

M'KINLEY FIRM AS TO CUBA.

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by the way of Miami, taking with him the report of the court of inquiry in the Maine disaster.

Commander Marix brought the report ashore from the Nashville to-day, and Admiral Seward, with Marix, spent several hours in its further revision.

All the officers of the Maine now here except Paymaster's Clerk McCarthy have received orders to leave for their homes and to await orders, as in the case of other officers who left here a week ago. This is considered to be evidence that the court will not require the corroboration of technical evidence, as was thought a few days ago. The majority of officers of the Maine left here this afternoon for Miami, and the remainder will leave to-morrow.

The feeling here after it became known that the report had been turned over to the Admiral was one of relief. Naval officers and others discussed the probabilities of the court's findings until a late hour. The general impression seems to prevail that the court had found that the Maine was intentionally blown up, but no new reasons were advanced for this conclusion.

The United States battleships Texas and Massachusetts passed here at 7 o'clock yesterday afternoon on their way to Hampton Roads. The United States battleship Indiana arrived here from the Tortugas, and is anchored beside the battleship Iowa and cruiser New York, six miles from shore.

WILL REACH WASHINGTON TOMORROW NIGHT.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The "Mail and Express" prints to-day a special from its correspondent at Key West, Fla., in which are the following statements:

The report of the Maine court, in possession of Lieutenant William C. Muir and Guard Orderly McCauley, was at 6:45 p. m. this morning brought ashore from Detroit where it spent the night for safekeeping, and was carried direct to the hotel at Key West for final approval of Admiral Seward, who having created the court, has the right to review the evidence.

The session at the hotel lasted some time. The Judge-Advocate, who stayed ashore last night for the first time in a month, went over the findings with Admiral Seward. The latter signed the report at 9:50 o'clock. It is now ready for the trip to Washington, via Miami and Jacksonville. It will start at 10 o'clock this afternoon in charge of Judge-Advocate Marix.

Lieutenant Charles W. Julian and Passed Assistant Engineer Frederick C. Bowers, both attached to the Maine, were instructed last night to hold themselves in readiness to accompany the Judge-Advocate to Washington as a guard.

The report, leaving here at the above time on the steamer City of Key West, will reach Jacksonville late to-morrow, and Washington possibly Thursday evening. Evidently McKinley has already been informed by a cipher cable of the findings of the court.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS.

Said to Have Been Received at Washington.

CHICAGO, March 22.—A special to the "Tribune" from Washington says: Late last night Secretary Long admitted that a telegraphic summary of the report of the court of inquiry had been received, and he also admitted that Admiral Seward had received the report last evening and would forward it to Washington without delay.

With the telegraphic summary received as a basis the State Department has already proceeded to notify Minister Woodford officially of the character of the report, and he in return, by this time, has probably communicated the news to the Spanish Government, with an intimation that it must be prepared to present a satisfactory reply within a few days.

It is commonly supposed at the Navy Department that there will be no departure from the usual custom of having the report of the court of inquiry come to Washington in the custody of the Judge-Advocate. It would be a great surprise if the report reached here in any other way or received before Thursday, the day set for its receipt by Secretary Long, who has explained that his estimate of the date of the arrival is based on information in his possession.

It is a significant fact that, after the different conferences at the White House yesterday, there was a demand upon the Congressional Library for all records bearing upon the action of Congress in declaring war with Great Britain and Mexico, which are the only precedents in the history of the country. Some of the very men who conferred with the President in the morning were during the afternoon looking at the declaration of war with Great Britain and the declaration by Congress that war actually existed through the act of Mexico.

The sentiment of those who were called upon by the President, it has been learned, was that it would be extremely difficult to separate the catastrophe to the Maine from the general condition of the island, and that whatever might be the plans of the President in this regard, Congress and the people would almost certainly combine the two together. It was also quite evident to those who called on Mr. McKinley that he has reached the stage where he is willing to intervene to bring peace to the island.

EXTERNAL ORIGIN.

Such the Report Said to Have Been Received at Madrid.

MADRID, March 22.—The Spanish Government has received a dispatch from its Minister at Washington, Senator Polo y Bernabe, saying that the report of the naval court appointed to inquire into the loss of the battleship Maine that the explosion was of external origin.

BERNABE SAYS IT IS AN ERROR. WASHINGTON, March 22.—Senator Bernabe, the Spanish Minister, said to-day that the report from Madrid that he had notified his Government that

the American Naval Court of Inquiry's report was that the explosion was of external origin was an error. He added that he had not notified his Government what the report would be, for the reason that he did not know, and did not send telegrams to his Government except where he knew what were the facts, and in this case he was not in possession of the facts.

