

Downers Grove Reporter.

By WHITE & WILLIAMS. DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS. HISTORY OF A WEEK.

THE NEWS OF SEVEN DAYS UP TO DATE.

Political, Religious, Social and Criminal Details of the Whole World Carefully Observed for Our Readers—The Accidents Record.

The Pemberton mills of Lawrence, Kan., started up after a shut-down of four months. The mills employ 800 hands, but 300 were turned away without work.

The big plant of the Sanford, Me., Manufacturing Company resumed operations after a long shut-down. About 500 people, or two-thirds of the full force, are at work.

Chaplain M. C. Blaine and his daughter were burned to death at Fort Ringgold, Texas, in his residence. Chaplain Blaine went upstairs to save his daughter and was overcome.

Thomas Joy, known in sporting circles as "Tonnie" Joy, died in a Cincinnati hospital from wounds inflicted by some person unknown. He never regained consciousness after being shot.

The two-story frame house of Sam Henderson, colored, who resides near Conway, Ark., was burned, and five of his children, two of whom were grown perished in the flames. They were asleep in the building.

The national non-partisan W. C. T. U. convention will be held in the Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington, D. C., Dec. 10 to 14. A large attendance is expected, and some of the most distinguished speakers on the temperance platform will be present.

The costly new temple-house erected by the Scottish Rite, at Indianapolis replacing the temple recently destroyed by fire, was dedicated with imposing ceremonies Monday. The event brought together a great assemblage of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of the Indianapolis.

G. W. Emery, secretary of the Michigan republican county committee, is in a critical condition with diphtheria. The passenger steamer City of Kalamazoo of the Williams Transportation Line was burned at South Haven, Mich., Monday, and now lies on the river bottom at her dock a blackened wreck. Three people lost their lives in the fire.

Labor Commissioner Riefler went to Athens, Ill., and succeeded in inducing the proprietors of the Wabash and the Athens coal mining companies and their striking miners to arbitrate their differences, and the men returned to work pending arbitration.

Fiscal returns from Santa Clara County, completing the California state returns, show that Martin, Bryan, elector, has defeated Flint, McKinley elector, by 492. This gives McKinley eight electors from California and Bryan one.

Governor Bradley of Kentucky declined to offer a reward for the arrest and conviction of turpentine raiders, who have wrought such havoc in a half dozen counties, on the ground that he has no authority under the law. It is feared that this action of the governor will excite the mobs to more deeds of violence.

Zenas Varney's carriage factory at St. Louis was partially destroyed by fire Monday. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The origin of the fire is not known.

Captain Glass will be relieved from the command of the battleship Texas, and it is said that this will occur "in the natural order of events." It is not stated whether or not the change is the result of the accidents to the vessel under his command.

The Lexington, Ky., Daily Argonaut is out in a lengthy article condemning so much racing in Kentucky and declaring that racing has degenerated into a gambling machine and infernal-ly calling for legislation against it by the Kentucky legislature.

Nathan Lamson, the man who, during the Indian outbreak in Minnesota in 1862, killed Little Crow, the famous Sioux chieftain, died on his farm across the line in South Dakota, aged 96.

An official dispatch received at Madrid from Havana says that the Spanish gunboat Barcelona has captured three boats laden with insurgents, arms and ammunition, in the Majari river, province of Santiago de Cuba.

Joseph Martin of Kankakee, Ill., committed suicide by taking poison. He was formerly a prosperous merchant of Iroquois county, but had met with financial reverses and had lost most of his property.

The Lafayette College faculty suspended Sophomores Herd and Brown for having freshmen three weeks ago.

Miss Mathilde Blind, the English poetess, lecturer and staunch advocate of the improvement of the education and economical and political position of women, is dead, aged 56 years.

By means of forged notes Drexel & Co. of Philadelphia have been swindled out of \$500 and another broker of that city of \$400.

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the Valley of Peoria held their thirteenth annual assembly at Peoria, Ill.

The rebellion in Madagascar is rampant in the vicinity of Antananarivo. No soldiers are allowed to be paraded.

Henry of Prussia, wife of the emperor's brother, gave birth to a son. The mother is a sister-in-law of the emperor.

CASUALTIES.

