

AMERICANS PREPARING FOR WAR

Troops Stationed on the Coast—Forts Inspected—Preparing to Transport Soldiers to Cuba. Learning to Use Big Guns.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Senator Hanna in an interview yesterday said: "A serious condition is confronting us, but so far as I know there will be no hasty action."

"I have my belief that the destruction of the Maine was due to accident, on the same information published to the public. I have no information other than that, and so far as I know, any private citizen is as well informed as the government concerning the cause of the accident."

"The policy of the administration seems to be wisely conservative. I cannot say what congress will do in the event of decisive action by the president, but as for myself he will have my enthusiastic support."

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 25.—Howard Gould, owner of the new steel yacht Niagara, which was launched here last Saturday, said, when asked if he would turn the vessel over to the American government in the event of its need of it in a war with Spain:—

"Yes, I would willingly do so the minute she was needed. Capt. W. G. Shackford, who designed the hull of the Niagara, and who is to command her, in an interview said: "The Niagara is strong enough to carry almost any sort of guns up to six and four-inch. I would undertake to transform her into a vessel of war on very short notice."

The Niagara is the largest steel yacht ever built in this country, and there are only three or four larger in the world. It is said by shipbuilders here that she could be transformed as a war vessel into the class of the cruisers Yorktown, Marblehead and Montgomery. She is four feet longer than the Montgomery, and her beam is two feet broader.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 26.—Captain Hubbell, who is in command of the army garrison on Sullivan's Island, has received orders from Washington to station troops at all the fortifications on the Island. Yesterday the men were sent to Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie, and the Island forts, and they will begin to practice with the heavy guns and learn how to man them. The work on the fortifications is being rushed with speed, gangs of men being kept at work day and night.

A regiment of soldiers is to be sent here for the Island forts and a summer hotel has been secured by the government as a barracks. The troops will probably arrive soon. Adjt. Gen. Watts is here inspecting the naval reserves. He got orders yesterday from the war department concerning an inspection of the forts, but he will not say anything about the nature of his Washington orders. He will examine the forts today.

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 25.—Although the officials of the company have not stated publicly, pretty much everybody here understands that the Plant System has completed arrangements for the transportation of troops and munitions of war to Havana on short notice. All of their ships have been placed in condition for emergencies. Should war be declared, it is said that they have perfected plans to land a large body of troops in Havana within 35 hours after their arrival at this place. Troops can be transported from Washington and New York to this port in from 24 to 30 hours. The company has also made arrangements, it is understood, to promptly land men and arms at Key West and all strategic points on the coast of Florida and at Mobile.

AN OLD AND WELL TESTED REMEDY.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. Is pleasant to the taste. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Its value is incalculable. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, and take no other kind.

THINGS TO MAKE A NOTE OF.

ALL ABANDON FOR HEARST'S HALL.—Sleighs leave Mr. Geo. Rackham's store for the concert tonight at 7 o'clock. The drive out and in and the concert as well costs only 25c. Home made candy intermission.

REV. T. F. Fullerton, will deliver a lecture in connection with the Prince Street School Course in St. James' Hall on Friday evening, March 4th, Subject, "London Illustrated by Stereoscopic Views." Admission 10c. Proceeds to pay for a Haggish Geographical Portfolio recently purchased by the teachers for the use of the schools.

A Slumber

However sweet, has little effect upon the tired brain worker and nervous student. Upon those who suffer insomnia from other causes it may prove ineffectual.

Sovereign Cocoa Wine will achieve what the song cannot do. For all above ills this remedy will be found remarkably beneficial. Manufactured by SIMSON BROS. & CO. HALIFAX

DEBATING CLUBS TO THE FRONT.

An invitation was extended, some time ago, by the Earncliffe Debating Club to the Mt. Mellick Debating Club, to meet them in a debate, the meeting to be held in the Earncliffe school and subject to be by-laws of the Earncliffe Club as far as practicable.

Preliminary arrangements having been made by delegates appointed for that purpose, the meeting took place on the 11th inst. The building was well filled by an intelligent audience, and the best of order and good feeling reigned throughout the meeting. The President took the chair at 7.45 p. m., and after the opening exercises Mr. Tweedy was appointed chairman. The subject, which was chosen by the Mount Mellick Club, was, "Which is (or has been) the greater evil, war or intemperance?"

The two fell to the Earncliffe Club they opened the discussion taking the side of intemperance. The Mt. Mellick Club was represented by the following speakers Messrs Austin McGilvery, J. A. McDonald, F. B. McKee, Jos. Haley and Jos. Vessey. While the Earncliffe Club was represented by Messrs E. C. Mason, R. E. Mutch, J. W. Young, J. C. Irving and E. Murphy.

After one of the best, if not the very best, meetings of the kind that it has ever been the pleasure of the writer to listen to, the discussion was closed by Mr. Austin McGilvery, who asked the chairman for his decision which Mr. Tweedy gave in favor of "War" thereby conferring the laurels of victory on the visiting club.

