

WOULD MASS INFANTRY AT CHICKAMAUGA

General Miles Endeavors to Obtain Alger's Approval of His Plans.

NEW YORK, April 11.—A Washington special to the Herald says: Should the recommendations of Major General Miles, commanding the army, be approved by Secretary Alger, all the United States Infantry east of the Rocky Mountains will be massed at Chickamauga National Park before the end of this week.

General Miles had a long conference with Secretary Alger to-day in which the commanding general strongly urged upon the Secretary the necessity of prompt action with regard to the concentration of the available military forces of the nation.

General Miles and all army officers at the department consider that the Spanish overtures of the last few days have not in any way changed the situation. They regard the outlook as serious in the extreme, and believe that war is imminent.

General Miles does not advocate the calling out of the National Guards in advance of actual hostilities. Their services will not be asked for until war has been declared or intervention in Cuba agreed upon.

get both committees into line upon the same resolution, so as to expedite action when the matter comes before the two Houses. There is little doubt that the recommendations of the two committees, whatever they may be, will finally prevail.

It is admitted by representatives of the powers with whom I talked that they believe the joint representation they made at the White House last week had the effect, in the first place, of causing the President to postpone the transmission of his message to Congress until to-day, and, second, of indirectly resulting in its being couched in milder terms than before they saw Mr. McKinley.

The expulsion of Spain from the island of Cuba and the declaration of the independence of Spain will probably be the vital points in the resolution which will finally be adopted by Congress.

The whole matter is left in the hands of Congress, so far as the President is concerned, but if any one should come of the negotiations which are known to be secretly under way to secure the independence of Cuba on an indemnity basis, there is no doubt that the President would quickly open negotiations with Spain while Congress is deliberating over the form of action it will take.

This is the only ray of hope shining forth from the war-clouds which are still hovering over us, and while too much importance should not be attached to it, it should not be lost sight of as one of the remote possibilities.

The text of the armistice which is now in the possession of the President, I was told to-night, was rather disappointing to the authorities here, and if the full terms had been known this morning, the addition to the President's message intimating a desire for peace might not have been inserted.

As to the Congressional situation, all indications to-night point to some days' delay. Both houses are in an ugly frame of mind. The President's message, while satisfactory to the conservative classes, is disappointing to the majority. One of the chief points of dissatisfaction is the omission of any reference to the question of the independence in the demands which the message shows the President has made upon Spain.

It is this question of recognition of independence that is the main bone of contention in Congress and one which will provoke the delay which Spain is praying for.

The Foreign Affairs committees are divided on the question in their efforts to formulate a resolution for final adoption. Strong efforts have been made to

SAGASTA'S PAPER SHOWS HOSTILITY.

MADRID, April 11.—The Liberal, in a spirited article this morning on the political situation, says: "President McKinley's message will decide Spain's course. If the Washington Government changes its conduct, we withdraw its threats and follows the dictates of justice, we peace-loving Spain will forgive the injuries done her and will turn from war. But if the Republic continues its course in insisting on armed intervention, Spain without arrogance or fear will accept the challenge, allowing no one to restrain her, seeking counsel or help from no one to maintain her flag unstained and her sovereignty unshaken."

Majority, to report a mandatory resolution, there would not have been a dissenting voice sufficient to warrant a minority report. As it was, the committee adjourned without committing itself to any definite resolution.

In view of the expected arrival of Consul General Lee to-morrow the committee will not be ready to submit its report to the Senate before Wednesday. In the meantime a mighty effort will be made to swing the entire committee into line in support of the President's recommendations.

The Republican members of the House committee held a prolonged conference this afternoon without coming to any agreement. The advocates of recognizing the independence of the so-called republic of Cuba held out strenuously for their end and refused to accept any compromise.

The peace men, who do not want any action at all, must also be taken into consideration. With the elastic rules of the Senate these men would be able to prolong the debate indefinitely.

Naturally great interest is manifested in administration and Congressional circles as to the attitude which will be assumed by the great powers in the event that Congress should direct the President to forcibly intervene to end the war in Cuba.

There will be a meeting of the full committee to-morrow morning, but in view of the failure of the Republican members to reach a conclusion to-night no resolution will be reported to the House to-morrow.

RACES AT THE EAST.

