

LOOKS LIKE WAR.

Events All Point to a Conflict With Spain.

SITUATION VERY GRAVE.

The Cabinet Holds Two Sessions on the Answer of Spain.

IN A FEVER OF EXCITEMENT.

Condition of Affairs at Washington—Speaker Reed is Summoned to the White House for a Conference—Policy of the Administration.

Washington, April 2.—There is little doubt that the president and members of his cabinet now regard a conflict with Spain as almost inevitable.

The cabinet meeting yesterday morning was unquestionably the most important held in many years.

The whole record will be laid before congress and the question is now under earnest consideration of what shall be the particular form our policy shall take in bringing to an end the horrors in Cuba and securing the independence of the island.

the department believed that the present rendezvous of the squadron was the most available one from which the ships under Commodore Schley could operate in carrying out the purpose for which it was formed, that is the protection of the north Atlantic seaboard.

It is stated on reliable authority that the department discussed the question of ordering the ships to sea, presumably, though not officially so stated, in connection with the approach of the Spanish torpedo flotilla, which has since arrived at Porto Rico.

It was pointed out that the sending of the squadron in the direction of the West Indies, even though its mission was not to intercept the flotilla, would be regarded as a hostile act not warranted by the present condition of affairs.

Supplementing the action taken by the navy department in requesting governors of states to drill and equip the naval militia so as to be ready for any emergency, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt yesterday sent letters to the governors of those sea coast states not having such organizations to take steps looking to the formation of naval militia so far as is possible under the state laws.

BUSINESS BAROMETER.

Dun's Report Says the War Cloud Has Not Yet Increased Commercial Distresses.

New York, April 2.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: In spite of foreign conditions since the destruction of the Maine, February 15, failures in three months are smaller than in the first quarter of any year since 1886.

The iron and steel market shows no decrease, for with works fully employed and some additional works put into operation for government purposes, pig is not lower anywhere, and at Pittsburgh a shade higher for Bessemer, because of agreement by valley producers, while without agreement of Mesaba mines the purchases of ore at Cleveland were over 1,000,000 tons for the week.

Reference was made by Spain to the Maine matter in the reply she sent through Minister Woodford. She made no offer to pay for the loss, but suggested that the matter be settled by arbitration.

Washington, April 2.—"Spain has answered on the lines of its traditional policy," said Senor Quesada, of the Cuban junta, when made acquainted yesterday with Spain's reply.

Supplies for Cuba.

New York, April 2.—Shipments of relief supplies to Cuba continue to be made regularly by the central Cuban relief committee. The steamer Bergen, of the Munson line, which left New York Friday, carried 90,000 pounds of cornmeal, 10,000 pounds of clothing and 62,000 pounds of assorted provisions and medicine, to be delivered at Sagua la Grande. Notifications of the shipment to New York of several tons of supplies were received by the committee yesterday.

Laymen Get Representation.

New York, April 2.—The Newark conference in session at East Orange yesterday voted to allow the laymen the same representation as clergymen at the general conference. The vote was 156 for and 29 against it.

Spanish Warships Leave Havana.

Havana, April 2.—The Spanish warships Vizcaya and Almirante Oquendo left Havana at 5 o'clock last evening. Immense crowds gathered on the wharves and cheered the ironclads as they steamed away.

Sent for a Monitor.

New York, April 2.—Orders were received by the commander of the New York naval reserve yesterday to send 100 men to League Island, Philadelphia, to bring to this port one of the monitors now there.

THE WAR SPIRIT.

It Shows Itself in Both the Senate and House.

A LONG SECRET SESSION.

On the Proposition to Buy the Danish West Indies.

WILL NOT BE PURCHASED.

Naval Appropriation Bill Passed—Number of Torpedo Boats Increased to 24—Both Houses Adjourn Until Monday—War Predicted Within a Week.

Washington, April 2.—In the open session of the senate yesterday Mr. Chandler called up the resolution he introduced Thursday, requesting the president to send the Cuban consular correspondence to the senate, and at his suggestion it was referred to the committee on foreign relations. Immediately afterwards, however, he introduced another resolution which went over, calling upon the secretary of state for the same information.

These bills were passed: To authorize the secretary of the interior to issue a permit to the American Invalid society, of Boston, to occupy 100 acres of land on the abandoned Fort Stanton military reservation in New Mexico for a national sanitarium for the treatment of pulmonary diseases; to extend the right of commutation to certain homestead settlers on land in Oklahoma, opened to settlement under the provisions of law; and to extend \$20,000 to the University of Kansas as relief.

At 4:31 p. m. the senate went from secret legislative session into executive session and soon afterward adjourned until Monday.

Hotter—After an exceedingly turbulent session of six hours the house passed the naval appropriation bill and then adjourned until Monday. The war spirit was manifested in all the speeches and overrode the naval committee itself by increasing the number of torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers to 24, the bill reported providing for but 12. The amendment of Mr. Cannon, chairman of the appropriations committee to reduce the number of battleships to one, was buried under an overwhelming majority. The provision relating to armor plate, which in ordinary times would have precipitated a debate of several days, was disposed of in 10 minutes, a proposition to decrease the price agreed to in the bill from \$400 to \$300 per ton being drowned in a perfect chorus of noes.

Mr. Cannon during the course of the day announced the belief of a majority of the members that war would be upon us within a week, and Mr. De Armond of Missouri, made a notable speech declaring that if hostilities were to come it is our duty to strike the first blow.

Councilmen Charged With Bribery.

Philadelphia, April 2.—District Attorney Graham went into court yesterday and asked that warrants be issued for the arrest of Common Councilman Charles Seger, Select Councilman J. Emery Byram, and Nelson G. Green, attorney for the Schuylkill Valley Water Co. At the recent investigation into the charges of bribery, in connection with the Schuylkill valley water bill, the names of Seger, Byram and Green were prominently mentioned by witnesses as having figured in questionable transactions with regard to the extraordinary attempts made to pass the bill.

A Full War Complement.

Philadelphia, April 2.—The commanders of the Pennsylvania national guards say the guards in this city could go out with every company marked up to its full war complement of 100 men inside of 48 hours. On emergency call every company could go out with its peace complement inside of five hours. In spite of assertions to the contrary, it is a matter of fact that instructions have been issued to have the guards in readiness to move and every preparation is going forward to that end.

Four Men Killed.

Louisville, Ky., April 2.—A special to the Times from Campbellsville, Ky., says: A boiler explosion, four miles north of town, at 7 o'clock Friday morning, killed four men outright and fatally hurt another. The dead are: Thomas Ratcliffe, Dock Wright, Clarence Ratcliffe and Thomas Newcomb. Elma Ratcliffe was scalded and will die. The boiler, engine and shingle mill were demolished. Fragments were blown in every direction. Low water caused the accident.

War Believed to be Inevitable.

San Francisco, April 2.—The Evening Post prints a dispatch from Senator Perkins, of California, to the effect that it is the consensus of opinion among those best informed in Washington that unless Spain concedes the independence of Cuba war is inevitable.

Seamen Assigned to Duty.

Fort Monroe, Va., April 2.—The steamer Yorktown, of the Old Dominion line, landed 45 seamen here yesterday, 30 of whom were assigned to the cruiser Columbia and 15 to the Minneapolis, which was expected here last evening.

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