

COURT OF INQUIRY BOARD

Returns to Key West, Fla., on the Mangrove.

Capt. Sigsbee Remains at Havana to Assist in

SUPERINTENDING THE WRECKING

Of the Maine on Behalf of the Government of the United States.

Chaplain Chidwick is expected to remain to care for any bodies that may be recovered—Activity in Relieving the Destitute on the Island of Cuba.

HAVANA, March 16.—The Mangrove, with the court of inquiry on board, sailed Tuesday night for Key West. Capt. Sampson, president of the board, assured a correspondent that the decision to leave Havana was not reached until Tuesday afternoon, after a consultation of the members. It was decided that, while further testimony might be obtained here, this was not sufficiently likely to justify a longer stay. The board can return if the divers or wreckers make discoveries that add to the stock of knowledge now gathered. The plans of the submerged wreck, in the preparation of which Ensign Powelson has had a large share, are very elaborate and Capt. Sampson says the testimony and records of the divers are very full.

Capt. Sampson hopes the court will be allowed to resume its sittings on the battleship Iowa, now near Key West with the New York. All the officers of the court except Judge Advocate Marix are stationed on the Iowa of the New York, and on the former the court could be absolutely free from interruption. The greater part of the investigation that remains will consist, unless the court returns here, of a careful study of the plans. It is not thought that it will be necessary again to summon the survivors of the Maine, officers or men, now at Key West or scattered throughout the fleet. Capt. Sampson said however, that any such would be summoned if the revision of the testimony showed missing links in the chain that they could supply.

The court has no prophesy to make as to the further duration of its sittings or as to when and where the findings will be promulgated. Capt. Sigsbee will probably remain here with Lieut. Commander Wainwright to superintend the wrecking on behalf of the government. Chaplain Chidwick is expected to remain to care for any bodies that may be recovered. At least no orders had been received to the contrary when this dispatch was sent.

The court called upon Consul General Lee Tuesday afternoon to bid him farewell, and subsequently Capt. Sigsbee said adieu to the court.

HAVANA, March 16.—A correspondent at Sagua la Grande telegraphs that Mrs. Thurston died at noon Monday of heart disease, believed to be hereditary. Mrs. Thurston had been much affected at the scenes of suffering she witnessed at Matanzas, especially in the case of the skeleton-like children. Mrs. Thurston, conscious that her end was near, said: "I am not sorry to go to rest, but I am grieved that my own children will be motherless."

Mrs. Thurston has worn a small American flag next to her heart ever since the trip was commenced, and when she died the flag was clasped to her breast.

Relief Commissioner Klopesh is developing great activity in pushing the work of relieving the destitute all over the island. For that purpose he is taking steps to establish immediately relief headquarters at Pinar del Rio, Havana, Matanzas, Cardenas, Sagua la Grande, Calbarien, Cienfuegos, Trinidad, Manzanillo and Santiago de Cuba, so as to provide for more prompt aid for those who are suffering in the small towns in the interior of the island, where there is great distress. The commissioner is also collecting statistics regarding the reconcentrados at each of the towns mentioned so as to enable the relief workers to send the quantity of food needed daily. About 65 tons of supplies are expected by the commissioner this week, and next week he expects about 5,000 tons, which will provide the sufferers with food for about 20 days and greatly improve their general condition.

It is reported here that the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya, at the request of the Spanish residents of Mexico, will visit Vera Cruz. It is further reported that the Spaniards at that place have decided to present the Spanish government with a warship of the same size as the Vizcaya.

Spanish troops to the number of 1,400 arrived here Tuesday from Spain.



United States Cruiser Baltimore.

Lillian Kennedy Dead. UTICA, N. Y., March 16.—Lillian Kennedy, the actress who was stricken with apoplexy during a performance of "The Charity Girl" at the Utica opera house, Saturday evening, died Tuesday. In private life Miss Kennedy was Mrs. Charles Hasenford.

Special Projectiles for Spain. BIRMINGHAM, Eng., March 16.—The Kynochs Co. has already dispatched part of a large Spanish order for special projectiles standing 4 1/2 feet high, the largest ever made by the Kynochs.

