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Followed by Conclusions So Lame and Impotent That Every Count in the Indictment Is Quashed, Leaving the President's Cuban Message an Enigma With No Apparent Solution

BY JOHN J. INGALLS

WASHINGTON, April 11.—(Special to The Herald.) The capital was like a beleaguered citadel again this morning, but the crush was not so dense nor interest so eager as either last Wednesday or the day the message on the Maine was delivered.

ONE ROUND OF APPLAUSE The only sentence of the message that provoked applause was: "THE WAR IN CUBA MUST STOP!"

A LAME CONCLUSION No one who knows the president will suspect him of either want of intelligence or lack of patriotism. Still less can he be accused of duplicity, or insincerity or disingenuousness or want of candor.

GREAT PURPOSES THWARTED Through the narrative of the dealings of the administration with the affairs and conditions so well apprehended, appears the fatal infirmity of purpose, irresolution, some potent influence, sinister and malign, that has thwarted great purposes and impulses that were humane and beneficent.

THE SEVERAL COUNTS Weyler was a monster of ferocity, but he was recalled. The concentration orders were inhuman, but at our request they were revoked, and Spain is now feeding and clothing the victims and furnishing them with seed and implements to return to their till.

THE CASE SUBMITTED On the case submitted in the message—unless congress recognizes

Cuban independence, to which the president is opposed, it is the end. The concentration orders are released and at work on their farms; the Maine has become merely a question of legal liability and hostilities have terminated at the request of the United States.

CONGRESS TAKES COMMAND It is now before congress. The day of dark intrigue, of hypocritical and lying diplomacy is over and the hour for action has come. Spain is a blot on the map of Europe, and the survival of its power on the western hemisphere is a reproach to the moral universe.

Ready for Sea NEW YORK, April 12.—The Sioux, in command of Ensign Gherardi, is ready for sea and will probably sail today. The Unaca is nearly ready and the repairs to the Tacomah are expected to be finished today.

Moving on Havana NEW YORK, April 11.—A special to the Tribune from Key West says: Since a synopsis of the president's message was received here there has been more inquiry about the means of transporting troops to the seaboard and thence to Cuban ports than regarding naval movements.

INSURGENTS IN CUBA Massing Their Forces to Co-operate With United States Troops in the Capture of Havana JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 11.—(Special to The Herald.) The Cuban junta here received an important letter from Gen. Gomez yesterday.

INSURGENTS IN CUBA (Continued) The insurgents are recruiting in all sections, and from good authority it is ascertained that Gomez has promised to have 25,000 to 30,000 troops behind Havana to aid in reducing it.

INSURGENTS IN CUBA (Continued) The insurgents, the dispatch said, hailed with joy the prospect of intervention by the United States, and continued by saying that their ranks were being rapidly increased.

INSURGENTS IN CUBA (Continued) The message left congress very much at sea, because the disparity in views between it and the executive is an obstacle hard to surmount, unless, as now seems possible, congress sees its course to lie in accord with the president's recommendation.

INSURGENTS IN CUBA (Continued) The conservative senators met in the afternoon and determined to oppose any radical measure if it should be reported by the senate committee on foreign relations.

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CUBAN QUESTIONS

TURNED OVER TO THE CHARGE OF CONGRESS

THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN

ANTAGONIZES ALL HERETOFORE PROPOSED

COMMITTEES ARE CONSULTING

Wanted—A Resolution, Not a Snub to McKinley, Which the Senate Will Pass

Associated Press Special Wire WASHINGTON, April 11.—The future of the relations of the United States with Spain and to the island of Cuba now rests with congress, the representative body of the American people.

Congress in Charge "The issue is now with congress. It is a solemn responsibility. I have exhausted every effort to relieve the intolerable condition of affairs which is at our doors. I intend to execute every obligation imposed upon me by the constitution and the law, I await your action."

Intense Interest No message in recent years, not even of President Cleveland on Venezuela, nor President Harrison on Chile, caused such widespread and intense interest. No message was ever listened to with closer attention by both galleries and members at both ends of the capitol.

Committee Consultation The committee on foreign relations immediately went into session but reached no definite conclusion. From the fact that the Republican members held a consultation after adjournment, the inference was drawn that some strong measure was necessary in order to carry any action by the committee through the senate.

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CHINESE RIOTING

Leads Russia to Demand Some More Territory PEKIN, April 11.—A slight conflict between Russians and Chinese has taken place at Kin Chou. It is believed that this encounter gave rise to the report from Yokohama last night that a collision had taken place between the British and Russians at Ta Lien Wan. Kin Chou is a little way north of and near Ta Lien Wan.

A Report Promised WASHINGTON, April 11.—A caucus of the Republican members of the house committee on foreign affairs was held tonight at the residence of Representative Gillette of Massachusetts. Though the session was continued to a late hour, no definite conclusion was reached, but it was stated that the members felt that they had a better understanding of the situation, and probably would be able to report tomorrow.

The Cattle Quarantine CARSON, Nev., April 11.—The meeting of stockmen, called by Gov. Sadler today, resolved that the quarantine between this state and California should be maintained and no cattle from infected districts be allowed to enter the state, except in transit under quarantine restrictions by railroads, if it be in the power of the authorities to prevent. The governor decided today to urge the county commissioners of Washoe county to appoint inspectors of sheep passing through the state. Should any prove to be diseased he will stop shipments.

Jeffries-Sharkey SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—The National Athletic club tonight practically completed arrangements for a twenty-round contest between Tom Sharkey and Jim Jeffries at Mechanics' pavilion on May 6th. The match is to be for 65 per cent of the gross gate receipts. Both men have agreed to accept James Chesley or Alex Greig as referee. If either consents to act his name will be inserted in the articles of agreement which are to be signed tomorrow night.

The Burnett Divorce WASHINGTON, April 11.—In the divorce proceedings of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, the authors, against Dr. S. M. Burnett of this city, an order was signed today for an examiner to take testimony, Dr. Burnett having made no answer to the charges filed.

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TO TELEGRAPHIC NEWS Insurgents in Cuba are massing their forces in the city of Havana to co-operate with United States forces in the capture of that city.

Anti-American feeling at San Juan, Porto Rico finds expression in pelting the Stars and Stripes with eggs and vegetables; the Spanish cruisers arrive and are taking on coal.

The San Francisco fair convey, the New Orleans (formerly Amazonas) reach Halifax in good order, carrying a load of Maxim guns and ordnance stores particularly needed just now.

Rioting at Madrid is insignificant and easily suppressed, but fears are entertained of more serious demonstrations, especially in military circles, where the Cuban armistice is bitterly opposed.

Comments on the presidential message by members of congress are not very complimentary, and even those who commend it fail to show how the object sought may be attained by the means suggested.

General Lee is now on his way to Washington, and it is half believed that he has knowledge which will throw more light on the destruction of the Maine; the consul-general given an ovation during his progress through Georgia.

The day in the house devoted almost exclusively to the message; in senate there is some debate, marked by persistent demand for immediate and impetuous intervention in Cuban affairs; no resolution is likely to be ready for report to congress today.

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DOES IT MEAN THE PIPE OF PEACE? —Denver Republic.