After the usual votes of thanks, the Mt. Mellick Club requested a return visit from the Earncliffe Club, and arrangements were accordingly made for a return match to be held in the Mt. Mellick School on Monday evening 21st inst. The choice of a subject was given to the Earncliffe Club, and they, after due consideration, chose the subject "Is a man the architect of his own fortune, or is he the creature of circumstances. The toss again fell to the Earncliffe Club and they took the side of circumstance. The meeting then adjourned at 11.50 to meet in Mt. Mellick School on the night above mentioned.

Monday evening arrived and the Mt. Mellick school which is a large building was crowded to the doors, long before the time of opening and from 7.35 p. m. when Pres. Haley took the chair until the discussion was closed at 11.25 not the slightest noise was to be heard. After the opening exercises, Mr. Frank Haley was appointed chairman, and the discussion was opened by the visiting club, the time allowed each speaker at this meeting as well as at the former one was 15 minutes, but a speaker was entitled to the floor as often as he chose.

The speakers from the Earncliffe Club were: Messrs E. C. Nelson, J. W. Young, R. E. Mutch, F. E. Young, J. C. Irving, Mr. J. McLeod, and Francis McInnis, while the Mt. Mellick Club was defended by Messrs F. B. McKee, J. A. McDonald, Jos. Praught, J. D. McDonald and Frank Praught.

After an interesting and profitable discussion the debate was closed by E. C. Nelson, who summed up the arguments advanced on each side, and asked the chairman to decide which side had brought forth the best. Mr. Haley on rising said that he considered that the best arguments had been advanced by the Earncliffe Club, and accordingly awarded them the decision.

The customary thanks were then tendered and replied to and the meeting adjourned every member feeling determined to have other meetings of the same nature in the near future.

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SALVATION ARMY.

The Salvation Army throughout Canada commenced three months siege on Sunday Feb. 27th, at 7 a. m. At 3 p. m. the proclamation was read and the efforts explained there will be three distinct efforts namely, "A Breakfast Week," "Reconciliation Week" and "Juniors Week." First and foremost comes a great organized effort to save the drunkard by personal visitation and cottage meetings, also a striking programme for each meeting. The effort last year resulted in 2000 soldiers being added to the ranks, a large portion of which were men who were slaves to strong drink. The Local Corps in Charlottetown is now organized ready for service. This week's programme is as follows: Monday night—Temperance service of song, Tuesday night—A Drunkard's Home, Thursday night—A Saved Drunkard's Home, Friday night—Visitation and Cottage meetings. Saturday and Sunday, March 5th and 6th, a continued attack upon King Alcohol and his victims.

Don't confound Cocoa wine with concoctions that happen to be labelled as such. The best is the Sovereign Cocoa Wine. Madam Altani made her debut at Sydney, Australia, on the 24th inst., and received a magnificent reception.

WANT TO KEEP YOUR NEURALGIA?

Of course you don't; so you should take Scott's Emulsion. It is a fact this remedy cures it; and it cures nervousness, nerve debility and insomnia.

It is now stated that the Drummond railway extension of the Intercolonial to Montreal will really be opened on the 1st of March.

Try a can of "Peerless" Grand Salmon. It is packed on the Island and is much superior to the imported fish. For sale at Beer & Goff's. 43 2i.

Our great hat sale for one week is to make room for 18 cases of Christy's celebrated London hats that we expect to open up in a few days.—Prowse Bros.—The Stylish Hatters. 47 3i.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS

BAND at the rink tonight. Ice in good condition.

THE BRAM TRIAL.—The trial of Bram the mate of the Herbert Fuller will take place at Boston on the 15th of March.

LENTE SERMONS.—Sermons appropriate to the season of Lent were delivered yesterday by the Revs. T. H. Hunt and James Simpson, in St. Peter's church, and by the Rev. J. T. Bryan in St. Paul's.

THE STANLEY.—The Stanley arrived at Georgetown today from Pictou, and the passengers were brought to town by a special train. The steamer is still in her old berth and will not leave again for Pictou until Wednesday morning.

POLICE COURT.—There were 18 convictions before the Police Magistrate for the month ending to-day, of which 13 were for drunkenness, 2 for breach of the Liquor Regulation Act, an equal number for nuisances and one for a assault. The total receipts were \$157.52.

TONIGHT.—Temperance rally in Zion Church lecture room tonight, under the auspices of the C. E.'s. The present condition of the morality of our city will be discussed by Rev. Mr. Corey, Hon. D. Farqueson and Mr. L. Harris. The public are cordially invited.

PRINCE STREET METHODIST CHURCH.—The sermons by the Rev. Dr. Sprague in the First Methodist Church, yesterday morning and evening, were thoughtful, scholarly and eloquent efforts, and were fully appreciated by the large congregations who were present on both occasions. Dr. Sprague, a former pastor of the church, has a great many warm friends in Charlottetown who were especially pleased to hear him after an absence of some twenty years from the pulpit of the First Church.