A train load of sheep—thirteen cars—was caught in the blizzard at Grand Harbor, six miles west of Devil's Lake, N. D., and was on the track in double-decked cars during the entire blizzard. Out of 2,300 sheep about 500 perished. The shipment was from Cascade, Mont. An entire family of five was burned to death near Perry, N. Y., Sunday, the unfortunate victims being Luther Greenman, aged 40; his wife, aged 37; and their three children, Almee, aged 6; Lottie, aged 3, and Arthur, a baby of 11 months.

An unknown man, aged about 25 years, was killed at Mitchell, Ind., while attempting to board a freight train. The name "Thomas Atkinson," No. 9233 "Woodland avenue, Chicago," was written in his notebook.

Nearly the entire business portion of the town of Leavenworth, Wash., the headquarters of the Cascade division of the Great Northern railroad, was burned Thursday.

G. W. Nelson, a prominent member of the First Baptist church, Chattanooga, Tenn., sung in the choir at the union services of all the churches Thursday. As the Rev. R. B. Garrett pronounced the last words of the benediction Mr. Nelson fell heavily forward dead. Apoplexy was the cause.

Nell, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Myers, was burned to death at Findlay, Ohio, during the absence of her parents from the house. Her clothes caught fire from an open wood fire.

FOREIGN.

The latest divorce judgment in France establishes that the wife of a habitual gambler is entitled to a divorce and to the management of children and property.

The fetes at Blenheim Castle in honor of the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough cost £20,000 (\$100,000).

Charles H. Hoyt has received a cablegram from Australia announcing the sudden death of Sadie McDonald, a member of "A Milk White Flag" company.

A fete organized at Baroda in honor of the visit of the Earl of Elgin, viceroy of India, has had a terrible outcome in the killing of twenty-nine persons and the injuring of many others by a great crush of numbers, or a panic, which occurred in the course of the fete. Nothing is known as to how the panic developed.

The Earl of Elgin, viceroy of India, telegraphs to the government that the rain there is too late to be of much benefit to the autumn crop, but is in time for the late sowings. Since the rain prices have fallen 20 to 50 per cent in the northern districts.

The customs committee of the French chamber of deputies adopted the sugar bounties of 3 1/2 francs to 4 1/2 francs and also a tax of 2 francs to 2 1/2 francs, according to distance on colonial and French raw sugars sent to port refineries.

Louis Michel, the well-known French anarchist advocate, has started for London for a brief stay prior to a lecturing tour in the United States.

A Constantinople dispatch to the London Daily News says that a fresh massacre with 500 victims is rumored to have occurred near Diarbekir.

The Volkraad of the South African Republic, formally passed the immigration restriction bill, requiring immigrants to produce passports showing that they possess the means of support or that they can obtain work. The measure goes into force on Jan. 1, 1897.

CRIME.

News has been received at Middleboro, Ky., of a duel between Johnny Branham, a mountain desperado, and William Moore, a desperate character from Letcher county, in which Branham was shot and instantly killed. Moore escaped. The fight took place over an old grudge.

Horace L. Stearns, a wealthy and aged citizen of Perrysville, Ohio, was shot and instantly killed by Elias Keyster. The murder grew out of a lawsuit in which Keyster was defeated and in which Stearns acted as the attorney for the successful party.

Edward T. Burke, clerk of the District Court and mayor of Rawlins, Wyo., was arrested for passing a worthless check upon a local business man.

Pomposo Ramos Rojo, leader of the band of insurgents who attacked the Mexican custom house at Palomas in September last, has been captured and placed in jail at Las Cruces, N. M.

Frank Brougham, a farmer living about four miles south of Osmond, Neb., while in an intoxicated condition, shot a load from a double-barreled gun into Sackstorff & Klesick's saloon, wounding Ernest Aosberg, Frank Kraupeha and W. L. Markham.

The heaviest sentence ever imposed in Montana, short of life, was given to William Day, convicted of murder in the second degree. Judge Speer sentenced him to sixty years in the penitentiary. Day is now 40 years old.

The jury in the case of Dr. W. H. Veatch, Charles Stepp and William Carrier, charged with the murder of Miss Mira Jones, returned a verdict of not guilty at Carthage, Ill.

The amount of money alleged to have been stolen by Cashier John H. Hoffer from the First National Bank of Lebanon, Pa., is \$110,173. There were other transactions with Lebanon banking institutions, which, it is stated, will swell the total amount to \$200,000.

Mary McDonald was found at Minneapolis, Minn., in the rear of her house, 212 Twelfth avenue, south, with her skull crushed. A colored man named Carlet Smith has been arrested for the murder. A colored woman named Pearl Wilson claims to have seen him dragging the body into the shed where she found it.

