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## THE SITUATION MORE PEACEFUL

### At Least From the Administration Standpoint.

### Long Says no Spanish Officials are Implicated.

### McKinley May Spring His Plan for Freedom of Cuba.

### Belief That Sagasta Has Already Been Approached.

### Spain Buys the Chilean Warships—Continued Anxiety in Madrid Over the Situation—The Work of Divers in Havana Harbor and the Board of Inquiry at Key West—Sigsbee Denies a Sensational Report.

New York, Mar. 1.—Despite the wildest kind of reports in the sensational press today, the situation as regards the Maine affair is really more peaceful today than any day since the disaster occurred. Secretary Long, in an interview this afternoon said:

"The suggestion that Spanish officials were implicated in the destruction of the Maine is now practically eliminated."

Later he qualified this by declaring that it was his own opinion merely, but his statement was taken by Wall street as expressing the view of the administration, and stocks went up with a rush, closing several points higher with a firm and buoyant tone.

The secrecy all along maintained by the board of inquiry at Key West continues. The opinion is growing that the board will of necessity be compelled to file a report that it is unable to state what caused the explosion as half of the vessel was almost entirely destroyed.

A cablegram from Havana to the Mail and Express today says that a diver discovered that the ship's plates were blown outward, showing that the explosion occurred within. A yellow Journal dispatch from Key West declares that a government vessel conveyed from Havana in secret part of the mine, which, the paper says, exploded under the Maine. It also found and took up wires which led to the mine. Sigsbee declares this a lie, saying that no search of the bottom of Havana harbor has been made for mines, as such would be discourteous to Spain.

The Maine has sunk nearly two feet in the mud since she went down. More bodies were recovered today. They were unrecognizable and were buried immediately. The bishop of Havana announces that he will erect at the graves of the Maine's victims a Maine memorial tablet.

A report from the board of inquiry is not expected for a month.

### McKINLEY'S PLAN TO FREE CUBA.

Washington, Mar. 1.—Now that the administration has apparently accepted the view that the Maine was blown up by accident, McKinley has taken up the Cuban question and will press his plan for a settlement with vigor, if the board of inquiry reports that the Maine blew up from the inside. The plan is now for springing McKinley's scheme for the freedom of Cuba almost immediately following the report of the board. Direct intervention is scarcely to be thought of, but the proposition will be to purchase Cuban freedom by having the United States guarantee bonds that will be issued in payment of the purchase price.

John J. McCook, the New York financier, is now here, looking after the financial end of the scheme. He declares that it would be no trouble worth speaking of to put the bonds on the market. There is every reason to believe that the Sagasta ministry has been approached on the subject. The president is said to have unofficial information that the proposition is not without the possibility of acceptance.

### SPAIN BUYS WARSHIPS.

Madrid, Mar. 1.—Spain succeeded today, in a manner not yet disclosed, in raising the cash necessary to secure three Chilean warships, which have been in the market for more than a year. The purchase is practically completed.

It is surmised that the security for the loan made today for the purchase of the ships is the monopoly of the importation, refining and sale of petroleum.

### ANXIETY IN MADRID.

Madrid, Mar. 1.—Greater anxiety is visible here regarding the verdict of the naval court of inquiry into the loss of the Maine than was apparent a week ago. Constant rumors of possible hostility are harassing and weakening the government, and they are also trying the patience of the public. The "fingo papers" publish exhaustive dispatches from New York and Washington to the effect that the relations between the United States and Spain are hourly becoming more strained. Admiral Bermejo, minister of marine, is actively seeking the best means to procure additional warships.

## THE LAKE CITY CRIME

### SUBJECT OF INDIGNANT COMMENT BY CABINET.

### Attorney General Gibbs Hopes to Bring the Perpetrators to Justice.

Washington, Mar. 1.—Some feeling was manifested at the cabinet meeting today over the reports of assaults made on negro holding federal offices in the south. The recent shooting of the negro postmaster at Lake City, S. C., following milder outrages in Georgia, was the particular subject of indignant comments by cabinet officers, who were unanimously of the opinion that something should be done right away to prevent a repetition of such affairs.

Attorney General Gibbs reported that he was having a thorough investigation made of these attacks, and hoped to bring the perpetrators to justice. His course was approved by the president and the cabinet, who also wanted him to take the most extreme measures to stamp out the tendency in some communities to interfere with federal officers.

Considerable gratification was expressed, however, at the tone of the South Carolina press over the shooting of the negro postmaster in that state, and Postmaster General Gary was told of calls made on him by South Carolina senators and representatives to express their condemnation of the outrage.

