. The Balearic Islands, according to El Pais, are being fortified and military engineers are starting for the Canary Islands.

A dispatch from Barcelona says that the armed steam yacht Giralda, purchased by the Spanish Government from Harry McCalmont, the English racehorse owner, after the vessel had been rejected by the United States, is now being fitted up as a dispatch boat.

Italy, it is said by El Pais, has decided to sell the armored cruiser Giuseppe Garibaldi, of 6,840 tons and well armored, sister ship of Varese, to Spain. Two regiments, still according to El Pais, are going to the Canary Islands to strengthen the Spanish garrison there.

House War Resolutions.

Washington, March 31.—Representative Adamson, of Georgia, has introduced a resolution recognizing the republic of Cuba and authorizing the President to accredit to it a Minister of this Government.

Representative Mahany, of New York, introduced a joint resolution recognizing the Cuban republic as a free and independent State, and welcoming her "to the sisterhood of republics in the Western World."

Representative Tool, of Michigan, introduced a resolution declaring a state of war exists between the United States and Spain.

Gold Ship on the Rocks.

Tacoma, Wash., March 31.—The steamer Cleveland arrived at Tacoma yesterday direct from Skaguay. She passed the steamer George W. Elder, from Portland for Skaguay and Dyea, with a large number of passengers, on the rocks in the Tongas Narrows, last Saturday night. The bow was clear out of the water, and the stern deep, but not submerged. The Roalie was standing by the Elder, and assistance was refused from the Cleveland. It was not known how seriously the ship was damaged. The Elder belongs to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company.

Gen. Lee Has Not Resigned.

Washington, March 31.—Secretary Long is authority for the statement that there is no truth in the report published yesterday that Consul-General Lee is dissatisfied with the President's Cuban policy and has cabled his resignation to the State Department, at the same time requesting that he be relieved at once.

WAR PREPARATIONS.

First Movement of Infantry to the Coast—Call for Naval Recruits for a Year.

Washington, March 31.—While negotiations go on looking to a peaceful solution of the Cuban problem, if that be possible, the War and Navy Departments keep up their extraordinary activity in preparation for war. The most important moves are not publicly announced; but such things as the transfer of troops, the purchase of new vessels and the strengthening of coast defenses gives an idea of how this country is preparing itself against an emergency.

Orders have been issued for the first movement of infantry to the coast. The Twenty-fifth, now scattered at forts in Montana will go to the Dry Tortugas and Key West, Old Fort Jefferson, at the Tortugas, being manned by six out of the eight companies in the regiment. The Twenty-fifth is a negro regiment.

It was chosen because its men were thought to be able better than white men to endure the hot climate of a semi-tropical post. The Navy Department's wish that the fortifications at the Tortugas be strengthened will be carried out, and a large coaling station will be established there.

Troops at Fort Reno, Oklahoma, are getting ready for transfer to the East. They have forwarded their Gatling and Hotchkiss guns and all the available field pieces at the fort.

It is reported from Louisville that the owners of steamboats plying on the Ohio River have been notified by the War Department that they may be required to carry supplies in the event of war. The Department several weeks ago gathered information as to the number and capacity of river boats.

The work of increasing the efficiency of various coast defense fortifications by giving them connection with one another by telegraph and telephone is to be hurried. Plans have been made for connecting forts in Massachusetts, on the Potomac and along the Gulf coast. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, with several officers of the Ordnance Bureau, is in Cleveland to inspect the big single piece coast defense gun which is making under the direction of Dr. Gatling.

A thing which naval officers regard as evidence that a crisis is at hand is an order issued to navy yards to enlist men for one year. A clause in the order reads: "Men enlisting for one year can be discharged at their own request before the expiration of that period, providing an emergency does not arise in the meantime."

The naval vessels which are undergoing repairs are being hurried to completion. The old single turret monitors at the League Island Navy Yard are almost ready to be manned by detachments of naval militia. They will help defend the coast. The cruisers Minneapolis and Columbia are practically ready to join the flying squadron at Hampton Roads.

It is said that the Government has succeeded in buying from a private firm in France a fully equipped torpedo boat destroyer, which will sail very soon from Havre.

The Navy Department is taking steps to increase its force of officers. The cadets who are just about to complete the usual two years' cruise following graduation will not get any shore leave. They will be examined at the Naval Academy, and if they meet the requirements will at once be sent to sea again as acting ensigns on any ships where vacancies can be found for them.

