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RENSSELAER, - - - - - ILLINOIS

HIS LINE OF DEFENSE

WEYLER'S TROCHAS ARE HALF CANAL, HALF PATH.

Rainy Season in Cuba Works Queer Changes—Boats Follow Bicycles—Eggs Closely Do Cubans Watch These Boats that Many Forts are Isolated.

Soldiers Near Starvation.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat has the following from Havana: "The flooding of Weyler's trocha systems has occasioned much comment, as the news has come in that both the systems are under water from one to four feet for miles at the southern ends. On the west trocha, in the central portion, for a distance of nearly fifteen miles, it is impassable, except for boats. The troops in the forts are in a terrible state, as they are obliged to subsist on half rations, as the Cubans have made it 'inconvenient' for those who were carrying supplies to them in boats. They have stationed themselves on the heights along the way and as the boats pass they fire into them, sinking them. Ten boats, so far, have been sunk and many soldiers drowned in these expeditions. A curious incident was reported from the lower end of the west trocha the other day. Seeing a white flag on one of the forts, the Cubans rowed out to ascertain its meaning. They were informed that the buildings were undermined and that the soldiers were all sick and were likely to drown if the building fell, the water being quite deep around it. The Cubans rescued all the soldiers, put them into an old boat and towed them within a quarter of a mile of another fort, allowing them to make their way to a place of safety."

EXCITED ABOUT THE LEVEES,

Many People Hard at Work Repairing Levees.

With a slightly higher river and fine weather the levee excavation at New Orleans is greater than at any previous time. The Baton Rouge break at the Berion lumber mills naturally holds first place. The break will make it doubtful if a levee can be built around the danger spots, or whether the whole upper portion of the Pontchartrain line, running from Baton Rouge to New Orleans, will be endangered by back-water. The latest news from the break in the Burton levee shows a large force of men at work there and the hope is entertained by those on the spot that the flow of water will be checked. Another sensation was caused by the partial failure of the new work upon the site of the old Davis crevasse, considerable of the box levee built by the railroads and planters giving way. New work was started with fully 500 men and the struggle will be interesting. The situation in Bayou la Fourche, where many rich sugar plantations are situated, has also grown more critical and no more steamboats will be allowed to enter this stream until the water subsides.

HERE'S A SPANISH VICTORY.

Facifios in Havana Slaughtered, Mutilated and Burned.

A band of pacifios living on an abandoned sugar estate, fifteen miles north of Havana, was raided by a band of Spanish guerrillas, and all of them killed. There were six women and two young boys, the rest being aged men. After killing them the guerrillas gathered their corpses, which had been mutilated by their machetes, into one big pile, on which they placed brush and set it on fire. A courier told all the details and stated that he saw a pile of bones and charred remains of the bodies.

ATHLETES OF THE DIAMOND.

Following is the standing of the clubs in the National Baseball League:

W. L.	W. L.
Baltimore ... 12	3 New York ... 6
Pittsburg ... 9	4 Boston ... 6
Louisville ... 9	4 Brooklyn ... 5
Philadelphia ... 9	6 Washington ... 4
Cincinnati ... 9	6 St. Louis ... 4
Cleveland ... 8	7 Chicago ... 4

The showing of the members of the Western League is summarized below:

W. L.	W. L.
St. Paul ... 13	3 Milwaukee ... 8
Columbus ... 11	4 Detroit ... 7
Indianapolis ... 9	6 Kansas City ... 7
Minneapolis ... 8	9 Grand Rapids ... 4

War Rumblings in Gas Belt.

About twenty of the leading manufacturers of the Indiana gas belt met in Indianapolis and agreed to keep up the fight against the men who are determined to seek oil in the gas territory. It is reported that wells are being sunk in nearly every one and wasted. The manufacturers will back injunction proceedings to be brought against the oil prospectors.

NO PLACE FOR JUVENILES.

Gov. Bradley, of Kentucky, refused to allow Dora Creech, a 12-year-old girl convicted of perjury in Owsley County and sentenced for one year, to go to the penitentiary and granted her a full pardon. The Governor threatens to pardon every juvenile convict out of both State prisons unless the Legislature at once provides funds for State schools of reforms.

BIG PAPER MACHINE.

Workmen this week are putting into place in the mills of the Rumford Falls (Me.) Paper Company the largest paper machine in the world. It was made in Worcester, Mass., and will produce paper 150 inches wide. This is fifteen inches wider than the best previous American mark and two inches over the world's record.

SUCCESSFUL AT THE START.

The Irish palace building fair was opened in Grand Central Palace at New York in the presence of 5,000 persons. The fair will be continued for twenty days, and the proceeds will be used in the construction of permanent headquarters for the United States Irish societies.

HOUSE STANDS BY GROVER.

The national House, by a vote of 100 to 89, refused to concur in the Senate amendment to revoke President Cleveland's order as to forest reservations.

WILLIAM H. PHILLIPS DROWNED.

William Hallett Phillips, a well-known attorney and prominent club man of Washington, was drowned Sunday while sailing on the Potomac River. He was knocked overboard by the shifting of the boom. The deceased was of counsel for the Cuban junta.

INCREASE IN SALOONS.