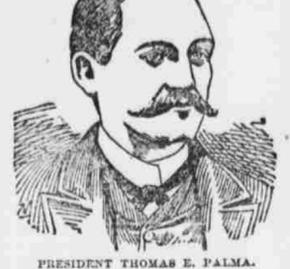
PRESIDENT PALMA

Considers the Presence of Mr. Quesada, at Hobart's Reception to the Belgian Prince, a Matter of Great Importance.

New York, March 16.—Dr. Tomas Estrada Palma, of the Cuban junta in this city, said Tuesday: "I consider Mr. Quesada's presence at the Belgian prince in Washington Monday a matter of great importance. He was invited as the accredited representative of the Cuban republic, together with the Spanish minister and other members of the diplomatic corps."

"Mr. Quesada's presence, under the circumstances as an honored guest, is very significant. It is a semi-official recognition of the Cuban republic."

"I have known that Vice-President



PRESIDENT THOMAS E. PALMA.

Hobart's sympathies were with the Cuban cause, and I am glad that he has made that fact known in such a public manner."

POPE WANTS PEACE.

An Exchange of Communications Between the Vatican and Spain to That End.

LONDON, March 16.—The Pall Mall Gazette, Tuesday afternoon, publishes a dispatch from Rome which says there has been a recent exchange of communications between the Vatican and Spain in regard to Cuba and the relations with the United States. The pope, it is added, is ready to do everything in his power to prevent hostilities, "which might be fatal to the Spanish dynasty."

Continuing, the dispatch says: "The Vatican has specially exerted influence at Washington, and has tried directly and indirectly to dissuade the United States from plunging into war with Spain. According to information here, if the offices of the pontiff are accepted, he will propose that Cuba remain under the dominion of Spain, but that it be ruled on the lines of an English colony."

COAL LOST.

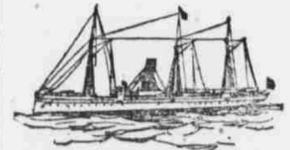
Six Boats and Several Flats Sunk on the Way Down to Cincinnati.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 16.—The towboat Rescue met with a series of accidents on the way down to Cincinnati Tuesday and lost almost her entire tow. Six boats and several flats were sunk, about 150,000 bushels of coal. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. Three boats were sunk at Merriman, one a short distance below, one at Agnew station, one at Sewickly and another in the channel.

The total shipment of coal on the present rise approximates 8,270,000 bushels. This is the largest run of coal that has been made in any one week during the present year.

Prominent Attorney Shot Dead.

DUBUQUE, Ia., March 16.—W. O. Lavake, a prominent attorney, was shot dead in his office in the business center of the city at 5:30 Tuesday evening. Four shots were fired, all taking effect. Although the streets were crowded at the time the murderer escaped recognition. No arrests have been made.



United States Dispatch Boat Dolphin.

Commander Belden Retired.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Commander R. Rush has been ordered to the command of the training ship Essex March 19, relieving commander E. T. Strong, who is ordered home and granted two months' leave. Commander S. Belden was placed on the retired list Tuesday by operation of law.

Seamen and Marines for Cruisers.

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—About 200 seamen and marines, who will form a part of the crews of the cruisers Columbia and Minneapolis, arrived at the League Island navy yard Tuesday afternoon from Washington, Boston, New York and Norfolk.

A Fine Auroral Display.

BOSTON, March 16.—One of the finest auroral displays seen in many years flashed and glowed in the northern heavens for an hour or more Tuesday night. During the display all the telegraph lines in New England were seriously affected.

Triple Tragedy at Niagara.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., March 16.—Albert Latwell, a barber, Tuesday shot his wife in the side, a Miss Toomey in the head and shoulder and himself in the region of the heart. Jealousy was the cause of the deed. All three will die.

Spain Arming.

MADRID, March 16.—The Correspondencia Militar announces that pourparlers have occurred between the government and the Compania Transatlantica, with a view of arming the company's steamers as men of war.

Prince Albert in New York.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Prince Albert of Belgium left here for New York Tuesday morning. He was accompanied by his personal suite.

Death of Sir Henry Bossemer.

LONDON, March 16.—Sir Henry Bossemer, the celebrated inventor of Bessemer steel, died Tuesday evening.

AMERICA OPPOSED TO WAR

And is Against the Maintenance of a Large Army.

