

ending of this everlasting and ruinous Cuban question. They are many. There are also a few who harbor the illusion that Spain could whip the United States in a battle at sea, which would be sure to occur. There are many who would like it merely to do damage to the United States, to sink a cruiser or two, and to drive trade from the United States to other countries.

But the absolute sentiment of the public is that there is absolutely nothing to fear. Spain has nothing to lose and everything to gain by war with America. By reverse Spain would lose Cuba, say they, but what of that? She has virtually done so already. A half successful fight with the United States would bring the fighting renown of Spain once more to the fore.

General Woodford yesterday was pessimistic, quite a new characteristic with him, and which points to the extreme seriousness of the situation. Senator Moret, on the contrary, seemed to be entirely optimistic. All the more so, as he had sent a telegram from New York stating that President McKinley could hold Congress.

The Minister of Marine is the most active of all the Cabinet Ministers, for it is fully realized that whatever Spain can do in case of war will be with her navy. Not a line about naval matters is allowed to be telegraphed out of the country, and the censorship is of the keenest at Cadiz. All hands are working overtime in the docks. The cruisers Cristobal Colon and Infanta Maria Teresa have arrived there, and the torpedo boat destroyer Proserpina from Ferrol. Every effort is being made to have the finishing touches put upon the Pelayo and Carlos V. The Alfonso XIII has arrived at Cartagena for her trials, and immediately afterward will join the others at Cadiz. The gunboat Halcon is in Cartagena, and will start for Cadiz.

These will about form the squadron which will accompany the three torpedo boat destroyers and three torpedo boats as soon as they are ready to sail. And with them will go as an auxiliary the newly purchased yacht Giralda. The Princess de Asturias is being hurried forward, but will not be ready for some time. The torpedo boat destroyer Audaz has been made ready for sea. She makes the third of the destroyers, the other two being the Destructor and the Proserpina.

IVES DEFEATS SCHAEFER.

Wins the Championship Billiard Match at Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 2.—Frank Ives defeated Jacob Schaefer to-night in the match championship at 15-inch ball-line billiards by a score of 699 to 472. Ives started the game with a run of 35 and was in the lead until the ninth inning, when the Wizard, by a run of 37, took the lead, only to be overhauled by Ives in the next inning, when Frank marked up 52. Ives continued to hold the game well in hand until the end, running out in his fortieth inning, with an average of 15. His high runs were 49, 43, 52 and 91. Schaefer's high runs were 37, 62, 65 and 90.

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With Recruits Drilling and
Making Ready for War.

Those Who Think the Cuban Capital
Is Not Loyal to Spain Are
Very Much Mistaken.

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HAVANA, April 2.—The feeling is, naturally, very bitter, though the Government continues its praiseworthy assurances that Americans in Havana will be protected. The truth may as well be told. Those who imagine that Havana is anything but loyal to Spain are mistaken. The city is stirred from center to circumference with patriotic ardor. No thought is given to the possible outcome of a conflict with the United States. The opinion prevails that the honor of Spain has been assailed, and men of all classes are anxious to avenge it.

At night the Prado is filled with recruits drilling and making ready for a possible emergency. The cafes are nightly crowded with excited throngs, who discuss the outlook and maintain their temper with difficulty. An official last night said to me that the sensational American papers had wrought up the evil passions of the people until he feared that the American demand for war would prove irresistible. He spoke of those who are responsible for these papers as guilty of bringing about wholesale murder, which he says war amounts to in modern times.

A story that three American warships were seen patrolling the Cuban coast is not believed. The Vizcaya, which went out with the Oquendo last night, was spoken of this morning by the Mascotte, lying off Havana. The Vizcaya is believed to have gone on to rejoin the Oquendo.

Captain Cowles of the Fern last night received a cipher dispatch from Washington, which he was unable to read. He believed that it contained important orders. A duplicate has been asked for to-day. The guard about the American consulate will be increased to-morrow, and no gathering in the Parque Central will be permitted.

The commercial world here is as panicky as can be imagined. A dispatch was recently received from J. P. Morgan by a correspondent in this city, saying that the situation grows worse and worse. This dispatch was talked about in banking circles, and created a greater impression than any news that has come from the United States in a week. The conservative position generally assumed by Morgan is fully recognized.

Last year nearly \$468,000,000 were paid in wages and salaries by railroads in the United States; the capital of the roads was over \$10,566,000,000, the mileage 182,776.

COLUMBIA WITH THE SQUADRON

Flyers Under Command of Schley
Kept Under Steam Ready
for Instant Action.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The Newport News (Va.) correspondent of the Herald says: I learned to-day from a trustworthy source that the vessels of the flying squadron will be kept in the James River opposite this city, until hostilities are begun, or until there are material changes in the situation. The cruiser Columbia came up from Old Point Comfort this morning at 8 o'clock and anchored near the Massachusetts. On her arrival the Columbia fired a salute of eleven guns in honor of Commodore Schley and the flagship, which she joined to-day for the first time, although she has been in Hampton Roads since Wednesday. When the reverberation of her eleven gun died away, Captain Cook gave the command, and the Brooklyn returned the salute of the speediest ship now in the squadron, firing seven guns in rapid succession.