## VISCAYA AT HAVANA

### ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED BY THE SPANIARDS

### Cheering Crowds at the Wharves—Harbor Lighted With Fireworks at Night.

Havana, Mar. 1.—At six o'clock this afternoon the Viscaya passed Morro Castle into the harbor. An immense crowd was gathered all along the wharves, cheering with the greatest enthusiasm. Many tug boats floated the Spanish flag and were filled with Spanish enthusiasts who went out on the bay to receive and welcome the cruiser. As the darkness came on, the bay was filled with boats of every kind, exploding fire crackers and rockets, and the people shouting enthusiastically, "Long live Spain!"

The Viscaya sailed Havana with ten guns. The Spanish cruiser Alfonso XII will leave shortly for Key West.

### LIBERAL VICTORY IN ONTARIO.

Ottawa, Mar. 1.—The Liberals won in the province of Ontario election today, returns to 10 p. m. being Liberals 49, conservatives 44. The Liberal government has been in power twenty-seven years, today's election giving them four years more.

## CUBANS DYING BY THOUSANDS

### What the Reports From our Consuls Disclose

### Of the Terrible Suffering on the Island.

### Nearly a Quarter of a Million of Persons Starving to Death.

### 350,000 Have Died Since Weyler's Order of Concentration.

### Insurgents Victories in Three out of Four of the Biggest Engagements Since the War Was Begun.

Washington, Mar. 1.—Official reports from American consuls in Cuba, received today, state that the insurgents have been victorious in three out of four of the biggest engagements since the war began. In one engagement the Spanish lost three hundred, killed and wounded. The Spanish column was attacked on February 18 near Holguin. The Spaniards fought lying on the ground, suffering great loss.

The official who has handed the reports from the consuls regarding the condition of the reconcentrados, said today: "These reports show a far worse situation among the wretched people than any newspaper reports yet published. About 250,000 old men, women and children are now starving to death. Between 450,000 and 500,000 are suffering from disease and lack of proper food. More than 350,000 have died of disease and starvation since Weyler's order of concentration. Mothers by the hundreds, with unborn babies, are included among the victims. The publication of these appalling facts will be followed immediately by congressional action. No congressman with a spark of feeling, could remain unmoved at the recital of the horrible story these reports tell."

### FOOD FOR THE STARVING.

Washington, Mar. 1.—Secretary Long decided today to send the cruiser Montgomery to smaller Cuban ports with about fifty tons of supplies now at New York for the starving pacificos. She will keep away from Havana and no other warship will be sent there until the board of inquiry reports.

### INSURGENTS NEARING HAVANA.

Key West, Mar. 1.—The board of inquiry continued its hearing today, the witnesses being officers and seamen from the Maine.

A high naval official said today: "Perhaps the court of inquiry will return to Havana on board the cruiser Marblehead or the Nashville, instead of the coast survey boat Bacho. The Marblehead is specially suitable. She has a remarkably strong electric light plant."

Gen. Nunes, insurgent leader in the interior, writes: "Garcia is besieging Bayamo. Gen. Pardo with 25,000 men is trying to force his way up the Cauto river to dislodge him. In the open country, between Marcia and Havana, Gomez is slowly working his way towards the capital, burning plantations as he goes. "As Blanco calls his troops to protect Havana, Gomez draws nearer from the east and Rodriguez and Diaz from the west. They all expect the United States will declare war."

"The moment that happens they will

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mass their forces and co-operate with the United States. Havana will fall, and Cuba will be free."

New York, Mar. 1.—The dispatch boat Dolphin was floated today after repairs, and will be put in commission in one month.

The work of mounting the two new eight inch disappearing guns at Willett's Point, L. I., begun a week ago, is progressing rapidly. Only a short time ago three new guns were mounted there.

### HARKINS MAKES CHANGES

### Promotions and Appointments in the Revenue Service.

Collector Harkins yesterday announced a number of changes which will take place in his office. Raising deputy A. C. Patterson gets the largest slice. He is to succeed Revenue Agent J. P. Rousseau of Wilkesboro, who resigned Monday. The salary is \$2,400; expenses to come out of that amount. Deputy Collector Julie S. Robinson succeeds J. C. Horton as division deputy of Mitchell, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties. Robinson's desk here is to be occupied by R. H. Beisticker, of Davidson county.

Hunter Arnold temporarily takes the vacancy created by the resignation of Clerk R. V. Williams.