No Nation is So Anxious to Maintain Peace

As the American People, Says Gen. Miles—Would Not Provoke a Conflict Without a Righteous Cause—If War Comes It Should Be Short and Decisive

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Gen. Nelson A. Miles spoke at the annual banquet of the Second army corps here Tuesday night. He said in part:

"No nation has ever had so much to say against war, against the maintenance of a large army or against anything that might lead us into an open conflict. And no nation has had so much to say in favor of peace and arbitration. No people are as anxious to maintain peace at home and abroad as the American people. We would not enter into any conflict without just provocation, or a righteous cause. We are slow to take up our arms, but when the time does come I trust we would not be found slumbering. I hope there will be no war. I as a soldier trust that if there is war there will be no Bull Run to begin with, but an Appomattox. We will prepare so that the conflict should be short, sharp and decisive."

NEW YORK, March 16.—Maj. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, commanding the army of the United States, is expected to visit the headquarters of the department of the east Wednesday. While his visit is ostensibly to attend the military tournament in Madison Square garden, he will doubtless take occasion to look into the condition of the fortifications about this harbor over which he was formerly in command.

A bill has been introduced in the New Jersey legislature providing for the sale to the government of 21 acres of land at Sandy Hook, adjoining the government reservation, and steps have been taken to procure possession by the federal authorities of lands adjoining the fort on the site of Old Fort Tompkins and Fort Newson, on Staten Island, above Fort Woodworth.



W. J. CALHOUN, NEW INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSIONER.

SPAIN WILLING

To Make All Reparation if Found Responsible for the Maine Explosion.

NEW YORK, March 16.—A Washington dispatch to the Herald contains the following most important information: "Spain has indicated her willingness to make proper reparation for the Maine disaster if it is shown that she is in any way responsible, but she considers that the presence of American men-of-war in the vicinity of Cuba and the recent war preparations by this country are an interference with the success of the plan of autonomy inaugurated for the pacification of the island. This is the substance of what Minister Polo, the Spanish minister, told Assistant Secretary Day during a two hours' conference with that official at the state department Tuesday afternoon."

Senior Polo Honored.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Senior Polo received a dispatch Tuesday from the minister of state at Madrid, stating that at an audience with the queen regent her majesty had appointed Senior Du Bose, recent charge d'affaires here, a knight commander of the first class of the Order of Isabella De Catholic. This is in recognition of Senior Du Bose's services during the delicate period of the present emergency, following Senior De Lome's retirement and Senior Polo's arrival.

Wolf Joel's Murderer.

JOHANNESBURG, March 16.—Von Veltheim, the man who shot and killed Wolf Joel, the nephew, partner and more recently trustee of the estate of the late Barney Barnato in his office here Monday, when charged with the crime described himself as an American. He is said to be a former soldier and to be identical with Ludwig Von Veltheim, who figured in the New York newspapers in September last.

Skipped With His Employer's Property.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Leopold Proskauer, for years confidential clerk of Fred Greisheimer, the clothier, has disappeared and, it is alleged, took with him securities and diamonds valued at \$11,000 belonging to his employer. Part of the diamonds, which are said to have been pawned in this city, have been recovered. Proskauer has been traced to New York.

Uncle Sam Negotiating for Another Vessel.

LONDON, March 16.—The United States government is negotiating here for the purchase of the Brazilian battleship De Maio formerly the Aquidaban, the flagship of Adm. Meilo, which has lately been reconstructed in England.

CONDENSED NEWS

Gathered From All Parts of the Country By Telegraph.

The Victor mill, of Cohoes, N. Y., the largest woolen mill in the United States, burned Tuesday morning.

A dispatch to the New York World from Seoul, Korea, says that Russia has withdrawn her advisors at Corea's request.

Twelve thousand dollars will be raised by the Naval Reserve association of Illinois to uniform and equip the Chicago ship's crew.

A special dispatch from Cairo says a detachment of friendly natives from Kassala has captured another Dervish post, killing 20 of the enemy.

The senate Tuesday confirmed these nominations: To be consul, Daniel Swiney, of Ohio, at Cork, Ireland, and Isador Sobrel to be postmaster at Erie, Pa.

The lightest sales of the year is the record for the week's wool market at Boston, but it is fairly strong. The dullness is attributed to the disturbed conditions between the United States and Spain.

