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WAR NOT INEVITABLE

President and Cabinet Still Hope for a Peaceful Solution of the Crisis.

Affairs Approaching the Turning Point and Preparations Are Necessary.

Inclination to Treat the Maine Disaster and Intervention as One Issue.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—At the war and navy departments there was the usual stir during the day, but it is absolutely untrue to say that either the president or the cabinet has reached the conclusion that war is inevitable. All the leading public men in Washington, however, appreciate the fact that affairs are approaching a crisis, and that it would be a mistake to put off preparation till the crisis is actually upon us.

Although the president is believed to lean very strongly toward the view that the Maine disaster and intervention shall be treated as one and disposed of jointly, it is just to say that some very good friends of peace object to such a combination on the ground that it

Confuses Two Wholly Separate Issues; questions of international law raised in the Maine case, and the humanity and charity which alone could impel our government to intervene in the domestic affairs of a friendly power.

These advisers argue that, if the explosion of the Maine had occurred in any other than a Spanish or Cuban port, no one would have thought of combining this incident with the Cuban question.

But the other side answers that, whether logical or not, the association of the two subjects does exist in the public mind, both in this country and abroad, and that our acceptance of "blood money" at the present juncture would be liable to a damaging misinterpretation on all sides.

SAILED TO THE SOUTHWEST

Spanish Torpedo Squadron and American Gunboats Start Simultaneously.

LISBON, March 16.—The United States war vessels Helena and Bancroft sailed, going in a southwesterly direction.

LONDON, March 16.—A special dispatch from Cadiz, Spain, announces that the Spanish squadron has sailed from that port. It is understood the Spanish warships are going to Porto Rico, where they will await the orders of Captain General Blanco. Enthusiastic crowds of people gathered there to bid farewell to the Spanish war vessels.

The departure of the United States warships Helena and Bancroft in a southwesterly direction from Lisbon, may possibly be connected with the seemingly simultaneous departure of the Spanish squadron from Cadiz, which is situated on the southwestern coast of Spain. Rumors have it that the Bancroft and Helena might follow the Spanish ships across the Atlantic.

BIDS FOR WAR MATERIAL.

War Department Receives Proposals for a Large Supply.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The bureau of ordnance of the war department opened bids during the day for a large supply of armor piercing projectiles and for 12,000,000 rifle ball cartridges. The bidding brought together a number of the representatives of the large steel and ammunition companies, some of whom took occasion to give assurances that in the present emergency government work would be given the preference over commercial orders. The bids for shot, shell and cartridges will be opened and the awards made within the next few days, as the war department wishes the work to begin at once.

Kansas Quarantine Law Void.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—In the United States supreme court an opinion was handed down by Justice Harlan in the case of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company vs. Charles Habor, affirming the constitutionality and validity of the state laws of Kansas, prohibiting the transportation into the state of cattle infected with Texas fever, and providing for a civil action for damages in case of the infraction of the law.

ST. LOUIS MAY BE HELD.

American Liner Wanted as an Auxiliary Cruiser.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The board on auxiliary cruisers of the United States navy, which was appointed to acquire ships of the merchant marine for use in the event of the breaking out of war, met for organization in the Havemeyer building. Later the board inspected the St. Louis and the New York of the American line. The visit to the St. Louis was a short one. The steamship was constructed under the supervision of naval experts and all of the officers composing the board were familiar with the plan of the vessel. The New York was next visited. She was constructed when the company sailed its ships under the British flag. The inspection of all vessels on which the government has options by reason of the subsidy act will be proceeded with as rapidly as possible.

Clement A. Griscom, president of the International Navigation company, owner of the American line, was in consultation with the board during the morning with reference to the St. Louis. What the result of that consultation was could not be learned. It was said by a member of the board that nothing had been decided. The St. Louis is still advertised to sail this week, but it was admitted by an official of the company that he did not know whether or not she would. Lieutenant Commander Kelly declined to say that the steamer would be held in this port.

TELLS HIS STORY

Senator Proctor Pays a Long Visit to the President.

SITUATION IN CUBA DISCUSSED

Nature of the Information Communicated to the Chief Executive Not Made Public.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Senator Proctor visited the White House and uptown departments during the day and his calls excited a good deal of interest. He spent half an hour first with Secretary Alger, explaining, it is believed, the military situation in Cuba and afterward had a conference with Judge Day, assistant secretary of state. Then he went to the White House and was closeted with the president for two hours and a quarter. When he emerged from the room he courteously declined to speak regarding the nature of the information he had communicated to the president.