From present indications there will be nearly 1,000 more saloons in Chicago this year than there were last. The receipts of the city collector's office show a corresponding revival in nearly every other line of business which the city requires to be licensed.

DROUGHT IN AUSTRALIA.

UNLESS RELIEF COMES SOON GREAT CALAMITIES ARE FEARED.

The steamer Mioweta brings the news that Australia is again suffering from a terrible drought. The different governments are proclaiming days of prayer in consideration of the very serious calamities from the protracted drought. All churches are also announcing days of prayer. In western Australia the greatest suffering is experienced. Within ninety miles of the coast all timber, with the exception of river gums, has entirely died out. Should the drought continue much longer there will be no stock left from Ashburton to Gascoyne. The last summer rain fell there was in February, 1892. With the exception of a fair fall of six inches in the winter of 1894, there has been no rain since to do more than keep the stock alive, although inland stations had fair falls. It is said all taxes on government land will be remitted and steps will be taken to feed the hungry over the wide region devastated by the relentless sun.

ILLINOIS LIBEL LAW.

NEW MEASURE WHICH HAS GREAT INTEREST FOR PUBLISHERS.

With but one lone vote to sustain the Illinois Senate Wednesday passed the bill repealing the libel law of 1895 and enacting a more stringent statute, similar to the Pennsylvania law. The measure provides a penalty of \$1,000 fine or one year's imprisonment, or both, for any person who blackens the character of the dead or the living, and also allows the plaintiff to bring suit in the county where he resides, compelling the defendant to appear there to answer the charge. The latter provision is a departure from the ordinary rules of practice. According to custom, the plaintiff must institute proceedings in the county where the defendant resides. The present law of the State allows publishers the privilege of retraction to escape exemplary damages.

LAID OVER QUICKSAND.

DY-DOCK AT PORT ORCHARD, WASH., IN DANGER OF COLLAPSE.

A dispatch from Tacoma to the effect that the Port Orchard dry dock, recently constructed at a cost of \$1,000,000, was in a state of collapse and that as a result of the docking of the battleship Oregon the basin had settled in an alarming manner, making it necessary to float the war vessel again in a hurry, created a sensation in San Francisco naval circles. The telegram also stated that the foundation of the dock was laid on slippery quicksand, that the whole country in the neighborhood was filled with subterranean springs, which made the grounds treacherous, and that the selection of the site was brought about by a corporation composed of real estate men, who had cleared \$500,000 by the transaction.

OPEN SALOONS IN TOPEKA.

TROUBLE BETWEEN GOV. LEEDY AND THE PROHIBITIONISTS.

For the first time in ten years there are open saloons in Topeka, Kan., and as a result something of a rebellion against the present State administration has been started. Within a week several saloons with fine fixtures have been opened. Gov. Leedy has been appealed to to compel the police commissioners to close the places, but so far has refused to take any hand in the matter. He says he appointed men on the board whom the prohibitionists recommended, and that it is not his duty to spy around to see if they are doing their duty.

TO BE SOLD IN ENGLAND.

THE FIRST EXPERIMENTAL EXPORTATION OF BUTTER FROM THIS COUNTRY WAS MADE WEDNESDAY FROM NEW YORK CITY.

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The result of this experiment is of great importance to the agricultural interests, as it is the first step in an effort of the administration to extend materially the market for American butter, and gain some of the trade with Great Britain in particular, which Denmark practically controls with considerable profit. An incidental object is to determine what improvements are needed in transportation facilities. Some butter is being sent abroad by private firms, but it is alleged to be of inferior grades.

UNSATISFACTORY STORAGE AND CROSSING THE OCEAN AND ARRIVAL IN ENGLAND.

Workmen in the Tornado mine on Bald Mountain, near Deadwood, S. D., encountered an uncovered dock at Southamptown before being loaded into freight cars, thus making the butter soft, have further deteriorated its value in the English market. The butter sent Wednesday comes from the Iowa Agricultural College and a creamery at Windsor, Vt. Subsequent shipments, which will be made during the summer at intervals, will be of butter from other sections. To build up a high standard, only the best grades will be shipped and the butter will be sold at the prevailing market prices. The present shipment goes among the shipped stores of the steamer St. Paul and will be kept at a low temperature. The cargo is made up of packages of different sizes to determine which is most satisfactory. A department agent will meet the boat at Southampton to take proper care of the product and attend to the sale. The appointment of butter agents by the department at New York and Southampton to care for these interests is possible.

DEPARTMENT OF THE DIAMOND.

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They have raided many towns and villages in the provinces of Chimborazo and Cañar, leaving waste and ruin behind them, and seizing food, stores and ammunition whenever found. In this manner they are slowly making headway. Several priests have joined the revolution and in their church garb are armed and taking part in the fighting. The Government troops have taken several prisoners, among them a few petty officers of the rebels. The New York Herald's correspondent in Punta Arenas, Costa Rica, telegraphs that the steamer Mioweta, which has arrived there bearing the news that a strong Nicaraguan army had been sent by Gen. Rivas, is marching toward the Costa Rican frontier. The Nicaraguan Government is recruiting men from all over the republic to re-enforce the army. Nicaragua has also sent troops to Honduras to help suppress the revolution there. From all reports the Government and the rebels are threatening to capture these interests is possible.

DESPERATE FIGHTING REPORTED.

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