The United States Arsenal at Springfield, Mass., is working day and night, just as it did in war times, turning out rifles. A third shift of men is to be taken on soon, and the shops will then be able to turn out 360 rifles a day.

Bumper Wheat Crop.

Chicago, March 31.—Special dispatches from the surplus-producing States of the winter wheat territory indicate that a bumper crop is coming. In a general way, the dispatches confirm the condition of increased acreage as a natural result of the relatively high prices realized for wheat as compared with corn or oats. A majority of the reports tell of splendid outlook and the complaints of the growing crop are few.

Queen Regent Seeks Help.

London, March 31.—The Vienna correspondent of the Standard says: "The Queen Regent of Spain, I learn, wrote personally last week to Emperor Francis Joseph and other sovereigns, including Emperor Nicholas, requesting not precisely intervention, but the exercise of such influence at Washington as might conduce to a peaceful settlement without injury to Spain's dignity and vital interests."

Want Swallow as a Candidate.

Harrisburg Pa. March 31.—The Rev. Dr. S. C. Swallow, the Prohibitionist, was yesterday afternoon tendered a nomination for Governor by a committee of citizens from Philadelphia, headed by Herbert Welch. He said: "If the people shall request my candidacy in sufficiently large numbers as to indicate the sentiment generally I shall interpret the vox populi as the vox dei."

President Kruger Not Dead.

London, March 31.—A rumor was in circulation in Stock Exchange circles yesterday that President Kruger, of the Transvaal Republic, had been assassinated. Very little credit was given to the report and it finally turned out to be what was generally believed—an irresponsible stock-jobbing canard.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The New York Cuban Junta, says only \$100,000,000 would be paid for freedom, as the island is not worth more now.

The Brooklyn Navy Yard is pushing war preparations day and night. The enlistment regulations have been greatly relaxed.

A pension of \$50 a month has been voted by the House to the widow of Captain Cushing, the commander of the torpedo boat which sank the Confederate ram Albemarle.

Congressman Robert F. Broussard of Louisville has tendered his resignation to the Governor of his State to take effect immediately upon a declaration of war with Spain. Congressman Broussard has gone home to organize a regiment which he will command in the event of war.

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LOCAL AND OTHER NEWS

The trout law is off to-day. WANTED—A boy at the GAZETTE office. Apply at once. The annual report of the Board of school visitors has been issued. Cockenoe Tribe of Red Men will work the Adoption degree to-night.

Hot cross bun signs are being displayed. Men were busily engaged at the Bates quarry on Riverside avenue this morning, and no doubt the new crusher will, within a short time, be busily engaged in crushing stone at that point. Mrs. Joseph G. Jennings of South Norwalk, left this morning for a two weeks' visit with her sister, at Mottville, N. Y.

FIRST CHURCH IN THE KLONDIKE. Good Work Begun by the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions. The Rev. S. Hall Young and Dr. W. A. McEwen, two young Presbyterians sent out by the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, started for the Klondike last August.

Services were next held in the "Opera-House," which is the largest room in the city. The missionaries spent all their money in fitting up the new church, but when their cash was gone they found the miners very willing to give credit.

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WEALTH OF THE KLONDIKE Shrewd Investors Are Sure Winners. The Joseph Ladue Gold Mining and Development Company of Yukon, finding opportunity for the extremely profitable use of additional working capital in connection with its transportation business, the Company now offer for investment a limited amount of its new six per cent. preferred stock.

The town farm contains 12.52 acres of land according to a new map just completed by Engineer C. N. Wood for the selectmen. Mrs. Sarah Bogart, mother of Mrs. George Clarke, died at the latter's residence in Norwalk Park shortly before 3 o'clock this morning, aged 76 years. Miss Agnes Kelley was given a surprise at the home of her friend, Miss Alice Byxbee of Union street, Wednesday night, by a number of her friends.

The Russian Stove: The stove is the principal furniture of a Russian cottage, it fills a third of the interior of the principal room, being built of brick and plaster, flat on top. During the day it is used for cooking and drying clothes, and at night it is the family bed, on which all the inmates sleep in a heap, pell-mell.

