

# The Democratic Sentinel

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## KILLED A DESERTER.

TRAGEDY BREAKS THE MONOTONY AT FORT SHERIDAN.

Defender, Though Crippled, Almost Wins—Ominous News for Spain from the Pearl of the Antilles—Catholics Universities May Admit Women.

### Fatal Break for Liberty.

In a bold dash for liberty Thomas Coffey, a convict soldier, lost his life at Fort Sheridan, Chicago, Tuesday. A bullet from a sentinel's rifle crashed through his brain as he fled down the beautiful ravine which divides the fort from the lake. George Williams, his comrade in the convict gang and the arch-conspirator of the plot to break out, escaped a bullet from the same rifle and escaped. Coffey had been a military black sheep and his record hung like a cloud over him. He had before him a life of toil for nearly three years, as he was serving a five years' sentence, which began at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Williams would have been free in February, 1896, but he was a man who chafed under restraint and always protested against punishment. Both had a sneaking fondness for the army, and both re-enlisted after desertion or dishonorable discharge. Both had the same desire to avoid hard work and punishment and were always planning to escape. One sank to death at the foot of a tree, and his black record was closed forever. The other has gained a few brief hours of freedom, for the military authorities believe he will soon be captured.

### Victory for Cubans.

Said to Have Defeated the Spaniards at Puerto Principe.

A special to the World from Havana says: "There is a report about town that a great battle has been fought in Puerto Principe, and that the Spanish have been defeated and the capital captured by the insurgent forces. It is said that a strong force of Spanish troops left the city of Puerto Principe to make a bold attack upon the insurgents, who were besieging the town. The insurgents fled after making a weak resistance, but it was only to draw the Spanish into an ambuscade. Once in the trap the Spanish were attacked in the front by General Antonio Maceo and in the rear by General Gomez. The rebel forces obtained a complete victory and entered the capital triumphant, 14,000 strong. How near the truth this statement is cannot be ascertained, but General Campos' immediate departure for Nuevitas the very day he arrived here is suggestive of something very serious having happened."

### MAY ADMIT WOMEN.

They Can Study in Catholic Universities.

Women as professors in a Catholic university is a possibility that the average Catholic or Protestant has hitherto regarded as almost beyond belief. But from Washington comes the news that the Catholic University of America, in that city, is about to throw open its full academic course to women. The date is even given on which the innovation will take effect—namely, Oct. 1. It is further stated that the trustees of the university, after debating at length the advisability of the step, have finally decided to organize a separate department in the university devoted solely to women, and in which the full course of academic instruction will be given by women professors.

### MONEY FOR THE NAVY.

Only \$5,800,000 Is Asked for During the Current Year.

The combined estimates of the Bureau of Construction and Repair and Steam Engineering of the Navy Department for construction and steam machinery during the next fiscal year amount to only \$5,800,000, which is \$2,500,000 less than was appropriated for this work for the fiscal year ending June, 1896. A portion of this sum is to be expended upon the two proposed battle-ships, contracts for which will be let about Jan. 1. The remainder will be used for general repairs to the hulls and machinery of the vessels in commission.

### Valkyrie Gets a Heat.

The second race of the series for the America's cup between the English yacht Valkyrie and the American soap Defender, which was sailed off Sandy Hook Tuesday, was won by the British boat by forty-seven seconds. The Defender's top mast was broken in going over the starting line. She entered a protest, claiming that she was fouled by the end of the Valkyrie's boom in going over the mark.

### Killed During a Ball Game.

Benjamin F. Myers, 20 years old, was killed at Washington in a base-ball game. He was sliding to second base in an amateur match when the baseman jumped in to the air to catch a thrown ball. He dropped on Myers, dislocating his spine.

### Steamer Rates to Be Higher.

An agreement has been entered into between German and British steamship companies under which there will be a considerable advance in freight and passenger rates to America. The agreement will go into effect Oct. 1.