Banished Wins the Tennessee Club Purse at Memphis. MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 11.—There was no make feature on the card at Montgomery Park to-day, but six well-filled races attracted a large crowd, which kept the twenty-two bookies busy.

Five furlongs, Pearl Walker won, Henry second, Jim third. Time, 1:30. Four furlongs, Lieber Anton won, Banish second, Sagita third. Time, 59. Tennessee Club purse, six furlongs, Banished won, Millstream second, Globe II third. Time, 1:16.

Five furlongs, selling, High Jinks won, Jim second, Trombone third. Time, 1:02. Steeplechase, about two miles, Captain Piersal won, imp. Alamosa second, Bob Newby third. Time, 8:30.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—While being warmed up for the last race at Newport to-day, Blenheim, a half-bred, was scratched. Great Land won another race to-day from a good field of 2-year-olds. Track, 1:16.

Three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs—Summer Sea won, Handpress second, Ortolan third. Time, 1:16. Maiden 2-year-olds, half mile—Filligrane won, St. Clair second, Bonny Boy third. Time, 1:16.

MILLIONAIRE CHENEY WEDS JULIA ARTHUR

BOSTON, April 11.—The marriage of Benjamin H. Cheney, the well-known millionaire of this city, to Miss Julia Arthur, the actress, was announced to-day. The announcement was a complete surprise to all save the most intimate friends of the couple.

DALY LOWERS THE COLORS OF LAVIGNE.

PHILADELPHIA, April 11.—Jack Daly of Wilmington had the better of the argument with Kid Lavigne to-day at the Philadelphia track. The two rounds and Daly had the better of every round but the second. Lavigne was knocked down in the first and fifth rounds. In the second round Lavigne punished Daly with some heavy stomach blows.

FEELING FROM THE CAPTAIN OF PORTO RICO

Consul Hanna and a Party of Americans Take Refuge on St. Thomas Island.

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ST. THOMAS, West Indies, April 11.—In accordance with orders from Washington to proceed immediately to this island, Mr. P. C. Hanna, United States Consul in San Juan de Porto Rico, arrived here to-day on a Spanish schooner. He was accompanied by his wife and party of fifteen Americans, including Mr. Delvalle, the vice-consul, and family; Mr. and Mrs. Wyman and Mrs. Van Syckle.

Mr. Hanna says that the officials of Porto Rico extended every courtesy as he was leaving. At the time of his departure the authorities of Porto Rico were in entire ignorance as to the situation. Troops were under orders to be ready for service at any time, and plans were afoot to put 30,000 rifles into the hands of civilians.

DE CASTRO IN WASHINGTON

The Spanish Consul Was Summoned There on Last Sunday.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—De Castro, the Spanish consul at San Francisco, is here, and it is understood that he will soon be transferred to another post. This information comes from an attaché of the Spanish legation in Washington. An attaché of the legation said to-night that although Mr. De Castro was on an official business and would soon be transferred to another post of duty, the senator's conscience was clear and he was not afraid.

Felipe de Castro, the Spanish Consul, has left San Francisco, and from the present strained relations existing between the United States and the country which he represents it is not at all probable that he will return. This much information was given out at the office of the Spanish Consulate yesterday by Acting Vice-Consul Camilo Martin.

When a representative of The Call called upon the vice-consul yesterday in the Spring Valley building intensely absorbed in the perusal of a magazine. From the evident interest manifested upon his countenance in the article that he was reading it was apparent that he had not read the President's message, or, if he had, that he attached very little importance to it.

Exciting Combat Takes Place on a Fresno Street. FRESNO, April 11.—The trouble over water which irrigationists are having with the canal company is resulting in much ill feeling, in which even the ministry is involved. This was shown this afternoon, when W. H. Ingels and Rev. Carroll Ghent, a Baptist minister, who lives at the Scandinavian colony, engaged in a street fight over the water question.

MINISTER AND LAYMAN FIGHT

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Sharp words were exchanged between the secretary and the minister. Finally Mr. Ghent called Mr. Ingels a liar. Ingels got into the carriage and the two men fought desperately in the vehicle. Ingels was bent on taking satisfaction for having been called a liar, and Mr. Ghent fought to protect himself and throw his assailant out of the carriage. Several blows were struck. Neither combatant is very much the worse for the fray, although each left marks on the other's face.