FITZHUGH LEE, JR., TALKS.

Son of the Cuban Consul General Believes Diplomacy Will Be Inadequate.

TAMPA, Fla., March 16.—Fitzhugh Lee, Jr., son of Consul General Lee, has arrived here on the steamer Olivette from Havana. Although reticent about stating anything of an official nature he made the following statement:

"I have been in Havana but 10 days, having gone there to visit my father on my regular winter vacation. While in Havana, I ascertained a number of facts concerning the present strained situation between Spain and the United States. I am of the opinion that war between the two countries is imminent, notwithstanding the fact that diplomacy will be taxed to the farthest limit to prevent it. The Maine incident and the attitude of the United States on the Cuban belligerence question will be the chief incentive."

SYMPATHIZE WITH SPAIN.

Austria and Germany Not Friendly to the United States.

LONDON, March 16.—The Vienna correspondent of The Standard declares that Austria and Germany sympathize with Spain, the former being actuated by family ties between the two reigning houses and the latter by a grudge against the United States. The correspondent adds:

"The Chinese question is much more practical for the United States than the Cuban, but America has no naval base in Chinese waters. Why should not Spain make peace by offering the United States a naval station in the Philippines? Spain would lose nothing thereby. On the contrary, the United States would be enabled to act from that base in conjunction with England and Japan."

The first entry on the books of the New York treasury was a credit to Lieutenant W. E. Roscorans as a government discharging officer.

SPAIN WANTED THEM

Was Striving to Secure the Brazilian Cruisers Bought by Uncle Sam.

One of the Vessels Ready to Sail and the Other Has Been Launched.

Will Be Valuable Additions to Our Navy in Either Peace or War.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—A week's negotiations has closed by the triumphant purchase by the navy department in London of the two fine cruisers built and building at Elswick for the Brazilian government. Possibly the officials took more pleasure in closing up the business in this manner because of the knowledge that the Spanish agents had been striving to secure these very ships, to whom, it is said, they would be of much greater value in case of trouble than to the United States. The next question is how to get the ships home, and that has not yet been settled, according to the secretary of the navy. The United States flag will be hoisted over the new ships within a week probably, and just as soon as the crew can be put aboard the Amazonas she will be

Started for the United States. The other vessel will follow at the earliest possible moment. The terms of sale are secret.

The two new ships will be a most desirable acquisition to the American navy as they are the latest and best products of the famous Armstrong yards. One of the ships is complete in every respect, has her coal supply and ammunition on board and steam can be raised at any time. There will be no trouble in bringing this ship across, as an adequate force from the local yards can be secured for the service. The other ship has been launched, but it will take some time to make her ready for sea.

THE TWO NEW CRUISERS.

Brazilian Vessels Valuable Additions to the United States Navy.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The two Brazilian vessels will be extremely useful additions to the United States navy in either war or peace, in the opinion of Secretary Long, who acknowledges they have been bought by the United States. They are steel sheathed and coppered, with an indicated horsepower under natural draught of 7,000, which is calculated to develop 20 knots speed. Her armament is made up of six 6-inch guns, but these guns, as well as the four 7-inch guns, are of what is known as 50 calibre length, giving them an unusual range and power. In addition to this they have 10 6-pounder quick-firing guns, four 1-pounders, four Maxim machine guns and two boat or field guns.

MORTARS SET IN PLACE.

The Strongest Fortifications in the World at New York.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Behind the harmless looking concrete walls and sand pits of Sandy Hook, engineers, artillerymen and laborers by thousands are actively engaged in mounting guns and completing masonry and the quarters for the officers and men. Four companies of artillery of about 65 men each, drawn from Fort Wadsworth, Fort Hamilton and Fort Slocum, have been ordered to the Hook.

A train of 21 cars, each loaded with a 12-inch steel mortar is lying on a siding near the fortifications. It arrived from the Watervliet arsenal. The work of erecting mounts for the mortars is being rushed. Many mortars are already in place. They are out of sight, in deep pits, in batteries of 10 each, and cannot be reached by an enemy's guns, except by shell.

Dozens of 8, 10 and 12-inch steel rifles are at the Hook, ready for mounting. When the engineers are through the fortifications will be among the strongest in the world.

Many Applicants for Enlistment.

BOSTON, March 16.—The receiving ship Wabash was crowded all day with applicants who desired to enlist. Up to 3 p. m. not less than 200 had taken the examination, but out of this number not more than a dozen passed.

DIED SUDDENLY IN CUBA.