The Columbia, between deck and water line, still retains her pure white color, but the smokestack and other parts above deck have been clothed in the dull lead hue recently ordered by the Navy Department. Painters are working on the vessel to-day, and her appearance will soon be transformed to correspond with the other vessels. The work of scraping the bottom of the Massachusetts continues. Divers were at work on the starboard side this afternoon, the marine growth on the port side having been cleared away. The Brooklyn still occupies the anchorage selected more than a week ago.

While there is but little probability that the flying squadron will leave here within the next three days, unless the Brooklyn is sent to sea for the purpose of testing her new rapid-fire rifles and turrets, which have just been overhauled at the shipyard, steam is kept up continually on all the ships, so that they could sail at a moment's notice. Commodore Schley intends to mobilize all the ships assigned to his squadron, some of which have not yet arrived, at Newport News, so that he can easily communicate with their commanders. The Minneapolis is expected to arrive in Hampton Roads to-night from League Island navy-yard. She will probably anchor at Old Point Comfort if she gets in late to-night and proceed to this port to-morrow morning. The Texas will probably return to the squadron by Sunday afternoon. None of the marines was allowed shore leave to-day.

MILITIAMEN ARE ANXIOUS

Prepared to Go to the
Scene of Conflict if
War Comes.

Colonel Smith and the First
Regiment Seek to Face
Spaniards in Battle.

Gaillard Stoney Raising a Regiment
to Be Officered by University
Graduates.

The recent events in connection with the preparations for war have aroused a great deal of enthusiasm in the First Regiment of Infantry of the National Guard, located in this city, and for the past two weeks much quiet work has been done toward placing the regiment in a position to be sent to the front on very short notice. So far have these preparations gone that Colonel James F. Smith, the commander, has tendered the War Department the services of the regiment, with a request that it may be sent, if needed, to the point where it can be of the greatest practical benefit.

The regiment, composed of twelve companies, is short only about 200 men to bring it up to its maximum strength, and the officers have assurance of more than sufficient men to fill the ranks. It has sufficient arms to supply all the men, is provided with tents and all necessary camp equipments. The only things lacking at this time are overcoats and blankets, but arrangements are being made to secure these on very short notice. There is probably no other regiment in the State that is so fully prepared to go into the field as the First. The officers and men are all anxious to go so as to be the first to represent the State of California.

Gaillard Stoney, assistant City and County Attorney, has started a movement to recruit a regiment which will be officered by officers of the University of California Cadets. He is a graduate of the university, and while at that institution was an officer of the cadets. As soon as there is assurance that there will be enough men to make up the regiment it will be offered to the War Department.

Adjutant-General Barrett was in consultation for quite a long time on Friday with Lieutenant-Commander Thomas A. Nerney, acting captain of the Naval Militia, on the subject of the orders received a few days since from the Navy Department, which are that a report shall be made without delay as to the condition of the Naval Militia of California. There will be forwarded a detailed report of the number of available men, and of the qualifications of the officers.

The Marine will be removed from her berth at Howard-street wharf and anchored in the stream, where she will remain in charge of the Naval Militia and be used as a school ship upon which to instruct all men who may be enlisted for the navy. The monitor Camanche, which is undergoing repairs at Mare Island and is to be armed to its capacity, will, it is said, be brought to this city and turned over to the Naval Militia and then placed on the third line of defense of San Francisco harbor, which includes Fort Mason at Point San Jose, Alcatraz Island, Angel Island and the Sausalito Heights.

SENATE COMMITTEE WILL VIRTUALLY DECLARE WAR

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from Spain and Cuba, together with a formal declaration directing all Americans in Spain and Cuba to place themselves under the protection of the representative of some other country, probably Great Britain. Believing that war is coming, the State Department has already taken steps for the protection of American Consuls and other Americans in Cuba.

Instructions were sent last night directing all Consuls and Consular

Agents to close their offices and proceed at once to Havana.

Arrangements have also been made for their safe conduct to the United States as soon as it is definitely settled that hostilities are to commence. Minister Woodford and all of our Consuls in Spain have also been ordered to hold themselves in readiness for a hurried recall.

As far as the President's policy can be definitely stated, it is his purpose that Spain should be first to make the declaration of war. His message to Congress and the action of that body may furnish the provocation, but he still insists that the first declaration of war should come from Spain.

He has a lingering hope that Spain may yet find some way of complying with our demands, therefore, it is not his intention to recall Minister Woodford until the last moment. No advance will be made from this side in the direction of reopening negotiations, and from the way Minister Polo talked at the Spanish legation to-day Spain has given her final answer. Yet it is known here that France and Great Britain as Governments, and the financial representatives of those two countries controlling the Spanish debt, are bringing pressure to bear upon Spain for the purpose of having the Madrid Government take action at once toward conceding the independence of Cuba. The authorities here are in a passive frame of mind and would willingly take up negotiations with Spain again if the motion came from the other side. They will not, however, voluntarily resume diplomatic negotiations regarding the general Cuban question.