Fine Passenger S.S. "MORGAN CITY," 300 feet long, 2,500 tons burden, and carrying capacity for 750 passengers, which will operate between San Francisco or Seattle and Skaguay up to about the 1st of June, when she will be put in commission to St. Michaels in connection with four river boats and four or more freight scows on the Yukon River.

THE MAN WHO HADN'T TIME

He never had time to play. He never had time to rest. But he worked away and thought of a day...

A PAIR OF SINNERS.

BY ST. JOHN ADCOCK.

She was the only daughter of a draper who had once been eminent and was now retired; he was a young and prosperous barrister.

Just as he poured upon me in that review! If there is any man I hate—yes, hate, Clarence!—it is he.

JUSTIFIABLE DECEIT

Yes, mother, he will come. Of course he will come! and the girl turned her drawn and anxious young face toward the cottage door.

five young doctor came a little later in the evening he shook his head. "Yes," he said. "I see that she is asleep and quiet—too quiet.

TRIMMING ON DRESSY GOWNS.

Cording Used in Every Possible Way on Blouse Waists. The Paquin skirt, with the circular flounce from the knee and the apron effect with flounce below, seems to lead in the organdie gowns, and narrow ruffles, ruches, and insertions of lace are the prevailing modes of trimming.



All the indications of coming fashions tend to show that dressy gowns of every sort will have trimmed skirts, but many of the tailor gowns are made with plain skirts.



Skirts with all their diversity and various modes of decoration cannot claim the palm, for the blouse waist certainly takes the lead as a means of producing variety of every sort.



Tucks are still and will continue to be a conspicuous feature of the silk blouse waists, being made by the thousand for spring and summer wear.

GEN. FITZHUGH LEE.

OUR ERRING BROTHER WHO PROVES HIMSELF THE MAN OF THE HOUR. Educated at West Point He Left the Army When Virginia Seceded, and Joined the Confederacy—Gen. Lee has been an Invaluable Government Officer.



Thackeray says somewhere that whenever you find a man whose friends all call him by his first name that man is very apt to be a good fellow. If this were ever signally illustrated by any one, it has been in the case of Fitzhugh Lee.

CRISIS IN THE FAR EAST

France's Ultimatum to China Causes Alarm in England.

THE SWEEPING DEMANDS

May be Considered as a Casus Belli if Officials Have Not Been Warned of the Demands—England Will Not Permit China to Obey the Mandate.

London, March 21.—The far Eastern crisis still overshadows the Spanish-American situation in European estimation, and the latest steps towards the dismemberment of China has caused fresh dismay in England.

Russia's move demoralized the financial world, but the news of the French ultimatum has had no important effect upon stocks, which leads to the inference that the French policy is not so bellicose as it appears.

The English press takes the gloomiest view of the latest development, but the situation is so obscure in many respects that this fact is not of the greatest significance. It is perfectly true, however, that if France has taken this step on the heels of the Russian demand, without any assurance or understanding with Great Britain, it would constitute almost a casus belli.

The British Government, however, puts no such interpretation upon the French action. Presumably this country will not allow China to concede the full French demand for territory, for they hit British interests right in the face. It is pretty certain that China will not be permitted to turn the Province of Yunan over to the French, for England wants that for herself.

The outcome will probably be a long diplomatic struggle, which may in the end result in an amicable division of the spoils.

France Will Not Use Force.

Paris, March 21.—A semi-official statement has been issued saying that there is no connection between the demands of the French Government in China and the Chinese loan. The French demands reached Peking at the beginning of the month, and the negotiations were immediately transferred to Paris, where they are proceeding between the Chinese Minister, Ting Thang, and M. Hanotaux, the French Foreign Minister. The French charge that there is no occasion to threaten or menace China with the forcible seizure of a coaling station.

BRITAIN'S HANDS ARE FULL.

Feels We Are Able to Cope with Spaniards and Their Paper Navy.

London, March 21.—The Daily Mail this morning, in an editorial refuting "some of the American accusations of British coldness," says:

"Among many reasons for Great Britain's comparative non-interest not the least is our better knowledge of the Spaniards and their paper navy and our conviction that the Anglo-Saxon will always defeat the Latin. Indeed, the trend of British thought is toward surprise that the greatest of the republics should excite itself unduly about so poor a foe.

