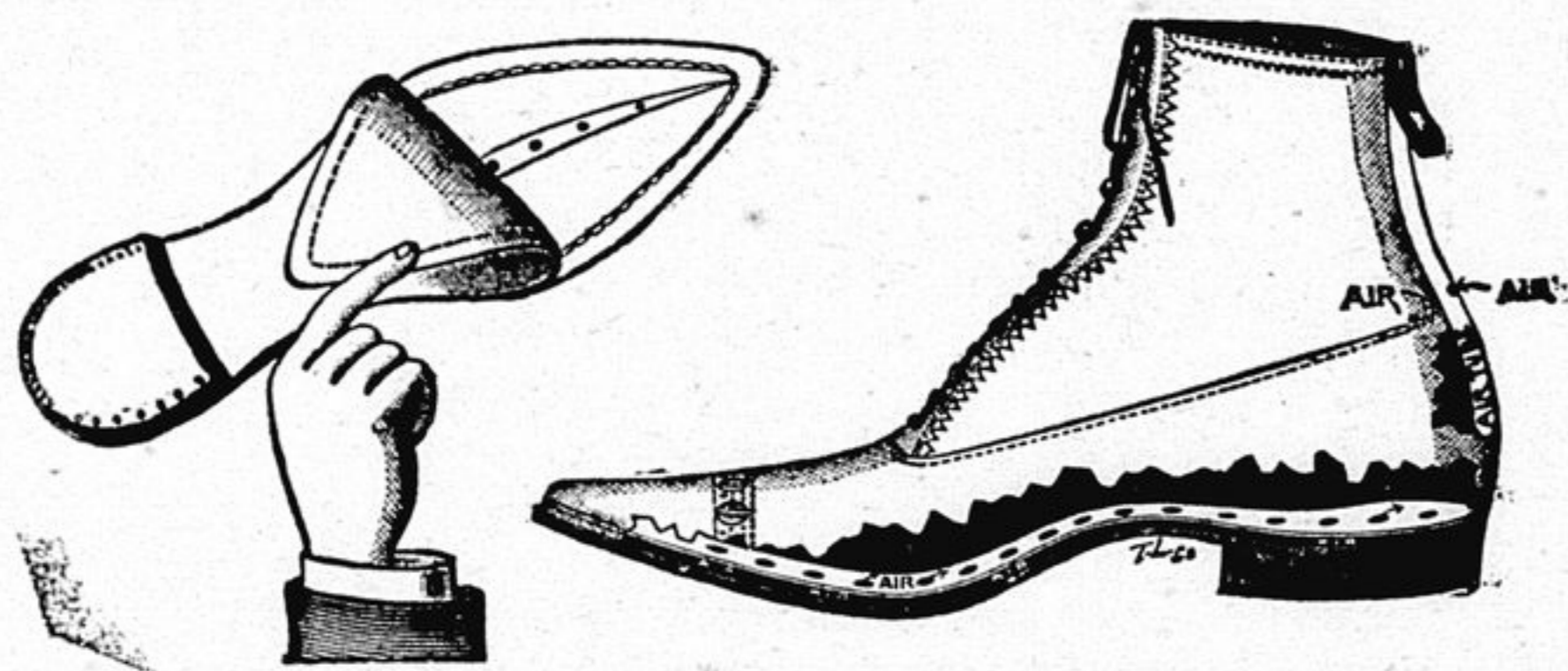


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The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, April 29th, 1898.

War Has Commenced.

Hostilities between the States and Spain have begun, and stirring news may be expected at any moment, but so far no loss of life is reported. The first shot was fired by a gunner named Patrick Mullen on board the United States cruiser *Nashville* on Friday last, when the Spanish tramp steamer *Buena Ventura*, laden with lumber, was captured, and since then nine or ten small merchant vessels have been taken by the Americans. Their total value is estimated at \$3,000,000; but if it be true, as reported this (Wednesday) morning, that the Spaniards have captured the splendid steamship *City of Paris*, bound from a British port to New York with munitions of war, they have got a prize worth double all they have lost; and it is possible the States may have to liberate the ships taken before the formal declaration of war on Monday last. The greater part of the American fleet went to Havana, which has not yet been bombarded; but Admiral Sampson left with three or four of the largest men-of-war for the Cape de Verde islands to watch the Spanish fleet, which it was thought intended to slip away quietly, cross the Atlantic at full speed and bombard New York before it could be intercepted. How long the war will last is a matter of the merest conjecture and opinions on the subject differ widely; and so they do also, though not to so great an extent, as to what the issue will be. If the two powers now involved be left to fight it out alone, the States, by virtue of its superiority of men and money, could scarcely fail to win in the end, though the "liberation of Cuba" may prove a longer and more expensive job than was expected; but it is certain that, if it succeed in liberating the Cubans from the yoke of Spain, it will not be allowed to crush its beaten antagonist. The alleged cause of the declaration of war is a good one, though unprecedented, for it is something new for one nation to interfere on behalf of the rebellious colony of another; but if the United States have, as some suspect, an ulterior object in view, the other Powers will have something to say about it. As it is, Russia and France are known to sympathise with Spain; and if they interfere on her behalf and England side with the States, some sort of a compromise will have to be effected or the war is likely to be one of great magnitude. With regard to the probable length of the war the *Star* says:

"Looking upon the war between Spain and the United States from a seat in the grand stand, we Canadians are interested mainly in knowing how long the fight will last. The tone of New York comment would indicate that the States expect Spain to yield as soon as Cuba is taken from her. But there is no reason for supposing that such will be the case. The fleet of the Republic could not blockade Spanish ports, because there are no coaling stations held by the United States in the Mediterranean. And from the coast of Spain an innumerable fleet of privateers, at no cost to the Government of the country, would issue forth to plunder the commerce of her enemy in the four quarters of the globe. Neither power is strong enough on the sea to bring the war into the other's country. It would be an

indefinitely prolonged guerilla warfare, in which the States would be the greatest loser, and Great Britain and Germany the principal gainers, since the shipping of the world would have to be carried in British and German bottoms. It will not be a war of armies. When the Spaniards have been driven from Cuba, the Spanish Government will have but so much more money to expend upon the naval operations. They will fatten on the rich plunder of the commerce of the States. The other powers may intervene, but unless they do, the war might well go on forever." The latest reports state that the *Paris* has not yet been captured.

Aiding The Enemy.

In England and its dependencies the Press enjoys as much freedom as can reasonably be asked; but the "yellow journals" in the neighboring Republic are going to a length that would not be permitted in any other country in the world, and *Harper's Weekly* thinks it is time for the Government to interfere. A resident of the United States would undoubtedly be arrested if suspected of doing secretly what some of the New York papers are doing openly, for they not only publish plans of the coming battles, but actually give full details of the numbers, strength, and probable movements of the warships, and all the information they can procure relative to the troops now being levied, thus giving gratis a lot of information for which Spain would probably be willing to pay a high price. American news-mongers stick at nothing, and an exchange says:

"A close observer suggests that the Spanish lumber ship which was captured the other day was a 'plant' of the yellow press. He surmises that the boat was manned by Spaniards from the Bowery and was towed out to be overhauled by the Yankee ship. He thinks it not unlikely that the yellow papers will have a full account of the desperate resistance and the terrible hand-to-hand encounters of the fight. The same young man suggests that the United States Navy will not be doing the right thing by the New York yellows unless it brings on a battle at safe distance outside New York harbor. In that event excursion steamers could be chartered and tickets sold for the great spectacular battle scene with real bullets and real slaughter and destruction."

War News.

During the continuance of the war just commenced between the United States and Spain, news as to its progress will be eagerly looked for day by day, and the leading Conservative journal has asked us to publish the following notice:

"The *Mail and Empire*, in order to furnish its readers with the most complete and reliable news of the Spanish-American war, has entered into an arrangement with the New York *Herald* and London *Times* whereby it will receive identically the same service as will be furnished those two papers. More than twenty special correspondents will be employed, and a fleet of special despatch boats is already in commission. The facilities will be exclusive to the *Mail and Empire*. The cost of the enterprise will be very great, but it will afford a news service such as has never been approached in Canadian journalism. Richard Harding Davis of New York and Mr. Akers of the London *Times* will be our chief correspondents in the field."

We take it for granted that the *Globe* will not be far behind any of its contemporaries in furnishing the public with reliable information from the seat of war by its special correspondent, Mr. John A. Ewan, and others.

Obituary.