Abstracts of bids for furnishing the war department with projectiles to the amount of about \$600,000 were completed Tuesday afternoon. The awards for these probably will be taken Wednesday.

A dispatch to the Madrid Imparcial from Lisbon says that a score of sailors deserted from the United States warships while they were there. The dispatch adds that the deserters are nearly all Spaniards.

The United States cruiser San Francisco sailed from Lisbon Tuesday, going in a southwesterly direction. The war department has decided to complete the defenses of the port of Lisbon as speedily as possible.

Representative Dingley, of Maine, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house, introduced a joint resolution Tuesday providing for the temporary admission free of duty of naval supplies procured abroad.

The naval committee of the house has agreed to provide for the construction of five dry docks. The docks are to be located at Boston, Portsmouth, N. H.; Algiers, La.; Mare Island, Cal., and League Island, Pa.

The American yacht Anita, having on board the body of Mrs. Thurston, wife of Senator Thurston, and the members of the congressional party who have been visiting Cuba, arrived at Key West Tuesday from Matanzas.

A draft of 33 men for the Columbia and Minneapolis at League Island was sent off from the Brooklyn navy yard Tuesday. They were taken off by a navy yard tug and sent to Jersey City in charge of Warrant Officer Peter Ward.

Tuesday afternoon the Spanish minister called at the state department and had a two hours' conference with Assistant Secretary Day. It was the first call of Senior Polo for purely business purposes, the former calls having been those of ceremony.

According to the New York World submarine mines are being placed in the channel off Sandy Hook by the corps of engineers under the direction of Col. H. M. Robert. The greatest secrecy has been maintained by the officers and men in charge of the work.

John A. Peterson shot Henry Pohl, a crayon artist, and Mrs. Leonora Faulkner Tuesday afternoon in his home in Brooklyn. He fired one bullet into Pohl's neck and then turning the weapon on the woman shot her five times. Neither can survive. Jealousy the cause.

According to an official dispatch received in Madrid from Manila, capital of the Philippine islands, Monday, 500 insurgents were killed during the siege of Balinao. The dispatch adds that the insurgent forces have not offered any resistance to the Spanish troops sent to the relief of the garrison.

Deny the Report.

MADRID, March 16.—The friends of Senior Sagasta, the Spanish premier, deny that Senior J. M. Seballos, the general agent at New York of the Spanish Trans-Atlantic Steamship Co., has visited President McKinley at the inspiration of the Spanish government.

Mysterious Vessel Sighted.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., March 16.—A war scare was on here Tuesday. A bark-rigged warship with black funnels has been sighted off Nebraska light. American ships have white sides and buff-colored funnels in time of peace. This may be a British vessel.

Naval Training School.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The senate committee on naval affairs Tuesday authorized a favorable report on the amendment to the naval appropriations bill appropriating \$100,000 for a naval training school at Yerba Buena Islands, Cal.

THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, March 16.

WHEAT—Spring fancy, \$4.00; spring family, \$4.10; spring patent, \$5.00; winter patent, \$4.75; winter family, \$4.50; winter patent, \$5.50; extra, \$3.00; low grade, \$2.75; 3.10; rye, Northwestern, \$3.00; do city, \$3.00; 3.10.

WHEAT—Prices were slightly lower and 2 red, was nominal at 97 1/2 c. No. 2, mixed, track 31 1/2 c. No. 2, medium, track 31 1/2 c. No. 2, do (light weight) 28 1/2 c. sample white, track 31 1/2 c.

HOGS—Select shippers, \$3.50; select butchers, \$3.50; fair to good packers, \$3.25; 2.85; fair to good light, \$3.50; common and roughs, \$3.10; 2.85.

CATTLE—Fair to good shippers, \$4.00; 2.75; good to choice butchers, \$4.10; 1.50; fair to medium butchers, \$3.80; 1.40; common 2.50; 3.25.

SHEEP—Extras, \$4.00; 2.40; good to choice \$3.75; 2.45; common to fair, \$2.75; 2.05.

LAMBS—Extras, \$5.00; 2.75; good to choice, \$3.00; 2.50; common to fair, \$3.00; 2.75.