Wife of Senator Thurston of Nebraska Stricken at Sagua la Grande.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Consul General Lee has notified the state department of the death at Sagua la Grande, Cuba, of the wife of Senator Thurston of Nebraska on board the yacht Anita.

Meagre advices say that Mrs. Thurston died of apoplexy about 8 in the morning, when the yacht was in sight of port. The passage from Havana to Matanzas was very rough, and that to Sagua even worse. It is thought that this together with the rough passage down the coast may have hastened the end, but nothing is known here as to the circumstances of Mrs. Thurston's death.

Senator and Mrs. Thurston were members of a congressional party which left Fortress Monroe March 2 for a trip to Cuba on the yacht Anita. The Anita first touched Cuba at Havana and afterwards went to Matanzas and Sagua la Grande. The brief announcement of Mrs. Thurston's death was quite unsatisfactory to her many acquaintances in this city and every effort was made to secure details, as the demise was most unexpected. Mrs. Thurston was in excellent health when she left the city having taken an active part in the annual convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which met here the week before her departure. She was about 50 years of age.

FIGHT CONTINUED

Anti-Hanna Campaign Again on in the Buckeye State.

KURTZ AND BUSHNELL LEAD IT

Plan Is to Secure the State Convention, Condemn Hanna's Election and Endorse the Boilers.

CLEVELAND, March 16.—J. W. Holcomb, one of the members of the Republican committee of 15 in this city and an active lieutenant of Senator Hanna in the recent senatorial contest before the legislature, is authority for the statement that the Bushnell and Kurtz forces are marshaled for another battle.

Delegates to the next Republican state convention will soon be chosen. Mr. Holcomb says he has evidence to show that Mayor McKislin will try to capture the county convention and that the Bushnell and Kurtz men will do the same thing the state over.

With the state convention in their hands the alleged plan is to endorse the action of the Republicans who booted Senator Hanna in the legislature, condemn the election of Senator Hanna as brought about by improper means and appoint a state Republican committee opposed not only to Senator Hanna, but to President McKinley, one of the aims alleged being to embarrass the president as much as possible if he comes up for re-election.

SERIOUS CANADIAN FLOODS.

Sections of Brantford, London and Galt Submerged.

TORONTO, Ont., March 16.—Dispatches from Western Ontario tell of the overflow of the Grand and Thames rivers, causing serious damage along their valleys. Sections of London, Brantford and Galt are completely submerged to a depth of from 5 to 7 feet. In London 1,500 people are homeless, having been driven out by the flood. Bridges and buildings were swept away by the rushing torrents. In Brantford firemen and citizens fought the raging waters all day, but were finally beaten out, and West Brantford is a regular lake. At Galt a heavy loss was sustained by the business people. The ice jam in the Grand river gave way and the flood following it tore away bridges, trees, and wrecked a number of factories and private residences.

DESTRUCTIVE TO STOCK.

Fierce Snow Storm Rages on the South Dakota and Nebraska Ranges.

GORDON, Neb., March 16.—A fierce snow storm driven by a northwest wind has been raging since noon. This will be very destructive to stock interests, thin range cattle and cows with young calves being in most danger. The snow is very damp and the wind penetrating.

DEADWOOD, S. D., March 16.—There was a heavy snow storm during the day on the northern cattle range. The storm is severe. One foot of snow has been growing rapidly colder.

HAWAII MAY GO OVER

Active Propoganda Begun for an Early Adjournment of Congress.

Passage of Appropriation Bills to Be the Limit of Legislation.

Pronounced Pro-Cuban Senators Opposed to the Suggestion.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The early adjournment of the senate Monday, following after a two day's vacation last week, led to a general discussion about the probability of early final adjournment and to the development of the fact that there is quite an active propoganda in that behalf. Senator Aldrich was among those who were quite outspoken in advocating early adjournment and he and others are urging that there was nothing further congress could do by remaining in session except to pass the appropriation bills. Senators expressing these views generally took the position that it would be necessary in any event to defer further action upon the Hawaiian treaty until the next session. The more pronounced pro-Cuban senators are opposed to the move.

WANTS TO FIGHT MASON.

Editor of a Spanish Paper Challenges the Illinois Senator.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Senator Mason has received the challenge sent him by the editor of the Spanish illustrated paper, El Cardo. The document is printed and is signed by the editor, the Marquis de Alta Villa. The challenge is to a combat at sword points and is preceded by a short column of personal abuse in which Mr. Mason is described as "an ignoble Yankee senator who scolds like a woman and who has not the valor to fight like a man, and who would take a slap in the face without resenting it." The American people are referred to as "a people who deal in pigs and whose flag is the almighty dollar."