### Cholera Is Increasing.

Two new cases of cholera have appeared at Tangier. The province of Podolia, Russia, has been officially declared infected by cholera.

### Bad Fire in San Jose.

Fire broke out Monday morning in the San Jose (Cal.) Lumber Company's yard and destroyed property to a very large amount.

### California's Big Day.

The forty-fifth anniversary of the admission of California into the Union was celebrated at Sacramento by the order of the Native Sons of the Golden West with a parade in which over four thousand participated. Literary exercises were held in the open air on the Plaza.

### Girl Burned to Death.

At Janesville, Wis., Ida Gruel, 19 years old, dropped a lighted lamp while curling her hair. Blazing oil covered her, and she was burned to death on the porch, to which she had run.

### Boarding School Girls Strike.

All the girl students at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, struck against obeying the order which required them to visit the gymnasium every day. They objected to exercising before a male instructor. The faculty decided to accede to the demand.

### Priest Degraded.

Archbishop William H. Gross has unfrocked and suspended from the priesthood Father M. J. Kelly, in charge of a parish at Cedar Mills, Oregon, for slandering Mother William, in charge of a refuge home for women, located in Portland, Oregon.

### OUR EXPORTS TO GERMANY.

Statement from Berlin—Regulations Affecting American Livestock.

The Department of Agriculture has received from its agent at Berlin a statement of the imports of agricultural and other products into Germany. It shows that during the first six months of 1895 the following percentages of the total imports of the German Empire of the articles specified were obtained from the United States: Cotton, 80 per cent; wheat, 15; maize, 55; grass and timothy seed, 16; dressed beef, 59; oil cake, 33, and lard lanolin, 93. Accompanying the statement are copies of the quarantine and prohibition regulations now in force in the German Empire in regard to the importation of live stock (whether for import or transit) and fresh meat. These regulations are of importance in view of the stringent measures governing imports from this country. The importation of cattle and fresh beef is prohibited, the provincial presidents of the German Empire may order horses and sheep imported from the United States to be held at the landing place for observation and inspection. Pork imported from the United States must be accompanied by a Government certificate of inspection. Russia—The importation of cattle, sheep, hogs and goats, whether for consumption or transit, is prohibited; also, fresh beef, mutton and goat meat.

### THE BALL PLAYERS.

Standing of the Clubs in Their Race for the Pennant.

The following is the standing of the clubs in the National League:

P.	W.	L.	cent.
Baltimore	108	70	38
Cleveland	118	74	44
Philadelphia	114	68	46
Boston	112	63	49
Brooklyn	113	63	50
New York	113	61	52
Pittsburg	116	59	54
Chicago	114	59	55
Washington	112	38	74
St. Louis	115	36	79
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WESTERN LEAGUE.

The following is the standing of the clubs in the Western League:

P.	W.	L.	cent.
Indianapolis	112	65	47
Kansas City	112	65	47
St. Paul	111	64	47
Milwaukee	110	55	61
Terr. Haute	112	51	61
Minneapolis	115	52	63
Detroit	121	52	69
Grand Rapids	115	36	79

PUBLIC DEBT INCREASED.

Government Owes \$2,815,418 More than Last Month.

The public debt statement issued by the Treasury Department shows the public debt on the last day of August, less cash in the treasury, to have been \$942,924,323, an increase for the month of \$2,515,418. Following is a recapitulation of the debt:

Interest bearing debt	\$747,360,610
Debt on which interest has ceased since maturity	1,695,870
Debt bearing no interest	377,906,993

Total \$1,26,960,343

There are also certificates and treasury notes outstanding, offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury, amounting to \$602,384,633.

The cash in the treasury is classified as follows:

Total	\$149,410,926
Gold	511,447,344
Specie	150,284,534
Bonds, disbursing officers' balances, etc.	15,817,530

Holds a Party of Tramps at Bay Until the Police Arrive.

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