VEAL CALVES—Fair to good light, \$5.00; 4.30; extra, \$5.50; common and large, \$4.50; 5.50.

CHICAGO, March 15.

WHEAT—March, \$1.01; May, \$1.01; July, \$1.01; September, 77c; December, 77c.

THE FIRST DAY OF MAY

Will Likely See the End of the Present Congress.

Republican House Leaders Are in Favor of That Date.

The Bill for the Relief of Maine Victims and Survivors Will Be Considered After the Disposal of the Post Office Appropriations Bill in the House.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The republican leaders in the house are pressing for an early adjournment, and it is said that their course meets with the full approval of the president. All save three of the appropriation bills have gone to the senate. The post office bill was taken up in the house Tuesday, and the appropriations and naval committee are working daily to get the last two bills, the general deficiency and naval, into the house.

The action of the appropriations committee in preparing the general deficiency bill at this time is the best evidence of the intention of the leaders to secure an early adjournment.

This bill is always held back until the last, as it contains all the odds and ends, and usually is not reported until a more or less definite understanding as to final adjournment has been reached. May 1 has been fixed by several prominent house republicans as the date beyond which the session probably will not be prolonged.

The democrats of the house generally favor an early adjournment, although there is not unanimity among them on this point. Neither is there complete harmony on the republican side of the house as to an early adjournment. Many of the republicans believe congress should remain in session until the Cuban question is finally and effectually cleared up but they would hardly go to the extent of opposing the wish of the leaders and the administration. It is admitted on the house side that the question carrying out this programme will depend entirely upon the attitude of the senate.

The nomination of T. V. Powderly, to be commissioner of immigration, which was adversely reported, was considered in executive session for an hour and a half Tuesday.

The nomination was not disposed of and the effort to secure confirmation will be resumed Wednesday. Senator Fairbanks spoke briefly in Mr. Powderly's behalf and Senator Faulkner stated his position. Senators Chandler, Stewart and Butler spoke in opposition.

The house committee on coinage, weights and measures Tuesday reported favorably the bill authorizing the coinage of subsidiary silver coin from bullion purchased under the Sherman act and also the recoinage of damaged or worn subsidiary coin now in the treasury. A minority report was submitted by Messrs. Bland, Maxwell, Ridgley, Cooper and Cochran.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—At the opening of the session of the house Tuesday, the speaker recognized Mr. Boutelle (rep., Me.), chairman of the naval committee, to call up the bill for the relief of the victims and survivors of the Maine disaster. The bill provides for the payment to the legal heirs of those who lost their lives a sum equal to 12 months sea pay of the deceased and the reimbursement to the survivors of the value of personal effects lost, not to exceed in amount a sum equal to 12 months sea pay.

Mr. Loud (rep., Cal.) objected to the consideration of the Maine relief bill. It was finally agreed to consider the bill after the post office appropriation bill had been disposed of.

The post office appropriation bill, which is to come up for consideration in the house Tuesday, contains an item of \$150,000 for rural free delivery during the next fiscal year. This is \$100,000 more than the post office department had available for the same purpose during the present year. In addition to the first-named amount, the postmaster general may use for the purpose stated, a sum equal to the aggregate compensation of postmasters, cost of mail transportation, star route service and mail messenger service that may be discontinued by reason of the establishment of rural free delivery. The experiments that have been conducted already by the department show that the establishment of rural free delivery, in which there is a hearty co-operation of the communities interested, the discontinuance of the offices of a number of fourth-class postmasters and of the services of other employes can be effected, so there will be a considerable balance to be added to the general fund of \$150,000 to defray the expenses of free delivery service where economy can not be practiced.

The senate committee on naval affairs had under consideration Tuesday the resolution instructing it to make an investigation of the Maine disaster and decided by a vote of six to five to postpone action for the present. This action was preceded by a sharp exchange of words between the advocates of immediate action and those who think the active investigation should be deferred in order to permit the administration full opportunity to press its own investigation through the naval board of inquiry. After the decision was reached not to go on with the inquiry to the extent of summoning witnesses, it was suggested that steps should be taken by the committee to secure from the navy department all the information in its possession and this suggestion was adopted.

It is understood that the postponement was secured by Senator McHenry's joining with the majority of the republicans and that Senator Chandler voted with the opposition for immediate and independent inquiry.

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