EIGHT REVENUE CUTTERS.

Senate Passes a Bill Providing for Their Construction.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—During its session of three hours the senate passed a considerable number of bills from the general calendar, among the number being one authorizing the construction of eight new revenue cutters not exceeding in aggregate cost the sum of \$1,025,000.

The national quarantine bill was made the regular order of business and will be taken up in a day or two.

INEXPEDIENT TO REPLY.

Questions Put by Michael Davitt Regarding an Alliance Not Opportune.

LONDON, March 16.—In the house of commons the parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, Mr. Curzon, replying to Michael Davitt, anti-Farnellite, who asked the government whether Great Britain had offered to lend men-of-war to the United States in the event of a conflict between the United States and a European power, said the government had not made such an offer.

Answering a series of questions, that Mr. Davitt put with the view of eliciting whether there have been any negotiations for an alliance between Great Britain and the United States, or whether Great Britain had offered to mediate in the Cuban crisis, the secretary said these questions were of such a nature that it was inexpedient to reply to them.

SALISBURY'S HEALTH POOR.

Compelled to Retire Temporarily From the British Foreign Office.

LONDON, March 16.—Lord Salisbury's temporary retirement at the present critical period is the subject of articles in all the morning papers expressing regret and concern, but also full confidence in the ability of Arthur J. Balfour to carry on the work of the foreign office.

The matter was much discussed in the lobbies of parliament, many expressing fears that Lord Salisbury will be compelled to drop his double duty as prime minister and foreign secretary.

There are no serious symptoms, but Lord Salisbury is experiencing the lassitude and other after effects of influenza, any attempt at work resulting in a febrile rise in temperature.

WEDS A BELLE OF 26.

General John Watts Kearney Married at Charlottesville, Va.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 16.—General John Watts Kearney, son of "Fighting Phil," and Miss Elizabeth Montgomery Harrison were married at 4 p. m. at the residence of Mrs. Green Payton, near here. General and Mrs. Kearney left on the 6:40 Southern train



MISS ELIZABETH HARRISON for New York, whence they will sail for a bridal tour in Europe.

The bride is the daughter of the late Colonel Julian Harrison of Elk Hill, on the James. General Kearney is 70 years of age and a millionaire and Miss Harrison is 26.

OPERATED BY ELECTRICITY.

New Air Line Being Built Between Detroit and Toledo.

CHICAGO, March 16.—The Post says: A new air line from Detroit to Toledo is to be built. Work on its construction has already been begun, and it is expected to be finished not later than Sept. 1, next, though trains may be running over it some time in August. While the road is to be built after the most approved pattern of steam roads, the peculiar feature is it will be operated by electricity. In this respect it will be remarkable as being the first railroad of any consequence in the country to be operated by this motive power.

Agrarian Revolt Spreading.

LONDON, March 16.—A dispatch from Vienna to The Daily Mail says the agrarian revolt in Hungary is spreading. In a conflict between the peasants and gendarmic on Sunday at Dana Foldvar two peasants were killed and forty wounded.

Gold shipments Foot Up \$20,000,000.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Additional announcement was made of \$1,025,000 in gold engagements by Lazard Freres for import and \$1,300,000 by the National City bank. This makes the total on the movement \$20,975,000.

MINOR ITEMS OF INTEREST

Japan's premier says his country cannot sell cruisers to the United States, because she needs them herself.

Charles O. Skeer, the millionaire coal operator and an ex-director of the Lehigh Valley railroad, is dead at Mauch Chunk, Pa.

Senor Domingo Gana, the Chilean minister at Washington, has been appointed minister plenipotentiary to the court of St. James.

The proposition for the establishment of a defense fund for the United Mine Workers of America has been lost by a vote of the members of the organization.

HAD A FINE VOYAGE.

Armored Cruiser Brooklyn Has Arrived at Fortress Monroe.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The big armored cruiser Brooklyn arrived at Fortress Monroe direct from La Guayara, Venezuela. She has made a fine run up, and it is expected will await at Hampton Roads the arrival of the Minneapolis and Columbia, which are just fitting out at Philadelphia. This force will form an excellent nucleus for the projected "flying squadron," if the department decides to form one.

All but the Leaders Taken Back.

TAUNTON, Mass., March 16.—The 1,100 operatives of the Whittendon cotton mills returned to work during the day after a strike lasting five weeks. Ten of the loom fixers who organized the strike will not be given employment.

More Australian Gold.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 16.—The American steamer Alameda sailed during the day for San Francisco having on board \$400,000 in gold.