SPANISH RESPONSIBILITY.

The Spanish Government Will Not Accept Such Findings.

NEW YORK, March 22.—"I am in a position to inform you—and it is highly important just now in connection with the present situation of the immediate future—that the Spanish Government will refuse to accept any finding of the Maine commission which may suggest Spanish responsibility," says the Madrid correspondent of the "World." "The Spanish ministerial view is that the investigation which such a finding would have, if admitted, would forever be an irremovable blot upon Spain's reputation as a civilized country which she could not possibly bear.

"If the report of the commission through blame upon Spain which would carry with it a call for indemnity, the peninsula Government will forthwith make an appeal to the combined Powers on the part of equity of common fairness to intervene in favor of Spain against what every Spaniard would esteem as the most monstrous and infamous finding of the United States, who would naturally seek to exonerate their service from all fault or blame, or who would look upon Spain as an enemy.

"It may be stated, however, that the ministry still clings to the thought that the commission cannot possibly return a report other than that the explosion was accidental.

"Constant reference to plans for the solution of the Cuban questions by means of purchase coming from Washington causes great affront here and will not be entertained. There are many more commercial ones by which, if autonomy proves unsuccessful, independence could be given to Cuba, but it must come through some third and friendly Power.

"The strictest censorship has suddenly been developed as regards dispatches containing any mention of the torpedo squadron now in the Canaries."

NO NEUTRAL COURT.

Any Demand by Spain for Arbitration Will Be Denied.

CHICAGO, March 22.—The "Post" Washington correspondent says: The time taken by the Court of Inquiry to investigate the Maine disaster has given the President an opportunity to test the sense of Americans, and to formulate a course of action. All doubts may be set at rest, and the people may be certain that their will with regard to Cuba will be executed. There has never been doubt on that point, but there has been uncertainty as to the time and methods which it might be best to employ.

It is as good as settled that any demand from Spain for reference of the issues growing out of the Maine verdict to a neutral court of arbitration will be denied. The position taken is that if the report is anything short of an explanation of the clearly preventable causes, the cause of national honor cannot be dissociated from the issues, and that no question in which national honor is involved, even in the remotest degree, can be submitted to arbitration by outsiders.

CUBAN SITUATION.

President McKinley Preparing a Message to Congress.

CHICAGO, March 22.—A Washington special to the "Daily News" says: President McKinley is preparing a message on the Cuban situation. It will be sent to Congress, it is thought, independent of the Maine inquiry, and will relate to intervention.

One of the President's official advisers said to-day the message would probably go beyond the recognition of independence and intervention. "It will be one of the most remarkable State papers since Lincoln's administration," said this informant, "and will prove McKinley's course to have been the proper one. The message is not dependent upon the Maine question. I think it will go to Congress in a few days at the latest."

IN CASE OF WAR.

Japan the Only Nation Which Might Be Tempted to Interfere.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The "Herald's" correspondent in London interviewed Sir Charles Dilke as to the relations between the United States and Spain. He thought that there was no doubt that if war came, the United States could more than hold their own. He did not think it possible Spain would attempt to block American ports.

Asked as to the attitude of other countries in case of war Sir Charles said: "Japan is perhaps the only nation that might be tempted to interfere. She has not found the opportunity for expansion in China that she expected, and a war between the United States and Spain might tempt her to grab the Philippines. I regard it as improbable that England would in any way take part in such a conflict, but the sympathies of England will all be with the United States."

GEN. PANDO NOT RECALLED.

Rumors to That Effect Pronounced Without Foundation.

HAVANA, March 22.—The rumors that General Pando has been recalled, and is awaited here by 6,000 men, are pronounced to be without foundation. General Pando and Salcedo, it is given out, are continuing their operations in Puerto Principe province.

The Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII, entered the new floating dock to-day, in order to have her bottom cleaned, but being, it is said, so difficult with the electric battery, the dock, as this dispatch is sent, had not been floated.

MOVEMENTS OF OUR NAVY.

Subject of Much Comment by the Press of Madrid.

MADRID, March 22.—The papers here publish full reports of the movements of the United States warships and the defensive preparations being made by the United States Government.

It is reported that the Spanish warship selected to convey the torpedo fleet has sailed from Carthagena for the Canary Islands. It appears that the delay in the voyage is due to the fact that the Arce, one of the Spanish torpedo boats, sustained some slight damage on her way from Cadiz to the Canaries.

The Spanish newspapers advocate further strengthening of the naval

Black Figured Silks.