Harry Nissen, of Winston, succeeds Assistant Stamp Clerk Reynolds at that point, Reynolds being removed.

Tom D. McCoy takes the place of raising Deputy J. M. Smith, of Stokes county. W. C. Lewis is succeeded as raising deputy by J. P. Holbrook, of Wilkes county. Most of those newly appointed assume the duties of their offices at once.

## KITCHEN'S FIRST SPEECH

### WAS NIPPED IN THE BUD BY OZAR REED

### Butler Still Fighting Judge Ewart's Nomination—Indignation at Havana.

Special to the Gazette.

Washington, March 1.—The war excitement is abating, since the accident theory regarding the Maine's disaster, was announced by the cabinet today. The majority of congressmen and the people are indignant at Hanna and the Wall street bondholders for their efforts to control the administration in favor of a money consideration instead of patriotism for Spanish treachery.

Kitchen attempted his first speech today, but Reed refused him the privilege of replying to the charge of democratic abuses made by Pennsylvania republicans, and Kitchen declined to finish. The incident caused much excitement. McMillan and other democrats condemned the chair's partisan ruling.

Additional charges were admitted in the Ewart case before the sub-committee today, hence there was a further postponement of confirmation.

Many prominent Carolinians are here attending the food congress.

The Gazette learns from an authentic source that Butler is continuing his fight against Ewart. From the same source the Gazette learns that the nomination which has been referred to a sub-committee of the senate is still before that body, and that action thereon has been deferred until Saturday.

### DISCUSSING THE LOUD BILL.

Washington, Mar. 1.—The house today resumed the consideration of the bill, to deprive several publications and sample newspapers of the privileges of second class mail matter. Nothing particularly new was developed. The passage of the bill was advocated by Messrs. Loud, Hinchey, of Illinois, and Perkins of Iowa, and opposed by Moon of Tennessee. Kitchen of North Carolina, started to make a free silver speech, but was cut off on a strict enforcement of the rules of debate that speeches must be germane to the subject under consideration.

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## TOOK THE LIFE OF HIS FRIEND

### A Killing That has Stirred Spartanburg.

### T. J. Trimmer Shot Dead by Dr. Bivings.

### The Murder Occured in Trimmer's Store.

### Bivings also Wounded His Victim's Son.

### Th. Cause of the Crime not Explained But the Assumption is That the Dentist is Unbalanced From Drink.

Special to the Gazette.

Spartanburg, S. C., Mar. 1.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon Dr. S. J. Bivings shot and instantly killed Thomas J. Trimmer in the latter's book store on Morgan square. Bivings fired several shots, two of which took effect.

After Trimmer fell, mortally wounded, Bivings turned around and fired at J. Campbell Trimmer, a son of the dead man, wounding him slightly.

Dr. Bivings surrendered immediately and was disarmed and locked up.

The parties were intimate friends and temporary insanity from drink is the only assignable cause for the deed.

The inquest will be held to-day. Both men were prominent here and stood well. Trimmer being the proprietor of a large book store and job printing office, and Dr. Bivings a prominent dentist.

The shooting caused much excitement in the city.

James Trimmer, a brother of the man who was killed yesterday in Spartanburg, will be remembered by many here, where for a time he was a resident. He was the son-in-law of Samuel Shelton.

### ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

From Laffan News Bureau.  
Columbia, S. C., Mar. 1.—Dr. S. J. Bivings, a leading dentist of Spartanburg, walked into the book store of J. J. Trimmer this evening with a pistol, saying, "I'll teach you to insult my wife," he began firing. Trimmer fell dead with a bullet through his heart. His son, a young man, was shot in the arm.

Trimmer was one of the most public spirited and popular citizens in Spartanburg. Dr. Bivings was one of his most intimate friends.

Bivings surrendered, saying to the policeman, "No man can insult my wife and live." The details of the incident hinted at are not yet disclosed.

### NORTH CAROLINA GEMS.

The rare beauties of nature, as well represented in Western North Carolina, are becoming better known every day as people who are better educated in the formation and utility of minerals have from time to time shown their appreciation of these gems by using them in all kinds of adornment.

We have decided to close out some of these gems and offer them at prices that should make them all sell in a very few days.

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- One lot of 168 gems at 75 cents each.
- One lot of 40 gems at \$1.00 each.
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- One lot of 5 gems at \$1.50 each.
- One lot of 8 gems at \$2.00 each.
- One lot of 6 gems at \$2.50 each—SOLD.
- One lot of 3 gems at \$4.00 each.
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