MISCELLANEOUS.

John E. Redmond, Paranelite leader in the British parliament, began his lecture tour of the United States at the Broadway theater, New York, Sunday night, when he spoke for two hours to a large audience.

After a two years' shutdown work has been resumed at Embreville, Tenn., giving nearly 1,000 men employment.

The Indiana state superintendent of public instruction wants a measure passed to provide that Latin be taught in the common schools if any pupil shall desire to study that language, and that all applicants for teachers' licenses be compelled to pass an examination in Latin before a certificate is issued.

General Thaddeus S. Clarkson of Omaha, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., is in Buffalo in connection with the preparations for the encampment of 1897, which is to be held in that city.

The Citizens' Bank of Midlothian, Texas, has suspended business and is closing up its affairs. No statement of liabilities and assets has been made, but depositors will be paid in full.

The Wire Nail Mill Company of Salem, Ohio, will work its Findlay plant next week or the week following on double time, employing 200 additional workmen.

The railroad miners of the Pittsburg district will get the advance they have asked for without trouble. The operators generally have agreed to pay the 60-cent rate after Dec. 1.

J. Weston Plummer, representing an English syndicate of fruit growers and capitalists, has been making an investigation of South Missouri as an apple-producing region.

The Cincinnati Enquirer says that interviews had with all the proprietors of active distilleries in the Cincinnati region developed the fact that they are unanimously determined against entering into any whisky pool, however gratifying an increase of the price of their product might be to them.

L. E. Irwin, chief of the Kansas City police department, died of blood poisoning resulting from Bright's disease. Deceased was a native of Missouri and 62 years of age. He served through the rebellion in the Union army.

The farmers of Mayfield Township, Ohio, are greatly excited over the discovery of petroleum on their farms. Natural gas has abounded in the township ever since its discovery several years ago, but no deep wells have been sunk. The farmers have decided to form a stock company among themselves to go deep for oil. They say they will not admit any outside speculators.

The worst blizzard ever known in North Dakota raged Friday. The snow is piled in drifts as high as the houses. All trains and traffic of every description is abandoned. There are rumors of loss of life, but nothing definite is yet known.

Walter M. Castle, of San Francisco, and his wife and little son, whose troubles in London have been fully told in the Associated Press dispatches from London, arrived at New York Thursday.

Mrs. Sarah Tillotson, who was buried from the Old Ladies' Home at Terre Haute, Ind., was the last survivor of those early settlers who took refuge in Fort Harrison on the banks of the Wabash, four miles from the city, in September, 1812, at the time Hecumseh's braves were fighting Gen. Harrison's forces.

William H. Dunton of Arlington Heights, Ill., a prominent and influential citizen and one of the early settlers of Illinois, passed away November 25, aged 78.

Window glass workers are well satisfied with the signing of the last year's scale at Pittsburg, with the tariff provision. The workmen have been out six months, and are reduced to stringency circumstances.

The Davies County, Mo., Savings Association, an old banking institution, closed its doors and has been taken charge of by Bank Examiner Gordon Jones. The failure is said to be due to heavy withdrawals.

LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

CHICAGO.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Corn, Wheat, Rye, Eggs, Potatoes, Butter.

PEORIA.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Rye, Corn, Oats.

DETROIT.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye.

MILWAUKEE.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye.

ST. LOUIS.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Butter.

KANSAS CITY.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Cattle, Hogs, Sheep.

IN EVENT OF WAR.

Navies of United States and Spain Compared.

An Interesting Summary Showing What Would Be the Strength of the Two Nations in a Conflict on the High Seas.—Spain Would Soon Be Left Without a Vessel Afloat.

What would be the immediate effect of a declaration of war against the United States by Spain? In view of the strained condition of affairs between these two powers and the certainty that the contest that would follow opening of hostilities would be chiefly a naval one the subjoined list of the effective modern ships owned by each is published to give an idea of the fleets they would be able to set against each other.

