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Cuba Not Yet Invaded And no Battle Reported.

Daring Deed of American Officer and Seven Men.—Courtesy of Spanish Admiral.—Death of Fred Hay Causes General Sorrow.—The Funeral.

Lieut. Hobson, and his seven men who passed the outer batteries leading to Santiago harbor and sank the Merrimac to obstruct the channel did a brave deed. It was so well appreciated by the Spanish admiral that he sent word to Admiral Sampson that the intrepid enemy were prisoner, and well treated. Such are the courtesies of war. Reports are received of another engagement at Santiago, and of a battle at Manila, but they are apparently unreliable.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, June 3, 1898. This morning at 8 o'clock the American squadron again began a bombardment of the fortifications of Santiago de Cuba, and a lively cannonade ensued for two hours, which silenced the Spanish batteries. An American vessel, the Merrimac, described in the advices from Santiago as an auxiliary cruiser, making a dash to force the entrance, succeeded in passing the first line of defences, but was torpedoed about 500 feet up the channel. She went down "perpendicularly."

An officer, an engineer and six seamen were taken prisoners. The number of victims is unknown. Only the funnel and mastsheads of the sunken vessel can be seen.

It was reported, later, that the Merrimac was purposely sent to the entrance in order to be sunk and thus block the passage. It was also said that the Spanish had blown her up with dynamite. For the last three days of last week the leading U. S. papers were calling upon Admiral Sampson to duplicate the Manila affair, but at the time of writing on Monday, nothing was reported. A leading article in the American Review of Reviews, severely criticizes the managing of the war to date, plainly claiming that Cervera out-manoeuvred the American naval board.

Death of Mr. Fred Hay.

The community was shocked to learn, early on Sunday morning, that at the early hour of two o'clock Fred Hay had passed away. Deceased was the eldest son of Mr. W. W. Hay, Mayor of Woodstock. On the 12th of last month he was riding on his bicycle up Green street towards the College building. He was suddenly taken with a violent hemorrhage. As soon as possible, a physician's services were secured, and the young man from that time till his death was surrounded with everything that medical science and loving care could afford. In spite of all efforts the severe hemorrhages followed the first. At one time there appeared to be a cessation of the attacks, and it was hoped that Mr. Hay would revive, but the improvement was only temporary. He died surrounded by his father and family at two o'clock on Sunday morning, quite conscious, and apparently in little pain. A couple of years ago Mr. Hay had a severe attack of la grippe and it is thought that the seeds of the fatal disease which carried him off, must have then taken root. On every hand are heard expressions of sorrow at this young man's untimely departure. He was known and highly regarded by everyone in the community. A manly, upright youth, the loss is indeed one that every good citizen deploras. Mr. Hay at the time of his death was on the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia, filling the position of teller in the branch here. He was considered a most capable official, and had he been spared, would, no doubt, have received rapid promotion. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

The funeral was at two o'clock yesterday and was largely attended. The pall bearers were members of the choir: Ed. Mair, Charles Walker, Andrew Dunbar, Wm. Dunbar.

Concert.

The concert given in the Opera House Monday evening last, the proceeds of which were in aid of the Albert Street Baptist church, was very well attended. Miss Adelaide Barrett Jump, elocutionist, was the attraction of the evening and she did not disappoint the audience in the least. She recited three pieces during the evening having to respond to an encore each time. Another very creditable feature of the concert was the children's drill. In fact all the numbers on the programme seemed to be well taken, judging by the applause received. Miss Alton played the accompaniments. Following is the programme:—

Instrumental Trio, Miss Alton, Mrs. L. Vanwart, and Mrs. R. E. Holyoke; Reading Miss Jump; Solo, Mrs. Brewer; male quartette, Messrs. Mooers, Lockwood, Mitchell, and Rutledge; reading, Miss Jump; solo, Mr. Britton; children's drill in charge of Mrs.

