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ASHEVILLE, N. C., SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 20, 1898.

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PREPARING FOR WAR

Strengthening Garrisons in Every Port on the Atlantic Coast.

All War Vessels Ordered to be Prepared For Instant Use.

Great Activity at All the United States Navy Yards and Forts.

Washington, Feb. 19.—While the administration at Washington has spared no effort all day to foster the belief that the blowing up of the Maine was an accident, President McKinley and his advisers have been unable to conceal from the public that Gen. Miles and Secretary Long with the approval of the president, after consultation with him, have been ordering the strengthening of garrisons in every port at every strategic point along the Atlantic Coast and on the Gulf of Mexico, and sent orders to all navy yards to prepare all war vessels not yet ready for instant service.

In fact everything is being done to put the country in a state of defense to resist possible invasions and prepare for offensive operations as well.

Tonight's dispatches to the Sun from all offices of the Atlantic Coast where extensive fortifications are erected show that the garrisons have received orders from Washington to prepare for all eventualities.

In a number of instances garrisons have been re-inforced.

If the Spanish warship *Vineyard* had not been entombed in a fog as she lay off Scotland Lightship all day today waiting for the weather to clear her officers with their marine glasses could have seen 100 artillerymen and officers disembark from a revenue cutter.

They were sent to Sandy Hook under detailed orders to man the great guns there which at a moment's notice can be made to rise out of their hidden batteries and send enormous projectiles to sea in any direction for a distance of twelve miles.

The torpedo boat *Gwin* was launched at Newport today.

At Fort Schuyler on the Sound, which guards the eastern entrance to New York, an engineering corps drilled all day. Secret orders were received. The Sound for several hundred yards out is mined with torpedoes.

Willetts Point defenses in the Sound were reinforced by a detachment of fifty men who came so unexpectedly that no quarters were available for them. At Fort Warren, Boston Harbor, ammunition and 15,000 rounds for the battery were ordered.

At Mobile, Ala., Charleston, and the navy yard at Norfolk, Va., there were today scenes of the greatest activity.

Assistant Secretary of War Melkielejohn made a secret visit to Secretary Alger who is ill at Fortress Monroe. Both inspected the defenses there.

RAILROAD IMPROVEMENTS

To be Made at the Southern's Depot-Gate System.

The Southern is to make improvements in the passenger depot here that will add materially to the comfort of the traveling public.

The present building will be moved back from the railroad fifteen or twenty feet and sheds will extend from it to the track.

The waiting rooms will be refitted, re-floored and generally overhauled as will the outside of the building, and the surrounding sheds.

The grounds will be enlarged and beautified with mounds, grass and flowers and the lawn will be kept in perfect order.

REQUEST REFUSED

No Spanish Aid Desired in the Search of the Maine Wreck.

Decision of the President and War and Navy Departments.

More Bodies Brought up From the Submerged Ruins of the Warship.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The news event of the day in Washington was the prompt decision of the administration to make an independent investigation into the disaster to the Maine. President McKinley, Secretary Long and Assistant Secretary Day, after a two hours' conference, decided to cable to Lee to respectfully but firmly decline to the Spanish authorities that their aid in finding what caused the explosion on the Maine was not needed and would not be accepted. The United States is quite capable of satisfying itself what caused the disaster.

BANKRUPTCY BILL PASSED

SUBSTITUTE MEASURE GOES THROUGH HOUSE

Efforts to Amend the Bill Voted Down—Conference Next.

Washington, Feb. 19.—After four days' discussion the house at six o'clock tonight by a vote of 159 to 126 passed the substitute for the Nelson senate bankruptcy bill prepared and reported by the committee on judiciary.

Efforts to strike out the features providing for involuntary bankruptcy and to exclude corporations from the operations of the bill, and to agree to the senate bill which provided only for voluntary bankruptcy were defeated by votes of 158 to 139 and 153 to 114 respectively.

A motion by Manning of New York to limit the operation of the bill to two years was first adopted by a vote taken by the tellers, but on vote by yeas and nays was defeated.

In the last congress the house passed substantially the same bill providing for both voluntary and involuntary bankruptcy by a majority of 74 votes but at the time the question of including both features had but 16 majority. The bill now goes into conference.

BAL POWDRE TOMORROW NIGHT.

The event of the week in society circles will be the Bal Powdre tomorrow evening at the Battery Park hotel which is given as a benefit to the Asheville Library.

The Bingham dance announced for tomorrow evening at Keshwood Inn, has been postponed and the cabets will attend the Bal Powdre instead.

The program consists of a ball from 9 to 11, and a German from 11 to 1. Many tickets have already been sold. The affair promises to be the largest of the season's dances. Three hundred tickets have been issued.

EXHIBITION FLORAL PLANTS.

By special request Miss M. J. Westfall has consented to make an exhibition for the benefit of the Orange Street school library, of her collection of floral plants.

The collection on show to-morrow and thereafter will contain over 800 varieties of sea weed, the finest display of its kind in the United States.

The rooms will be open from 11 a. m. to 8 p. m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Admission, adults, 25c; pupils, 10c.

THE TOBACCO MARKET.

The following are some of the best sales at the Banner today:

A. G. Bryant, of Madison—Six lots at \$40.00; \$40.00; \$40.00; \$38.00; \$37.00; \$19.50, averaging over \$20.00 per hundred.