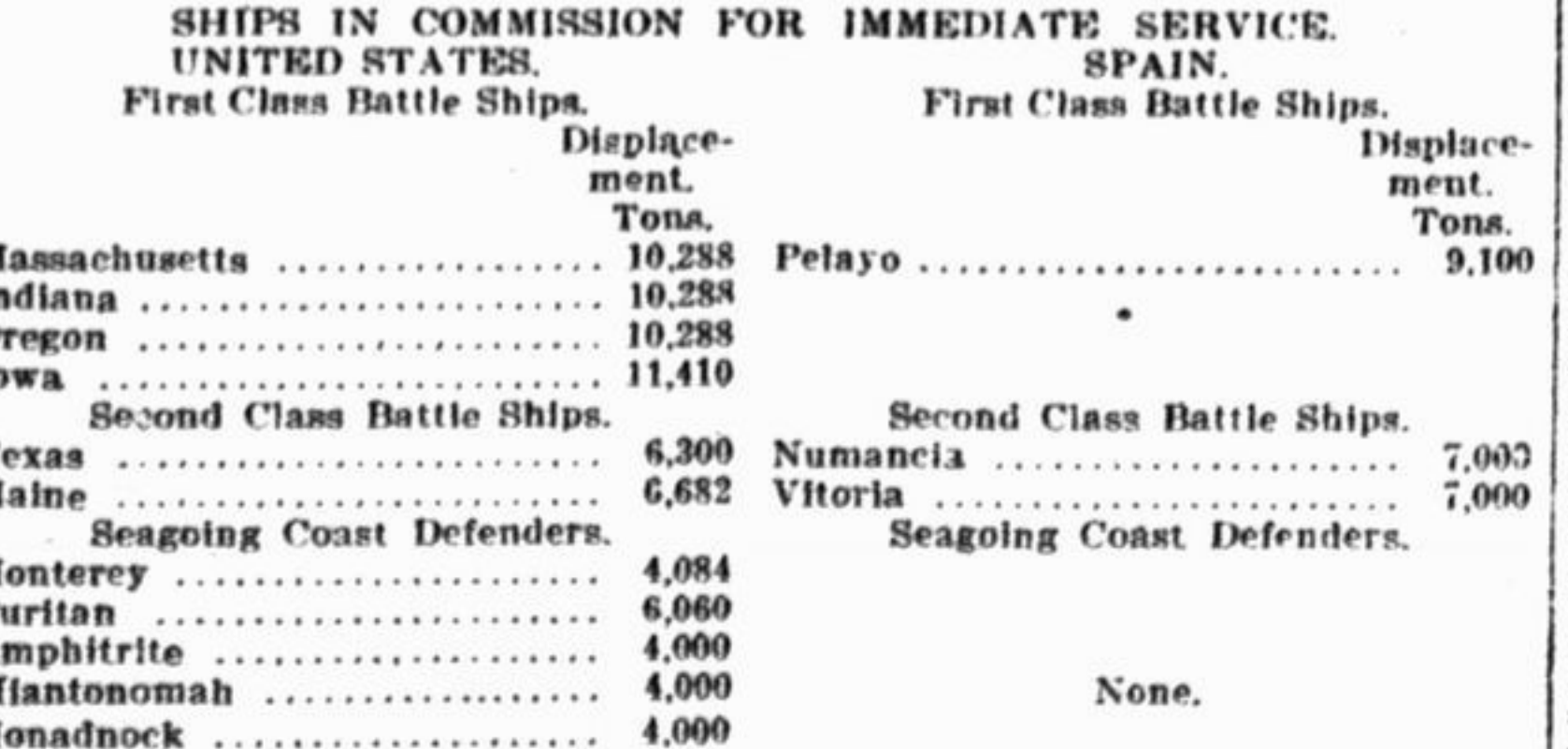