Brewer, with solo by Miss Fay Camber; reading Miss Jump; instrumental duet, Messrs. Estabrooks and Boyer; solo, Mr. Mooers; reading Miss Jump; solo, Miss Estabrooks; mixed quartette, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Young, Messrs. Lockwood and Burnham. God Save the Queen.

College Glee Club.

The entertainment given by the U. N. B. Glee Club in the Opera House was a very pleasant affair, and a fairly good house greeted the popular amateurs. Some of the participants who were expected to take part were unavoidably prevented from attending, and while there were some changes of the original programme, they did not detract from the enjoyment of the audience. Prof. Stockley generated the forces. The solos and choruses were much enjoyed. La Marseillaise by Mr. Sission and the Glee Club was heartily appreciated. Schneider's Band and Beware were two choruses that met with the hearty approval of the audience. An extremely taking feature in the concert were the recitations of Mr. Wm. Walsh of Fredericton, who is highly successful as an elocutionist. "Which is Which" a laughable farce was well put on with the following characters:

Robert Capper,..... W. H. Harrison
Mr. Garble,..... P. Joseph Hughes
Annie Pestle,..... L. William Baker
Bertha Bingham,..... J. J. Fraser Winslow
Mrs. Mills,..... C. Holden Allen
Paddles,..... J. R. Clark Macredie

The acting was all that could be desired and the piece was thoroughly enjoyed. The National Anthem brought a very successful entertainment to a close.

Base Ball.

An exciting game of base ball was played in the park on Friday afternoon between the Woodstock "Browns" and the Ricker Institute team of Houlton, Me. For the first four innings there was no scoring, a sign of good ball. In the fifth the R. C. I. made one run and the Browns two. The next inning Houlton made five runs. At the end of the 8th inning the score stood 7 to 2 in favor of Houlton, and in their last inning Houlton added five making twelve in all. Woodstock with ten runs to get in one inning went to the bat and they managed to secure eleven runs. It was an interesting game and both teams deserve credit. The score by innings:—

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
R. C. I.	0	0	0	1	5	0	1	5	—12
BROWNS	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	11	—13

Meduetic Items.

Court Meduetic, I. O. F., intends holding the Forester's anniversary this year by marching to church on Sunday evening, the 19th instant. The Rev. Brother Coombes, Free Baptist, and the Rev. Brother Greenlaw, Reformed Baptist, are expected to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Williams have moved from here to Southampton. Mrs. Williams' mother is visiting them at their new home.

Another wheel has been added to the Meduetic quota, making two additional this spring. Messrs. Best and Olts are now in line with the boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Belyea and Mr. and Mrs. Manzer, of Woodstock, spent Sunday with friends in Meduetic.

Mrs. Thomas, of the Ridge was buried on Friday afternoon. Services were held in the Baptist church here, the Rev. Mr. Young officiating, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Todd and the Rev. Mr. Sherwood. The interment took place at the Dow cemetery. Mrs. Thomas leaves a large family and family connections.

A War Number.

"The Canadian Heroes of the War of 1812-14" is the leading article in the June number of the Canadian Magazine. Sir John G. Bourinot is the writer, and he tells with much grace and spirit the story of Brock, de Salaberry, Tecumseh, Laura Secord, and the others who took a leading part in the noble defence of Canada in that famous war. Pictures of most of the heroes accompany the text. Captain William Wood, of Quebec tells of Canada's military weakness in an article entitled "In Case of War." Another Canadian officer writes of "Warships and War," and his contribution is illustrated with pictures of well known British and United States warships. This writer explains the difference between a cruiser and a battleship, a torpedo boat and a torpedo destroyer, a monitor and an armoured cruiser or a battleship, clearing up many of the current mysteries which obscure this subject. Another timely article is that on Mr. Gladstone, with seven illustrations, including a full-page reproduction of Millais' famous painting of the deceased statesman. Besides these articles, there are several short stories, a review of one of the leading poets, four pages of comment and cartoons from the newspapers, and several pages on foreign affairs and books. The frontispiece is a good picture of the late D'Alton McCarthy, Q. C., M. P. Altogether the number is certainly the most attractive and valuable of recent issues.