Black Brocade Silks for separate skirts are selling rapidly, especially the grades at 57c, 65c and 75c, in which we offer some unusually good values—part 20 inches and part 24 inches wide. Medium and large design, suitable for skirts or waists. 57c, 65c and 75c yard.

New Black Dress Goods.

The newest weaves in Black Serges, Wool Solids, Poplins, Crepons, Mohairs, Granite Cloths and handsome Black Brocades. The variety is great and the prices range from 50c to \$1 yard. Lively selling during the past 10 days is pleasing evidence that our endeavor to secure the best assortment heretofore of novelties in Black Dress Goods is fully appreciated.



Women's Fine Kid Shoes, \$4.

Do you know what we are selling in the way of fine shoes? Our keen judgment, coupled with years of experience as retailers, enables us to make selections that are not only attractive in appearance, but possess the three virtues that fine shoes should possess—quality, workmanship and style. This shoe at \$4, for instance, is an example.

Made of extra fine kid with fine black cloth tops to match, new coin toes with stylish V-shaped patent leather tips, light flexible soles and silk stitched French heels. \$4.

Pattern Suits.

Many beautiful novelties in Silk Mixed and All-wool Suitings are now shown. Bayadere, Vigoreaux and many pretty new weaves, in exclusive designs. Prices range from \$8.75 to \$15. A good time to made your selection is now—later on the assortment will be broken and what you want may be gone.

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TO-DAY! OPENING OF THE WHITE FAIR.

If there is one thing the average woman takes a special delight in looking over it is Cambric and Muslin Underwear. The new styles in their variety and dainty whiteness possess great attractiveness for nearly all women, and fascination almost for some.

We purpose to show the women of Sacramento to-morrow sample garments from all the lines represented in our purchase of Over Eleven Thousand Pieces

of cambric and Muslin Underwear. There are quite a number of novelties to be seen this year, including the new "bolero" and Marguerite shapes in Chemise, and many ornate styles in Corset Covers and Chemise that the new blouse styles in outer wear render possible to be worn this season.

Special Sale of Muslin and Cambric Underwear, MARKED AT LESS THAN REGULAR PRICES.

All garments to be offered at this sale are fresh new goods, bought for this season's selling. There is not one undesirable garment in the whole lot. An extract from our buyer's letter will be of interest:

"You will find that we have avoided the purchase of all scantily cut garments, or garments of which the wearing quality could be questioned; therefore, every garment, no matter how low the price, will be sure to give entire satisfaction to the purchaser. We furthermore call your attention to the dainty patterns of the trimming, and the uniformity and skill of the operatives' work, which rivals the most painstaking home work."

These garments will be offered at 9:30 a. m. to-day, and will comprise the following:

Lot 1—Corset Covers at 9c, 12c, 19c, 48c and 58c.

Corset Cover, V-shape neck; plain neck and armholes, but a good serviceable garment. Price, 9c.

Corset Cover, V-shape neck, edged with narrow linen lace. Price, 12c.

Four other styles at 19c, 48c and 58c, all daintily trimmed and finished.

Lot 2—Women's Drawers at 14c, 25c, 29c and 48c.

Women's Drawers made of good quality muslin, 24 inches around bottom, yoke band finished with hem and cluster of fine tucks above. 14c.

Cambric Drawers, 24 inches around bottom, yoke band at bottom, finished with hemstitched hem and 2-inch embroidery and fine tucks above. Price, 25c.

Four other styles at 29c, 29c and 48c, all nicely made, and nicely trimmed.

Lot 3—Underskirts at 48c, 58c, 78c, 88c and 98c.

Eleven different styles in Cambric and Muslin Underskirts, trimmed with combinations of tucks, edging, embroidery or lace, at 48c, 58c, 78c, 88c and 98c.

Lot 4—Gowns at 39c, 48c, 58c, 68c, 88c and 98c.

Eight different styles in Muslin and Cambric Gowns, some with Mother Hubbard front, others with Bolero Front and others with sailor collar, all daintily trimmed and finished. Prices, 39c, 48c, 58c, 68c, 88c and 98c.

Lot 5—Children's Drawers at 12c.

Well made Muslin Drawers for children, finished with hem, and with tucks above. Price 12c.

Lot 6—Women's Cambric Chemise, 48c.

Women's Cambric Chemise, circular neck, finished with 1 1/2-inch cambric insertion and 1 1/2-inch cambric edging. Neck and sleeves trimmed to match. 48c.

Weinstock, Lubin & Co., 400-412 K Street, Sacramento.

New Hat Pins.

New Jeweled Hat Pins, gilt and oxidized, studded with large jewels. 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c. Gilt Hat Pins in Persian effects. 15c. Sterling Silver Hat Pins. 25c. The new Pompadour Comb, Italian shell, with plain top, 20c; with carved top, 25c.