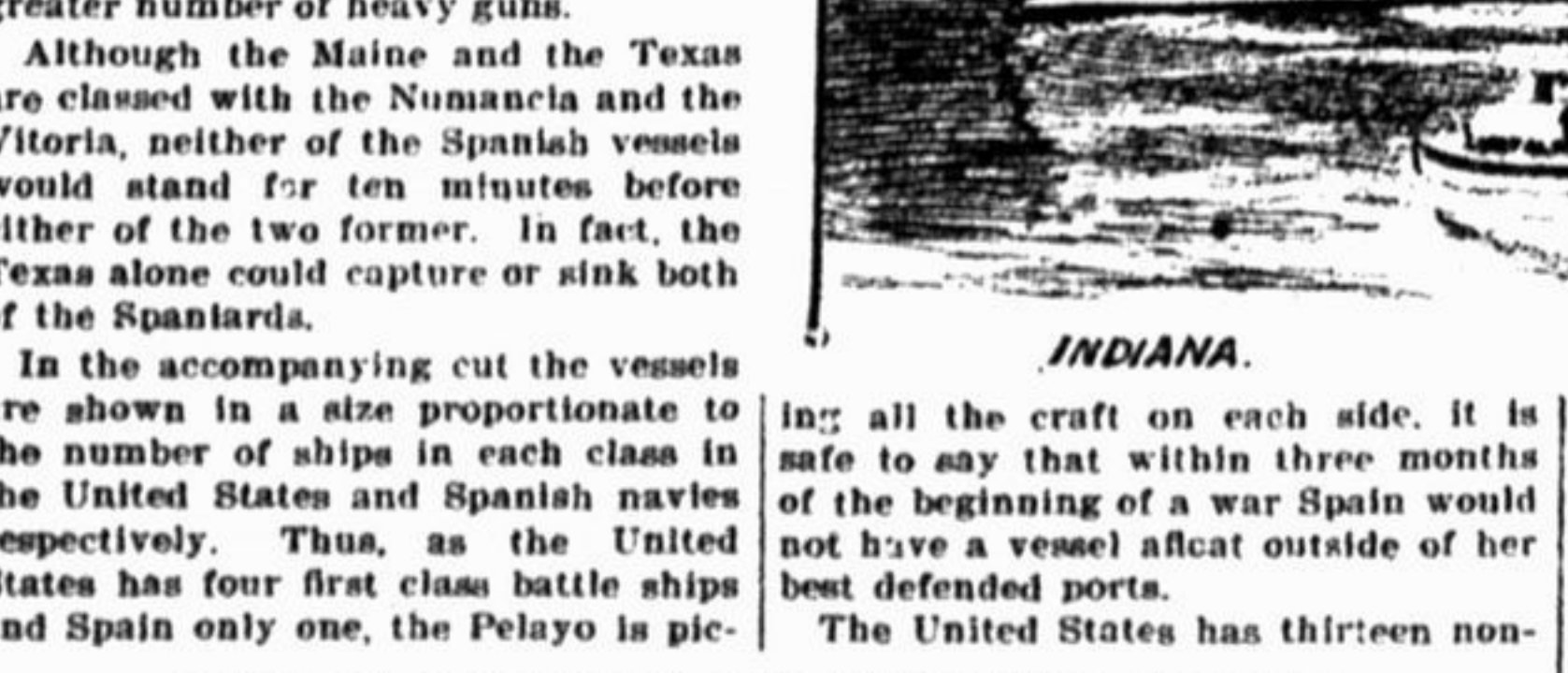
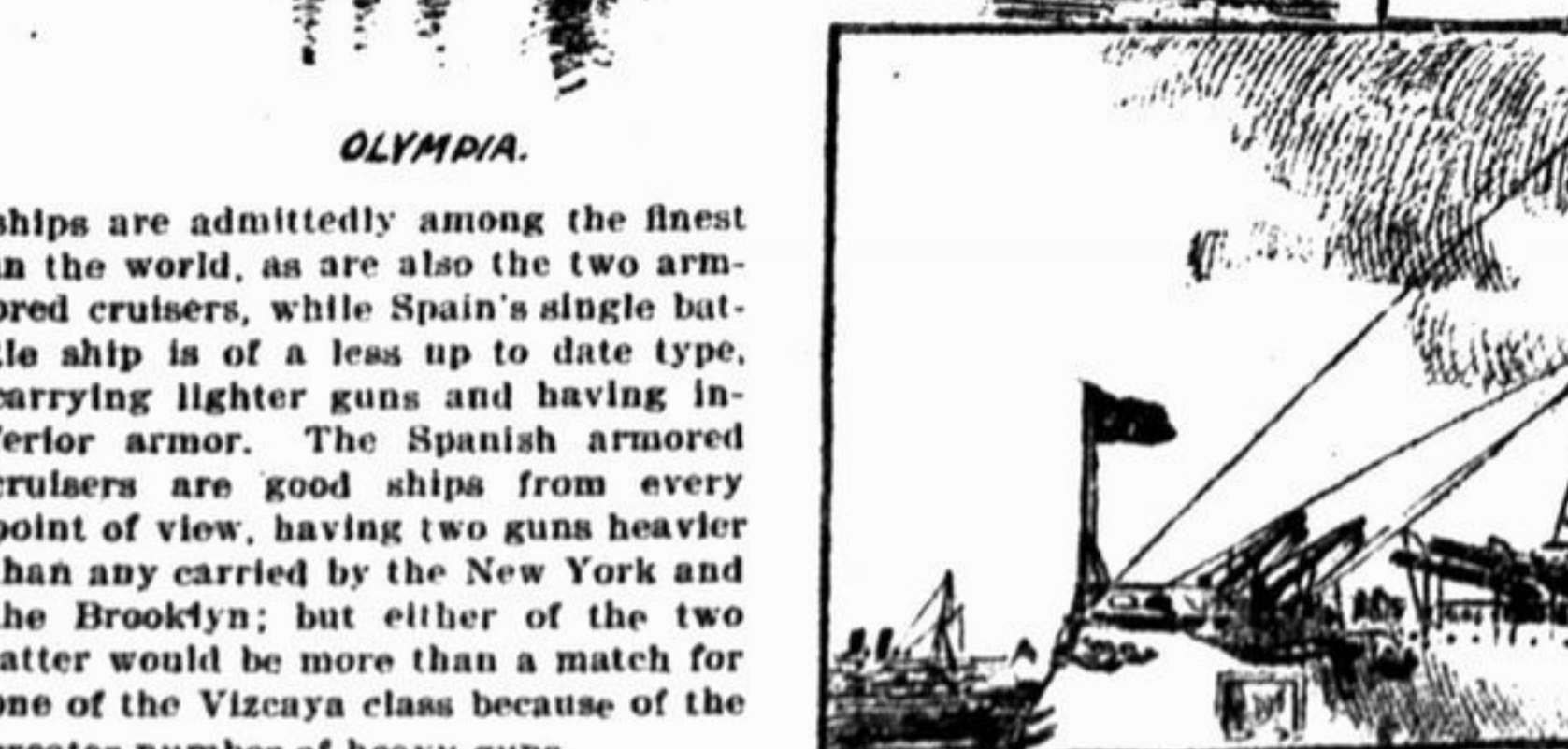