"The Americans should remember that, while we are full of trust in their capability to deal with Spanish impertinence, we are fully occupied with far greater troubles, threatened or active, in various parts of the world. They have our full sympathy at a time when France, Germany and Russia are backing Spain as fully and almost as openly as they are opposing British efforts for the freedom of foreign trade throughout the world.

"But there is no occasion now to talk of an offensive and defensive alliance. The disproportion between our mission and America's makes one impossible. There will be time to propose this way of cementing the race when America is ready to face the splendid responsibilities it entails."

Kruger Threatens War.

Johannesburg, March 21.—The Standard and Diggers' News in a seemingly inspired article says: "War is almost inevitable unless England abandons her claim to suzerainty."

Food for Starving Cubans.

Kansas City, March 21.—A relief fund of \$9,033 and twenty-one carloads of provisions and clothing, collected in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma for the starving Cubans of Matanzas were forwarded from Kansas City yesterday. These supplies are being carried free on a special train over the Memphis road to Memphis, thence over the Illinois Central to New Orleans. The United States Government has guaranteed the transportation from New Orleans to Matanzas. The principal articles of food sent are wheat, flour, corn meal, rice, potatoes, rolled oats, condensed milk and soup extracts. The contributions of clothing include a great number of calico dresses for women and children made by church sewing circles.

Choynski on the Sick List.

San Francisco, Cal., March 21.—"Joe" Choynski, a pugilist, is suffering from blood poisoning, and though his physicians think there is no immediate danger, his illness is serious, more particularly as the doctors say the fighter's heart is affected. It will be some time the physicians say, before Choynski steps into the ring again, and they think it a miracle that he could have fought Sharkey at all with his heart in such a condition.

Bank Robbers Get \$5,000.

Hutchinson, Kan., March 21.—The Bank of Nickerson at Nickerson, Kan., near here, was robbed Saturday night. Five men required four or five hours to blow up the safe. Citizens who were passing the building were held up and forced to go inside, where they were kept until the safe was blown open and the money obtained. About \$5,000 was taken. The robbers mounted horses and fled.

SPANISH TORPEDO FLOTILLA.

Washington Authorities Keep Themselves Informed as to Its Movements.

Washington, March 21.—There is no doubt that the authorities here are keeping themselves fully advised as to the movement of the Spanish torpedo flotilla, now en route from Spain. Up to last night the official advices were to the effect that the flotilla had not left the Canaries, where a stop was made to await the arrival of a Spanish cruiser.

Persons acquainted with the facts say that the stop at the Canaries is only temporary, and that there is no purpose on the part of the Spanish Government to turn back the torpedo boats because of the removal of the Texas and Massachusetts from Key West. On the contrary, the purpose, as made known in Washington, is that the torpedo flotilla will continue its trip to Cuba and Puerto Rico.

It was stated by a person high in naval authority that no steps had been taken toward intercepting this flotilla or warning it away. There has been considerable conjecture in this line by naval officers, based on the idea that if an emergency was in fact near at hand it would be inexpedient to allow a large torpedo flotilla to rendezvous on this side.

SAUERKRAUT AND PICKLES.

Legal Opinion as to Whether They Should Be Sold by Dry or Wet Measure.

Washington March 21.—The Sealer of Weights and Measures for the District of Columbia recently submitted to the attorney for the District for his opinion the question as to whether sauerkraut and pickles should be sold by wet or dry measure. The attorney has decided the vexed point in the following opinion:

"The well-known German preparation of cabbage, known as sauerkraut, from the methods of its manufacture contains more or less of liquids, but the greater part of the preparation is solid. My opinion is that it should be sold by dry measure. As to pickles, the customs, as I am informed, is to sell both by dry and liquid measure. If the pickles are not drained they are sold by liquid measure. If the brine or vinegar is drained off, they are sold by dry measure. My opinion is that sauerkraut should be sold by dry measure and that pickles should be sold by dry and liquid measure, according as they are drained or not."

Set-Back for Wanamaker.

Lancaster, Pa., March 21.—The incursion of ex-Postmaster-General Wanamaker into this city's Quay preserve does not seem to have been a shining success, gauged by the result of Saturday's hotly fought Republican primary election. In fact his visit here has proved a boomerang, for every Quay candidate in sight has come out ahead as far as heard from. Included in the slaughter is State Senator C. C. Kauffman, the anti-Quay leader in the last Legislature, who is beaten by J. A. Stober, an out-and-out Quay adherent, who has a majority of 800 or so, reassuring a similar plurality of four years ago. A solid Quay delegation to the next Legislature, seven all told, is also chosen; likewise a full contingent

of a dozen Quay delegates to the next State Convention.