ST. DUNSTON'S CATHEDRAL.—The first of the Lenten Sermons was delivered yesterday in St. Dunstan's Cathedral by Rev. Father Johnston. The subject of the eloquent preacher's discourse was Original Sin. The disobedience of "the first man Adam" brought death into the world, and all on woe by the fall of our first parents the original innocence of man was banished from the earth and the pain, the mystery, the sorrow, the death with which man has since been afflicted became the common lot. We seek the happiness which was lost when the Angel with the flaming sword was placed at the gate of the Garden of Eden. That happiness can again be obtained only by the grace of God working in the soul of man. This alone can take away the stain of original sin, restore the love of God which was lost by our first parents in the terrestrial Paradise. Pardon through Je-us Christ will regenerate this sinful world. The preacher eloquently and forcibly besought his hearers to lead noble, pure and holy lives, and in this way to disarm the Almighty of his vengeance and take away the wrath of an offended God.

Supreme Court—Georgetown. SATURDAY, Feb. 26.

The Singer Manufacturing Co., vs. James Saunphy. Action on promissory notes alleged to have been signed by defendant in favor of the plaintiff.

The jury in this case after a short absence found a verdict in favor of the defendant. Matheson for the plaintiff; McLean, Q. C., for the defendant. The court then adjourned sine die.

The Montreal Star remarks that "in spite of Sir Wilfrid's pleasing euphemism with which he explained the adjournment of Parliament from Tuesday to Tuesday by the fact that a snow storm was then raging, it is clear to the country that the Federal Ministers are doing more than praying for the success of the Hardy Ministry in Ontario. Obviously, they at least have released their majority in the Commons to work through the last critical week of the campaign."

We want you to know about the best 75 cent white unaltered shirt in Charlottetown, that's why you'd better read our ad.—Moore & McLeod.

The evidence in the case prove's Hood's Sarsaparilla cures scrofula, salt rheum, boils, humors and all eruptions.

ATOMIZERS

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WATER BOTTLES

are receiving our attention just now. Our stock of these articles is of the best and our

PRICES

The Lowest

If you want anything in the lines mentioned above—call on us.

Johnson & Johnson

N. B.—Our stores close at 9 o'clock each night, except Saturday.

Advertisement for Stanley Bros. Flannelette Night Shirts. Includes text: "This is an Advertisement ABOUT Flannelette Night Shirts. For general news of the day, social topics, fairy stories, and weather reports, and similar items, the Charlottetown public naturally turn to other columns of the paper. It is an accurate statement about a lot of shirts, that are not worth either seventy-five cents or a dollar. They are not a lot of year old goods, they are not soiled or damaged, they are not unsalable, they are in every way perfect made of good Strong Flannelette, full size in body neck, at thirty nine cents each. STANLEY BROS. THE ALWAYS BUSY STORE"

old men's social

The old men will entertain the congregation of the First Methodist Church, Tuesday Evening, next, in the basement of the Church.

Admission 15 cents. Proceeds in aid of the building fund.

Come and sample the "old men's" home-made candy. Young people, come and see how the "old men" do it.

Short programme. Lots of coffee, cake etc.

SPECIAL

Shoe Bargains

35 pairs Ladies' Dongola Oxford Shoes at \$1, reduced from \$1.25 and \$1.35; sizes 3 to 5. 25 pairs Ladies buttoned and Laced Dongola Boots; reduced to \$1 and \$1.25; sizes, 3 to 6. These are snaps and will not last long at the prices.

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Since We Opened Up Business

and that in the dullest month in the year. Still we are rushed with orders, showing that we treat our customers right, in the material and workmanship of our clothing.

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We are going to take the lead in this line, giving it our special attention.

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Agricultural Addresses

ADDRESSES on Agricultural Subjects, will be given by direction of Honorable Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, at the following places and dates: Charlottetown—On Tuesday, 1st March, at 1 p. m., in Kindergarten Hall. Kensington—On Tuesday, 1st March, at 7.30 p. m. Summerside—On Wednesday, 2nd March, at 10 a. m. Alberton—On Wednesday, 2nd March, at 6.30 p. m. Morell—On Thursday, 3rd March, at 7.30 p. m. Montague Bridge—On Friday, 4th March, at 7.30 p. m. Murray Harbor South—On Saturday, 5th March, at 12 noon. The following gentlemen are expected to address these meetings: Messrs Blair, Robertson, Dr. Pethick, V. S., and probably Professor Hopkins. As information of much value to farmers will be given, there should be a large attendance. Feb 22—wk ex

Can you oblige us with the amount of your account. We want the money by March 1st. A prompt settlement will be appreciated. R. K. JOSE, Stamper's Cor.

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—AND—

HOCKEY - MATCH

IN HILLSBOROUGH RINK

TUESDAY - EVENING,

March 8th 1898

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—ALSO—

Final Match for Trophy

Crescents v. Prince of Wales

Without doubt the best night's sport of the season.

Admission 25c. Reserved seats 35c. Gallery 35c.

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Entries for races close Saturday, the 5th.

TO RENT.—That pleasantly situated house on the Brighton Road, now occupied by Mrs. Cameron, within a few minutes walk of bathing houses in Victoria Park, and nine minutes walk from Post Office, having lawn and hawthorn hedge in front. The house is heated with hot water, having bath room e/c. Possession given 1st June. Apply to—W. C. HARRIS. 47