Mean it when you're doing it, for no enemy's shot is equal to a weak heart in the act.

Friends may laugh; I am not roused. My enemy's laugh is a bugle blown in the night.

TO DO IT THOROUGHLY

The Council Decides to Place a Main St. Curb.

Property Owners Having Agreed to Pay for It, if Town will Place It.—Sidewalks Must be of the Best.—New Store House for Town Implements.

The session of the town council on Monday evening was quite protracted, a great deal of the time being taken up in a discussion over the Main St. sidewalk. In the absence of Mayor Hay, the chair was filled by Coun. R. B. Jones.

Coun. Ketchum stated that he had been approached by certain property owners on Main street, who were desirous that a curbing stone should be placed. They had expressed their willingness to supply the curb, if the town would place it in position. He would like the opinion of the council. Personally, he favored taking advantage of the offer of the property owners.

Coun. Carr thought it was very necessary that all the property owners should be agreed as to supplying the curbstone. He suggested that a paper should be drawn up, and taken for their signature to the property owners. He advised doing a thorough job. We want no such job as that which was done on Queen street, which was a disgrace to the town. He would strongly favor doing the Queen street job over again.

Coun. Ketchum did not think the means available would permit of Queen street being asphalted over again.

Coun. Henderson drew attention to the hatchways. When the manholes for the sewers were made, both Connell Bros. and The Fisher Co. got patterns which they now have. One of these covers was for a hole 24 inches in diameter. He suggested that these should be put in by the property owners interested, in place of the hatchways. He was assured that the property owners would be willing to do this. Dissatisfaction was found with the job on Queen street where the hatchways were left. This mistake should not be repeated.

Coun. Ketchum said that the curbing stone could be landed here at 80 cents a foot.

Coun. Lindsay thought it would be wise for the clerk to draw up an agreement, which the citizens should sign, binding them to pay for the curbing in front of their property.

The street committee was given authority to complete arrangements. It was decided that the width of the sidewalk on Main street be ten feet, including the curb, where built this year.

The question of the river bank at the foot of Queen street was considered. It was shown that the land excepting the width of the street is owned and leased by Fred Moore. It was generally agreed that the present condition of the bank is an eyesore to the community, but as Coun. Henderson pointed out, the duty of the town is to supply a dumping ground, and then force the people to dump their refuse in it.

Coun. Henderson submitted plans for the new building for town implements, which it is proposed to erect back of the Record office. It will be 34 ft. wide by 50 long. Coun. Henderson was given authority to ask for tenders and proceed with the work.

J. C. Hartley was heard on behalf of the Canning Factory with reference to repairing Carleton street near the factory, and the street committee was deputed to do what is necessary in conjunction with the Canning Co. The council will meet again on Friday.

Hose Company Practice.

The hose companies of town had a practice on Monday evening on the Canning Factory, John Graham's Warehouse and the Wrapper Factory. On the first alarm the horse at No. 1 was in his stall and foreman Fields and four men in the engine house. They hitched up, went to the location, and laid two streams from a siamese coupling placed on the hydrant in 1.40. They got a third stream in 20 seconds. No. 2 starting from Baird's corner laid two streams one on the Wrapper Factory and one inside Graham's Warehouse in two minutes. Our hose companies are constantly practising on particular buildings in town and no matter where a fire might originate the chief has a plan of campaign prepared to fight on.

The Markets.

Oats are selling from 33 to 35 cts, hay \$6. to \$6.50 a ton, potatoes \$1. to \$1.25 a barrel, buckwheat meal \$1.25 a hundred, butter 14 to 15 cts. a pound, eggs 8 to 9 cts. a dozen, beans \$1.40 to \$1.50 a bushel, Butter and eggs are plentiful, but the price for the latter promises to be better. Hay is going down in anticipation of a big crop this year.