WILLET PLEADS GUILTY TO A MURDER CHARGE.

Baden Murderer to Be Sentenced on Wednesday for His Crime. REDWOOD CITY, April 11.—James Willett, one of the three men implicated in the murder of C. A. Andrews at Baden last November, to-day pleaded guilty of murder, and the time for passing sentence was fixed at next Wednesday, when testimony will be taken to determine the degree of guilt.

MINER BURIED UNDER A SLICE OF ROCK.

REDDING, April 11.—An unknown miner, working alone in a drift in the Hoffschneider mine near Iron Mountain, was caved upon on Saturday and buried under 200 cubic feet of rock. The man's body was not discovered until the failure to put in an appearance of the disaster. By hard and incessant work Hoffschneider and the mine crew reached the body before it had become cold. The coroner was summoned and the corpse brought to this city for interment, arriving late last night.

WIND BLIGHTS THE CROPS.

WOODLAND, April 11.—Instead of a refreshing rain as had been hoped for, a fierce and desiccating north wind blew to-day, and there are many who believe that it is carrying the last vestige of hope for a crop.

ST. THOMAS LEAVE FOR THE MESSIAH LEE RECEIVES AN OVATION

A Majority of Congress Wild Enthusiasm Caused by the General's Presence.

So the Recommendation of the President Is Severely Criticized. Throughout the South the People Give Hearty Welcome to the Diplomat.

Some Republicans, Including Foraker, Join the Democrats in Differing From McKinley. Train Besieged by Admirers of the Returning Consul Who Speak in Glowing Words.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The President's message did not, on the first reading, receive the indorsement of a majority of the Senators, many excused themselves from speaking about it until they could have time for careful perusal. In a general way the objections were based on the ground that it did not go far enough in recognizing the rights of the Cubans.

A large number of the Democratic Senators refused to express themselves at all, as did several Republicans. On the ground that as they could not speak in complimentary terms, they would say nothing at all. The most significant utterance on the subject of the message was that of Senator Foraker (R.), from the President's own State, and a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Senator Mills (D.) of the same committee said: "Without referring to the message specifically, you can say that I am for the independence of Cuba and for war on account of the Maine."

Senator White (D.) of California, who opposes any interference in the Cuban question by this country, would only say that the Administration appears to be getting the matter wrong.

Senator Hawley, chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, also pronounced it an able paper, and said that he thought it would meet with general approval.

Senator Allison, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, would only say that it is a "very good message."

Henderson (R.) of Iowa, one of the Republican leaders, said: "The message shows that the people made no mistake in electing William McKinley President. We should uphold and sustain the President and give him the power he asks."

Grosvenor of Ohio said: "The message, when the hot blood, which has been so properly incited by the course of events, has had time to cool, will be recognized as an able, patriotic and wise state paper. The message will be approved by all the civilized world."

WANTS NICARAGUA CANAL LEGISLATION.

LOS ANGELES, April 11.—The twenty-second session of the California State Fruit Growers' Convention met this morning in the Assembly Hall of the Chamber of Commerce, under the auspices of the State Board of Horticulture. The convention was called to order by President Cooper of Santa Barbara.

Resolved, That this convention of fruit growers, impressed with the belief that the future of this industry depends on the improvement of transportation facilities, demands from the Republican party the redemption of the pledges made in its platform of 1896 as to the owning and operating of the Nicaragua canal, and requests Senators and Congressmen of all political parties to use their special legislation as shall tend to the immediate construction of this canal.

Charles Harris Disappears.

SANTA CRUZ, April 11.—Charles Harris, complaining witness in the case against Minnie Plyler for mayhem, which case is to be called in the Superior Court on Wednesday, has left the city and his whereabouts is unknown. Sheriff Besse has returned from San Francisco, but was unable to find his man.

A Child on the Doorstep.

Last night at about 9:30 o'clock John Jannopoli, who lives at 145 Scott place, heard knock at his door. When he opened the door, and on the stoop found a child wrapped up in a shawl. Pinned to the shawl was the following note: "This child has no father or mother, as both are dead. For God's sake give it a home with you. It was born on December 22, 1897. Neighbors say they saw a poorly dressed woman running away from the house at about the time the child was found. Mr. Jannopoli says he will adopt the child, as he has just lost two children of his own."

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