Big Order for Projectiles.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 21.—The Wheeler-Sterling Projectile Works of McKeesport, Pa., has secured contracts from the United States Government for over a million dollars worth of projectiles. They are to be of all qualities of the armor-piercing kind, from four inches up to thirteen inches, the largest made for use in the United States Army and Navy. The contract calls for \$551,900 worth of projectiles for the Navy; \$300,000 for the army, and \$200,000 for both departments. It will require at least a year, working continually on the contract day and night, Sundays included, to complete the contract.

Mrs. Burnett Seeks Divorce.

Washington, March 21.—Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett the well-known novelist has instituted proceedings for divorce against her husband Dr. Swan M. Burnett. The papers in the case are withheld from publication. The grounds on which the decree is asked are understood to be desertion, abandonment and failure to support. The last named, however, is only technical, as Mrs. Burnett is believed to have an independent fortune.

Widow Found Dead in the River.

Newark, N. J., March 21.—The body of Catherine Hogan, a widow, was found floating in the Passaic River off Kearny last evening. A bottle which had contained carbolic acid was found in her pocket and from marks on her lips and in her mouth it would appear that she had first taken carbolic acid and then thrown herself in the river.

Fando Rumor Untrue.

Havana, March 21.—The report that General Fando, the Spanish commander in Cuba has been captured by the insurgent General Garcia, is untrue. According to the latest advices General Fando had left Ciego de Avila and was proceeding to the eastward, probably with Puerto Principe as his destination.

Will Go in Search of Andree.

Berlin, March 21.—Theodore Lerner, with an expedition aided from State and private sources, will start on the steamer Helgoland next May in search of Herr Andree, the missing aeronaut, and to prosecute scientific investigations.

W. M. Taggart Dead.

Philadelphia, March 21.—William M. Taggart, editor of Taggart's Sunday Times, died in this city Saturday night of a complication of diseases. Mr. Taggart was 46 years old and was well known to the newspaper fraternity throughout the country.

Pension Attorney Fees.

Washington, March 21.—From a statement prepared by the Pension Office it is shown that \$10,110,194 has been paid to pension attorneys for legal fees by pensioners within the past seven years.

Hoyt & Co., a big wholesale grocery firm of Chicago, has revolted against the Sugar Trust, and other concerns are following.

FAVOR AN ALLIANCE

Remarkable Unanimity of Approval by the British Public.

SURE GUARANTEE OF PEACE

Statesmen Realize That Closer Bonds of Friendship Would Lead to Great Mutual Advantages—Situation Has Served to Awaken Race Feeling.

London, March 21.—Remarkable unanimity of the approval by both classes and masses of the mere suggestion of an Anglo-American alliance compels belief in the sincerity of the desire of the British public for an entente with the United States. The fact that most of the cable dispatches from America have proclaimed that the suggestion has been seriously discussed is heartily welcomed here and is regarded as extremely important and gratifying, as evincing a friendly spirit.

"They are," as a diplomatist put it, "inspiring hope that the differences of the past will be buried and that Anglo-Saxons in the near future will be found issuing identical notes to all opposed to their common interests."

"It is not any stretch of imagination," the diplomatist continued, "to say that such a union has been longed for by the best men in Great Britain for many years, not only because of the genuine wish for closer bonds of friendship, but because it is a known fact that all the statesmen of Europe realize that a close alliance between America and Great Britain would constitute not only the surest guarantee of the peace of the world, but would afford proof that the reign of law and individual liberty is to be extended for the benefit of mankind, in spite of the efforts to extinguish it made by reactionary rulers and governments."

Weekly newspapers pay considerable attention to the subject. The Speaker says:

"It is impossible for the statesmen of either country to find a nobler object to which to devote their energies and their lives. Whatever the actual relations in which the governments of London and Washington regard the matter, the American people may be assured that if they wish for an agreement the people of Great Britain also wish for one. We do not wish to ask the Americans to fight our battles, just as we feel convinced that they are too proud to desire that we should fight theirs. But what we do wish and what wise men on both sides must earnestly desire, is that each nation shall feel that it has the other a friend and a brother, on whose sympathy it can rely in time of need."