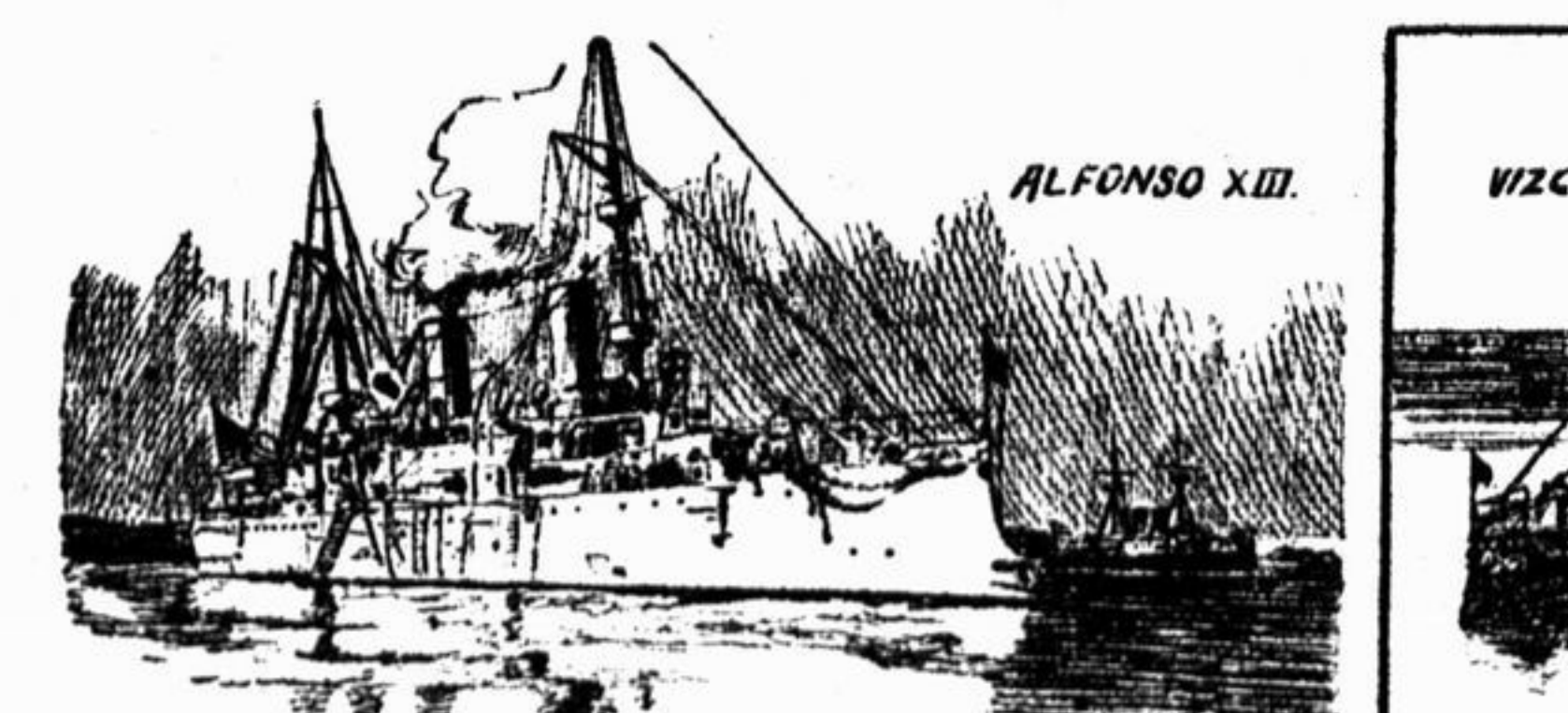