The New Pompadour Comb.

Pompadour Combs made of Italian shell, studded with Rhinestones, \$2.



New Handkerchiefs.

Dainty Handkerchiefs made of material in a mixture of swiss and linen—the new soft finish; 1, 2 and 3-inch borders of ruffled lace. Prices 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c.

Housekeeping Articles at Little Prices.

B. T. Babbitt's Soap, full weight, 4c bar.

Pearline, 1-lb package, 9c. Domestic Scouring Soap, 5c bar.

Wool Soap, 5c. Shelf Paper, 10 yard pieces, 4c. Carpet Tacks, all sizes, 1c.

Steel Clothes Hooks, 10c dozen. Picture Wire, 25 yards, 5c. Wire Bowl Strainer, 5c.

Stamped Tin Gravy Strainer, 5c. Enameled Pudding Pan, 12-quart size, 10c.

Enameled Sauce Pan, 3-pint, 13c. Enameled Bucket, 2-quart, 17c.

Enameled Wash Basin, 14c. Tin Dish Pan, 17-quart, 15c.

Wire Egg Beater, 2c. Dover Egg Beater, 9c. Flour Sieve, 9c.

Tin Buckets, 8-quart, 15c. Japanned Dust Pan, 5c.

Tea or Coffee Canister, 8c. Tin Dippers, 5c.

Tin Graters, wood handle, 4c. Asbestos Mats, 3c.

Women's Tan Shoes with Vesting Tops, \$2.

Fine dark brown Vici Kid Lace Shoes, with silk vesting tops to match. Made with coin toe, sell up and medium heavy sole. A splendid summer Walking Shoe. Price \$2.

Extra Size Suits.

For men who have difficulty in obtaining ready-made suits to fit. These Suits are made of fast color, all-wool blue flannel, nicely finished, round cut sack style. Separable buttons which can be taken off at pleasure and G. A. R. buttons put on instead. Price \$10.



Extra Values in Boys' Knee Pants Suits.

These extra value Suits come in two patterns of brown chevrot—one plain, the other mixed. The coats in the smaller sizes are made in refer style with large braided collar. The larger size suits have plain double-breasted refer coats. Price \$1.50 suit.

Men's Working Shirts, 50c

We would sell better Working Shirts at 50c than these if we could. But we can't, and you can't find a better Working Shirt at the price hereabouts. Made of good strong chevrot in neat patterns, strongly sewed. Built for wear principally, but made to look neat as well. Price 50c.

Men's Golf Shirts, 50c.

Think of Men's Golf Shirts with cuffs to match at 50c. That is what we offer you to-day. Not shirts in any way undesirable, but made of good reliable percale in new spring patterns—handsome patterns, too. Placed on our counters only yesterday. Price 50c.

Silkolines.

Good quality Silkolines in a variety of new designs for fancy drapery. 8jc yard.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

THE MEASURE REPORTED TO THE HOUSE.

Provides for Three Battleships, One Gunboat, Six Torpedo Boats and Six Destroyers.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The naval appropriation bill as reported to the House to-day carried a total of \$35,764,432, an increase over last year of \$3,764,432, and over the current estimates of \$2,714,821.

For the increase of the navy the bill allows to be constructed by contract three sea-going coast-line battleships, designed to carry the heaviest armor and most powerful ordnance, displacement 11,000 tons, with the highest practicable speed of their class, to be exclusive of armament, and not exceeding \$3,000,000 each, one to be named the Maine; six torpedo boats and six torpedo-boat destroyers, to cost not exceeding \$2,340,000; and one gunboat to take the place of the United States ship Michigan, to cost, exclusive of armament, not over \$200,000, to be built on the Great Lakes.

One of these sea-going battleships is to be built on the Pacific Coast. The contracts for the construction of all these vessels are to be made within sixty days of the enactment of the bill.

Section 5, empowering the President to authorize each regiment to draw its recruits from such State or States, as he might designate, was amended so as to provide that each State should be entitled to furnish its quota before recruits should be drawn from designated States.

Chairman Hull of the Military Affairs Committee will secure action on the bill at the earliest possible moment. It may require a special rule to get the bill before the House.

ARMY REORGANIZATION.

The House Committee Ordered a Favorable Report on the Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The Military Affairs Committee of the House to-day completed consideration of the army reorganization bill, and ordered a favorable report upon it.

As agreed upon, only a few changes were made. The section authorizing the President to recruit the skeleton regiments "in time of war" was changed so as to make it more specific, limiting such authorization to a time of actual hostilities, after a declaration of war had been made.