They abandoned the idea of submitting an ultimatum, which seemed to be the purpose last night, because they had a faint suspicion that if this were not done Spain would again approach us.

It was whispered in diplomatic circles to-day that Spain was endeavoring to enlist the good offices of some friendly European power for the purpose of arranging terms of peace between Spain and the Cuban insurgents independently of the United States. In a recent interview in the Herald Senator Moret intimated that the independence of Cuba might be brought about through the medium of diplomacy, but that some other power than the United States would have to serve as mediator.

France, it is well known, is most anxious to avert war between Spain and the United States, and has unofficially intimated that its good offices would be promptly given if requested by either of the parties concerned. It is not likely, however, that France would attempt to mediate between Spain and the insurgents without the consent of the United States, and this will certainly not be given. Mediation by any European power is entirely out of the question.

The administration knows perfectly well that Congress would not consent to foreign mediation, and although anxious for peace, would not entertain a proposition of this kind in the face of the attitude of Congress and of public sentiment.

The action of the German Government in pressing its Cuban claim against Spain at the present time is thought by State Department officials to be very significant, if true. Up to this time the department has not had any authentic information showing that Germany contemplates making such a move. If she does it evidently means, in the opinion of authorities, that Germany is preparing for a vigorous controversy with the United States over the Monroe doctrine in its application to the Cuban problem.

ACCUSES BRANN'S MANAGER.
Dying Captain Davis Says He Had Two Antagonists.

WACO, Texas, April 2.—Captain T. E. Davis, Brann's antagonist in the terrible street duel yesterday, lingered until 3 o'clock this afternoon. In Davis' declaration before a notary he made a statement that Ward, Brann's business manager, who was with Brann at the time, shot him as he lay on the sidewalk. Upon this statement Ward was to-day arrested and jailed charged with murder.

The average amount of sickness in human life is nine days out of the year.

GENERAL LEE IS PUZZLED

Has Received No Word
From State Department
for Days.

Feels He Has Been Slighted by
Diplomats Who Should
Keep Him Posted.

All Americans at Havana Realize the
Serious Situation and Are Pre-
paring to Depart.

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HAVANA, April 2.—The situation here is more serious. General Lee has received no communication either by mail or cable from the State Department at Washington since March 28, though he has sent several dispatches.

Consul Barker at Sagua and Consul Brice at Matanzas have likewise not heard from the State Department or General Lee, and they would be informed if grave steps following Spain's reply had been decided upon at Washington. In the absence of information such as he would probably have by this time, if the Government had decided that he would have to leave Havana, General Lee is led to think that diplomatic relations may continue between the two countries longer than the extremists say is now possible.

Many Americans were at the consulate and at Dr. Brunner's office to-day preparing for departure or seeking advice. All who asked advice were told they must be guided by the weight of their interests here as compared with the gravity of the situation.

General Lee has not abandoned hope that trouble two weeks ago, who were not affected during the previous periods of excitement, are pessimistic this evening. I have been told by a confidential agent here of a big New York firm that for the first time in the history of the Cuban trouble had wired a warning that Americans in its employ here should be ready to leave. General Lee has not carried out the hope that immediate trouble will be averted in spite of the feeling here among all classes that its shadow is now upon the two great nations. Military men here show patriotic enthusiasm, but up to this hour, in spite of the fact that every one is talking of the situation there has been no sign of disorder and foreign residents go about as usual. The next Ward line ship will carry off some of the remaining Americans and others will go to Key West and Tampa. Some families having young children will go to Mexico.

NAVAL LIEUTENANTS ORDERED TO THE EAST.

Lieutenant Geo. M. Stoney, in charge of the naval rendezvous at 10 California street, and Lieutenant W. S. Hughes, in charge of the United States branch hydrographic office at the Merchants' Exchange, have both received telegraphic orders from Washington through Admiral Kirkland at Mare Island, in command of the Pacific station, to proceed East immediately and report to the commandant of the Brooklyn navy yard.

The naval rendezvous has been crowded for some days past while the enlistment of seamen and engine-room men has proceeded under recent orders. This work Lieutenant Stoney turned over to his assistant, no one having yet been designated to take his place and depart to get ready for his immediate departure for the East.

In the absence of other instructions Lieutenant Hughes leaves the work of the Hydrographic office in charge of Mr. J. T. McMillan, the nautical expert, and leaves for New York to-morrow in company with Lieutenant Stoney. The lieutenant did not know what further orders he would receive on arrival at Brooklyn navy-yard, but presumed that they would each be assigned to duty on one of the new swift yachts just purchased by the Government, as dispatch and observation boats.

URGES RETALIATION FOR AMERICAN TARIFF.

BUDA PESTH, April 2.—In the debate on the estimates in the House of Magnates Count Szechenyi referred to the prohibitive tariff of the United States and urged that the Austro-Hungarian Government take action, even to the point of retaliation. The Minister of Commerce admitted that the sugar exports have suffered greatly. He said that it would be expedient to adopt a definite attitude toward the United States in regard to the tariff. The initiative, the Minister of Commerce said, could not be taken by Hungary, but he hoped that the European States that were injured by the United States tariff would agree to take united action and carry out a vigorous policy.

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