Table comparing US and Spanish battle ships. Columns: US Ship Name, Displacement (Tons), Spanish Ship Name, Displacement (Tons).

Table of US ships in commission for immediate service. Columns: Ship Name, Displacement (Tons).

Table of Spanish ships in commission for immediate service. Columns: Ship Name, Displacement (Tons).

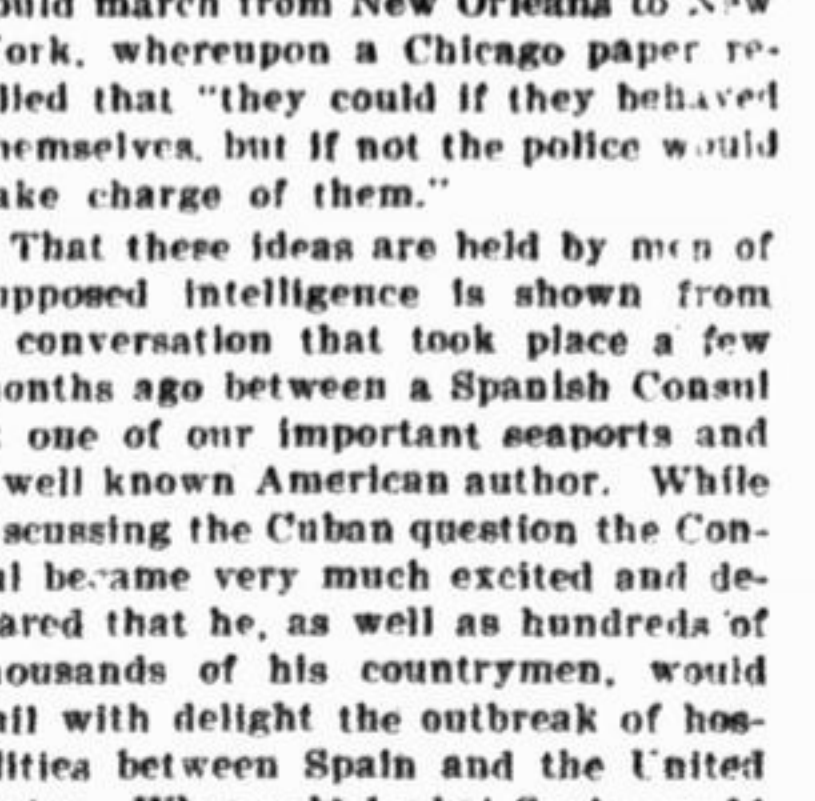
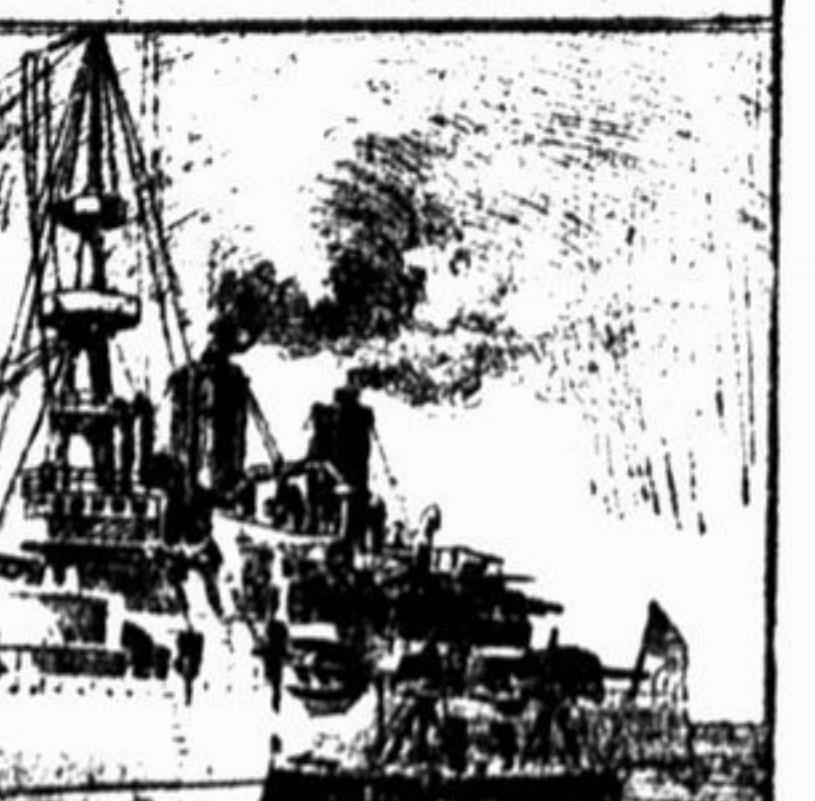
Table of US and Spanish torpedo gun vessels. Columns: Ship Name, Displacement (Tons).