An additional section was added as a provision, providing that nothing in the Act should be construed as an authorization to increase the enlisted force of the army in time of peace.

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HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Two Persons Killed and Four Others Injured.

BELOIT (Wis.), March 22.—A head-on collision between a passenger and a special engine on the Chicago and Northwestern road occurred ten miles south of this city to-day.

The killed are: James Walsh, engineer of the passenger train. Brakeman English of the special engine.

Injured: William Wallan, engineer of the special. J. C. Coon, William Whinans, fireman; G. H. Devins, conductor.

CHICAGO, March 22.—At the general office of the road it was said the accident was caused by a disregard of orders on the part of Engineer Walker of the light engine.

A Venevland Turfman Seriously Ill.

CLEVELAND, March 22.—The venerable turfman, H. H. Handy, widely known as the oldest banker in active service in the United States, is seriously ill at his home. Mr. Handy is over 91 years of age. About two weeks ago he contracted a cold which was soon attended with complications. To-day he was unconscious, and owing to his extreme age it is not believed he can recover.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—To-day's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$225,170,922; gold reserve, \$171,175,909.

FIREMEN SUFFER INTENSELY.

Almost Frozen to Death While Battling With Flames.

COLORADO SPRINGS (Colo.), March 22.—Freezing horse pipes were responsible in a great measure for two of the worst fires this city has ever seen. With the thermometer below zero, a fire broke out at the home of W. S. Boynton, Sheriff of El Paso County, calling out the entire department. After it was under control the Woodside, a large tenement house in the center of town, was discovered in flames. It was a mass of ruins in thirty minutes.

A high wind of the proportions of a hurricane threatened at one time to carry the fire eastward on Pikes Peak avenue for a block or more. Help was summoned from Colorado City and Manitou.

Chief Baty and Captain Armbruster were removed to their homes after they had almost frozen to death. They were encased in an armor of ice. The other firemen suffered intensely. The total loss is \$20,000; half covered by insurance.

IOWA LEGISLATURE.

State Institutions to Be Placed Under a Board of Control.

DES MOINES (Ia.), March 22.—The Senate bill to place the State institutions under a Board of Control passed the lower House to-day—71 to 20—after the wildest time ever witnessed in the Iowa Legislature.

The Speaker allowed the bill to pass to the third reading on a simple majority vote, thus shutting off all amendments and debate. This enraged the Republican opposition to the bill for a time, and great confusion prevailed. The Chair was loudly reproached on the floor by the members. The committee amendments giving the Board of Supervisors power over the State educational institutions were adopted. It is believed the same will occur in the House amendments.

A COLONEL RELIEVED.

Loses His Command for Parading His Troops on St. Patrick's Day.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Colonel Marcus Kavanaugh has been relieved of command of the Seventh Illinois National Guard by Governor Tanner for parading his troops on St. Patrick's Day. Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Moriarty has been placed in command.

Colonel Kavanaugh said to-day that he had made application in regular form for permission to parade to General Wheeler of the First Brigade.

"It has been the custom of the Seventh Regiment to parade on the Irish national holiday whenever there was a public celebration," said he. "The precedent was well established, and the preliminaries were observed."

The order from Springfield relieving Colonel Kavanaugh from command of the Seventh Regiment also placed him under arrest.

FEDERAL PATRONAGE.

Nominations Sent to the Senate by President McKinley.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The President to-day sent these nominations to the Senate:

State—Governor. Bullie of New York, to be Consul at Cardenas, Cuba; James A. McCook of Pennsylvania, to be Consul at Dawson City, N. W. T.

Interior—Angus J. Crookshank, Reg-

STER OF THE LAND OFFICE AT LOS ANGELES.

Cal.; J. M. Maxey, at Stockton, Cal., and S. W. Austin, at Independence, Cal.

To be Receivers of Public Moneys—Henry S. Sargent, at Stockton, Cal., and F. E. Denmore, at Independence, Cal.

Postmasters—Arizona: J. W. Akers, Prescott.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.—WASHINGTON, March 22.—The Senate to-day confirmed these nominations:

Postmasters—California: G. F. Wood, Modesto; C. F. Coombe, Corona; C. F. Kelly, San Bernardino; G. F. Dexter, Santa Monica.

PORK AND HOG PRODUCTS.

The French Senate Adopts a Bill Increasing the Duties.

PARIS, March 22.—During the discussion in the Senate to-day on a bill to increase the duties on pork and hog products, M. Siegfried moved to reduce the general tariff on lard from 40 to 35 francs to a minimum tariff of from 25 to 5 francs, pointing out