Andy Roberts, Flat Creek—A large lot, averaging over \$19.00 per hundred, entire sales at the day, averaged about \$19.00 per hundred. There were no sales yesterday it being Saturday.

CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS.

Collector Garthies has sent to the civil service commission at Washington the following names for appointment as board of examiners of internal revenue at Asheville and Statesville:

President, J. G. Grant; secretary, H. C. Shook; member, R. V. Williams. The Statesville—President, P. C. Carlton; secretary, Felix J. Axley; member, J. M. Davis.

PICTURE FRAMING.

See the new artistic picture mouldings, mats, etc., and learn about the prices that make this department always a very busy one at Law's, 35 Patton Ave.

ALLEGED EVIDENCE

That the Havana Horror Was the Culmination of a Plot.

Discovery of Suspicious Incidents That Preceded the Explosion.

Assertion That Spaniards in Havana Were Expecting the Disaster.

Havana, Feb. 19, via Key West.—The following in connection with the blowing up of the Maine has developed:

Three days before the explosion a boat containing three Spanish sailors was seen rowing from the Machine in the direction of the Maine. The Spanish sentinel of the Machine wharf challenged them. They stopped, came ashore, and after being detained about an hour were released, as they gave a satisfactory explanation of their suspicious actions.

A boat with two persons on board which was going from Havana to the Regale, on crossing the bay found itself interrupted by a wire which seemed to come from a dry dock in the direction of the Maine. The men, whose names are kept secret for the present, intend to present themselves and report the facts to the commission which is expected here to investigate the Maine disaster.

A Spanish woman recently arrived from Spain, on hearing of the report of the disaster, said to a number of persons whom she supposed were all Spaniards:

"So the Maine has been blown up. No wonder I was told yesterday not to go near the wharf as the ship was going to be blown up."

Another suspicious incident is that a few seconds after the accident several Spaniards from a distant part of the city all said:

"That is the Maine which has been blown up."

Senato Guzman, representative of the Spanish constitutional union, was at his house in Cerro entertaining some friends. As soon as he heard the explosion he said: "I guess that is the boat that has blown up in the bay."

The disaster has been the cause of great rejoicing among the Spanish and many bottles of champagne have been opened in Havana to celebrate the killing of the Americans.

A dispatch from Madrid to the *Diario* (Madrid) says: "El Nacional, the organ of General Weyler, constantly refers to the blowing up of the Maine without expressing any regret that the disaster occurred."

NEW ORLEANS STORM SWEEPED

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO PROPERTY IN THE CITY.

Factories Unroofed—One Church and Forty Small Houses Blown Down.

New Orleans, Feb. 19.—A violent storm swept over New Orleans this morning, doing considerable damage to property. Moewen and Murray's lumber mill and the Kentucky cotton press were unroofed and otherwise damaged. One church and about forty houses occupied by negroes were blown down.

LUETGERT SENTENCED.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Adolph L. Luetgert's motion for a new trial has been overruled and he was today sentenced by Judge Cary to life imprisonment.

Application to supreme court for supersedeas and new trial will be made at once.

SAW MILL SHUT DOWN.

Swannanoa, N. C., Feb. 19.—The large saw mill of the R. M. Wilkinson Lumber company was shut down yesterday, throwing a number of men out of work.

THE MANGLED VICTIMS.

Key West, Feb. 19.—The highhouse steamer *Mangrove* arrived here this morning from Havana with the following wounded from the Maine: Edward Mattson, B. R. Wilber, J. C. White, Daniel Cronin, John Coffey, J. H. Bloomer, Alfred Hernalis, J. A. Rowe, Charles Fletcher and William McGuire. Out of 26 in the hospital five have died. Eleven horribly wounded remain in Havana.

MORE BODIES RECOVERED.

Havana, Feb. 19.—The highhouse tender *Bache* arrived this morning bringing two divers. One diver went down after the platform built over the portion of the Maine where the hole was torn in the bow. He went into Capt. Sigbee's cabin in search of valuables but while down his armor was pierced and he was compelled to come to the surface again.

Sigbee found these divers inexperienced, they being unable to go further down than thirty feet and he ordered a more experienced diver from Key West and an electric lighting apparatus. Work was then suspended.

Sigbee has not yet learned whether the explosion was the result of accident or design and all reports to the contrary are untrue.

The search will be resumed tomorrow when the other divers arrive.

Many more bodies were recovered today but so mutilated and decomposed that recognition was impossible and they will be buried at once.

Many of the wounded who have not yet recovered their senses have in delirium been thinking they were fired on by guns from the Spanish fort and they think they are manning guns and fighting Spain.

THE BURIALS IN HAVANA.

As the navy department is still besieged with applications for the return of the bodies of the Maine victims to the United States for burial, and as the matter has figured in congress, it may be well to note that Capt. Sigbee for at least a third time, in answer to questions, has expressed the opinion that the bodies cannot be removed from Havana. He has pointed out that their condition is such as not to permit removal; the embalming is only imperfectly done in Havana and that identification of the bodies in many cases is not even possible. This morning he telegraphed that the bodies of the two officers, Merritt and Jenkin, could not be found.

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One lot of 5 gems at \$1.50 each.

One lot of 3 gems at \$2.00 each.

One lot of 5 gems at \$2.50 each—Gold.

One lot of 3 gems at \$4.00 each.

One gem for \$5.00.

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