seagoing coast defence monitors of from 1,800 to 2,100 tons displacement, which could be utilized for the defence of harbors. Spain has two, of 553 and 700 tons respectively.

Spain has a number of small gunboats, used as coastguard and patrol in Spain, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, which are more than offset by thirty-four vessels in our revenue marine service, and the small steamers that are employed by the Engineer's Department of the United States Army. There are also in the navies of both nations a number of old ships, such as the Lancaster, Hartford, Richmond, Wabash, Minnesota and Franklin (American), and the Almanza, Blanca, Carmen, Lealtad and Asturias (Spanish).

Many war ships are being built for each nation—77,547 tons for the United States and 53,676 for Spain. America builds her own ships, but several of the Spanish ships are being built in England and Germany. Should war break out the ships building could not be finished in time to take part in it, for it is certain that Spain would be exhausted financially in a few months, even if her ships were not destroyed in less time.

In the winter of 1874 the Spanish ridiculed the motley fleet that the United States sent south to enforce our demand for reparation on account of the Virginias affair. They said we sent



ships are admittedly among the finest in the world, as are also the two armored cruisers, while Spain's single battle ship is of a less up to date type, carrying lighter guns and having inferior armor. The Spanish armored cruisers are good ships from every point of view, having two guns heavier than any carried by the New York and the Brooklyn; but either of the two latter would be more than a match for one of the Vizcaya class because of the greater number of heavy guns.

Although the Maine and the Texas are classed with the Numanca and the Vitoria, neither of the Spanish vessels would stand for ten minutes before either of the two former. In fact, the Texas alone could capture or sink both of the Spaniards.

In the accompanying cut the vessels are shown in a size proportionate to the number of ships in each class in the United States and Spanish navies respectively. Thus, as the United States has four first class battle ships and Spain only one, the Pelayo is pictured all the craft on each side. It is safe to say that within three months of the beginning of a war Spain would not have a vessel afloat outside of her best defended ports.

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JUST FOR FUN.

No one can win "hands down" in a prize fight. Giraffes are not carried by circusmen now; they do not make them any longer. No sooner was the election over than McKinley and Bryan shook hands by telegraph. When some men are in a crowd they think they are doing their part if they furnish the corker.

Difficult Duties.

Every man ought to pay his debts—if he can. Every man ought to help his neighbor—if he can. Every man and woman ought to get married—if he can. Every man should do his work to suit his customer—if he can. Every man should please his wife—if he can. Every wife should please her husband—if she can. Every wife should sometimes hold her tongue—if she can. Every lawyer should sometimes tell the truth—if he can.

PEN POINTS.

So long as a man finds his collar button the house is never in disorder. No woman is competent to handle the kin question; she is too sympathetic. No man is so worthless that a candidate will not treat him with great respect. The sooner a monument is put up after a man dies, the nearer the things said on it.