The Speaker noting the good feeling expressed in the United States says:

"The Americans are quite right in assuming that they will have the support of the Britisher should a Continental alliance attempt to oppress them. If our people once realize the condition of Cuba, half of England would be calling America hard names because they had not intervened earlier

to stop the horrors perpetrated at their very doors."

New Comet Discovered.

Cambridge Mass., March 21.—A telegram has been received at the Harvard College Observatory from Professor Schaeberle, at the Lick Observatory, stating that Dr. Perrine has just discovered a bright comet. Its position on March 20, d. 0374 (Oh. 53m. 52s.) Greenwich mean time, was as follows: Right ascension, 21h. 13m. 35.6s.; declination north, 16 degrees 43m. 23s.; daily motion in right ascension plus 3m. 44s.; daily motion in declination plus 1 degree 1m. The comet is 2m. in diameter, of the seventh magnitude, has strong central condensation and a tail 1 degree long.

No Interference by Germany.

London, March 21.—The Berlin correspondent of the Times confirms the statement that Germany has no inclination to interfere in the Cuban question. He cites the Berlin Post as saying that Germany's complex commercial interests, as well as her regard for the German residents in the United States, forbid such an interference. The Daily Chronicle this morning repeats editorially its declaration that Michael Davitt's attempt to show that England hates America has been "judiciously unsuccessful," and challenges him to obtain half a dozen votes in support of a pro-Spanish resolution in any open meeting in any town in England, Scotland, or Wales.

Sheriff Martin to be Tried Again.

Wilkesbarre, March 19.—Sheriff Martin and six or seven of the fifty-six deputies who were recently acquitted in the Lattimer case will once more face a jury on the charge of murder. This was determined at a meeting to-day of the Prosecuting Committee and Attorneys Garman, McGahren and Scarlet. The attorneys suggested that a change of venue would be desirable and that it might result in the admission of much of the evidence ruled out by Judge Woodward in the recent trial. There is some evidence to present.

Gladstone's Health Critical.

London, March 21.—The Pall Mall Gazette asserts that Mr. Gladstone's physical condition is appreciably worse. Intense pains whether neuralgic or due to a malignant growth, have caused him extreme suffering, and the result is that his physical powers and the action of his heart have become gravely enfeebled.

Old Star Route Cases Killed.

San Francisco, March 21.—The Assistant United States District Attorney says that telegraphic instructions have been received from Washington to dismiss the Star Route cases. These old suits were begun by the Government to recover about half a million dollars, with interest, from the year 1882.

May Shut Out Our Meats.

Berlin, March 21.—Officials of the Brunswick Government report that they lately discovered trichinosis in several packages of American meat, and the Government of Brunswick has asked the Bundesrath to issue a decree prohibiting the import of American meat.

THE FUTURE MRS. 'AWKINS.

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2 I shan't forgit our meetin', 'G'arn, 'waz 'er greetin', 'Just yer mind wot you're about; 'Er pretty 'ead she throws up, Then she turns 'er nose up, Sayin', 'Let me go, I'll shout!' 'I like your style,' sez Lizer, 'Thought as I'd surprise 'er, Cops 'er round the waist like this! Sez she, 'I must be dreamin', Chuck it, I'll start screamin'; 'If yer do,' sez I, 'I'll kiss.' (Spoken or Sung.) 'Now then.' Oh! Lizer! Sweet Lizer! If yer die an old maid you'll 'ave only yerself to blame, D'y'ear, Lizer? Dear Lizer! 'Ow d'y'er fancy 'Awkins for your other name!

3 She wears a artful bonnet, Feathers stuck upon it, Coverin' a fringe all curled; She's just about the sweetest, Prettiest and neatest, Doner in the wide, wide world! And she'll be Missis 'Awkins, Missis 'Enry 'Awkins; Got 'er for to name the day; Settled it last Monday, So to church on Sunday Off we trots the donkey shay! (Spoken or Sung.) 'Now then.' Oh! Lizer! Sweet Lizer! If yer died an old maid you'd 'ave only yerself to blame, D'y'ear, Lizer? Dear Lizer! Missis 'Enry 'Awkins is a fast class name!

The Future Mrs. 'Awkins.—2.