Much sympathy is felt throughout the village for the parents and other relatives of Mr. Thomas Archer's eldest son, Thomas Edward, who died at the family residence on Colborne street last Saturday evening, at the early age of 18 years and 11 months. The first symptoms of the disease (an affection of the kidneys) that finally proved fatal appeared about two years ago, but for a long time it was thought there was nothing serious the matter with him, and in May, 1895, he took a situation in Mr. McFarland's grocery store, and discharged the duties of his position to the perfect satisfaction of his employer and his numerous customers; but in November last, after two or three temporary absences from illness, he was compelled to leave, and about the beginning of this year his father sent him, accompanied by his eldest sister, to Rochester, N. Y., where they have friends, in the hope that change of air would do him good and that he would be benefited by the treatment he would receive from the medical men in that city. But the disease had obtained too

strong a hold to be checked, and he returned with his sister on the 2nd inst., greatly changed for the worse; and since then he steadily failed, day by day, until death came to his relief. He was buried on Monday afternoon in the village cemetery, after an impressive service conducted by Rev. Mr. Steel in the Methodist church, almost every seat in which was filled with sympathetic friends and acquaintances. Deceased was an exceptionally fine looking youth, tall, well made and handsome, and his kindly disposition and gentlemanly demeanor made him a favorite with all who knew him. He will be greatly missed, not only by his sorrowing relatives, but by the many companions of about his own age by whom he was so well and deservedly liked.

Personals.

Mr. G. H. G. McVity of Toronto was at the Falls on Wednesday.

The Misses Macneven returned home last Friday from Toronto, where they spent two weeks.

Mrs. James Bigham of Portland, Oregon, U. S., and Mrs. Willoughby Power of Toronto, spent from Wednesday to Saturday of last week with their sister, Mrs. Henry Smith, at the Falls, after visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Naylor, in Fenelon.

Miss Florence McKay came home from Brooklyn, N. Y., on Thursday of last week, and will remain here for a few weeks.

Mr. Robert Taggart, who left the Falls about two years ago for British Columbia, has been home since Saturday, but it is only for a visit to his friends and relatives, as he intends to return to B. C. before long.

Mr. John Thomson was at the Falls on Wednesday. His mission was to despatch the alligator *Dickson* (late *Saginaw*), which has lain here all winter, to Lakefield, where he is in the employ of the Dickson Lumber Company.

Powles' Corner.

(Correspondence of the Gazette.)

Farmers are enjoying the fine weather and are getting along well with their seeding. A few will be done this week.

Mr. C. Stroud has lost a colt a few days old. Mr. S. is rather unfortunate, as he loses one nearly every year.

Mr. Thomas Lane is very busy at present building the stone wall for Mr. Sims' new house. Mr. Lane has a lot of work ahead of him, but he is equal to it, health and weather permitting.

Mr. W. N. Jeffrey has the contract for the mason work of Mr. Day's brick house, instead of Mr. G. Dartnell of Bobcaygeon, as we reported.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.—The annual general meeting of the members of the Fenelon Falls Public Library will be held on Monday, May 2nd, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of management and transacting other business of importance. A full attendance of the members is requested.

LEMON SOCIAL.—A lemon social, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, will be held at the residence of Mr. J. H. Brandon on the evening of Wednesday, May 4th. Refreshments, amusements, etc., provided. All cordially invited. Admission 15c.; children 10c.

OUR WATER POWER.—Messrs. Culverwell and Whyte-Fraser, representatives of the purchasers of the Smith property, were at Lindsay on Monday and are expected here to day (Friday). We understand that preparation for the transmission of power to Lindsay will be at once commenced, and hope to hear more, before long, of the factory it is believed a Toronto manufacturer intends to erect at the Falls.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—On Saturday last a young man named John McGee, of Galway, who was assisting to bring down a drive of Messrs. Boyd's logs from Glamorgan township, had one of his legs so fearfully crushed by the sudden breaking of a jam that it will probably have to be amputated. The accident happened about seven miles from Kinmount, to which village he was conveyed on a railway lorry from the nearest point on the track, and Dr. Frost accompanied him in a waggon four or five miles to his home.

BE CAREFUL.—The Lindsay *Post* says: "Word comes from Fenelon Falls to-day that three Americans are in the village looking after the purchasing of the steamer *Dawn* and barge *Chemong* from Mr. J. A. Ellis for the U. S. government service in Cuban waters. Mr. Ellis, we understand, has accepted the offer, which is said to be quite a handsome sum." The *Post* had better be careful what it says about our navy, as the proprietor thereof may bring an action to extort the name of its informant. The *Dawn* and *Chemong* are now being fixed up for service, but no Yankees need apply for them, as they are wanted at home.