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Congress is in Revolt Against McKinley's Plan

The Majority in Both Houses Determined that Spain Shall not Escape—President Notified He Must Act Soon or Whole Matter will be Taken Out of His Hands—Spain's Suggested "Armistice" Regarded as a Trick to Gain Time.

M'KINLEY ALONE IS FRIENDLY.

Congress not Willing to Trust Any Longer to Spain's "Sense of Justice" and is Burning With Indignation.

Opposes the President's Willingness to Yield to Sagasta's Request For an "Armistice"—Plan Causes Astonishment.

Washington, March 28.—There is a feeling of fierce indignation in both houses of congress that will undoubtedly find expression at tomorrow's session. There is a burning desire to avenge the death of the Maine victims, whom it is now officially known were killed by a submarine mine that blew up the battleship. The great majority in both houses are determined that Spain shall not escape scot free. The president hopes the report submitted today will remain in committee until he can negotiate further with Spain, but it is known tonight that he has been notified that he must act soon or the whole matter will be taken out of his hands.

THE GREAT MAJORITY IN CONGRESS BELIEVE THIS FABLE AND MERELY THE OLD GAME OF SPAIN TO GAIN TIME. The president has consulted very few people in regard to this remarkable and surprising plan and its announcement came like a thunderclap from a clear sky.

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SEVERAL MESSAGES WERE RECEIVED FROM MINISTER WOODFORD TODAY. One referred to elections and the other to Spain's "suggestion" of armistice. It is declared Spain is not opposed to our feeding the starving.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD MCKINLEY CON-

sents to the proposed armistice out of consideration for the Spanish dynasty, which Sagasta represents, as being in danger of overthrow if the plan is not adopted. If Cuban independence is to be adopted Sagasta says it must be by easy stages and McKinley agrees with him.

THE SITUATION SUMMED UP IS THAT CONGRESS IS IN REVOLT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN, WITH CHANCES OF THE PRESIDENT BEING FORCED TO RE-CEDE FROM HIS PLAN.

WASHINGTON, MARCH 28.—Spain has agreed to accept Mr. McKinley's plan in regard to Cuba. Here is the plan:

FIRST—A cessation from arms and suspension of hostilities between the Cubans and Spaniards until October.

SECOND—The United States to feed the reconcentrados with Spain's consent.

THIRD—The Maine report is to be held by the committee indefinitely.

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NEW YORK, MARCH 28.—The Cuban junta gave out a statement tonight declaring that the insurgents would refuse absolutely to consider the proposal from Spain for an armistice till October.

CONGRATULATED THE WASHINGTON GOVERNMENT THAT THE WASHINGTON GOVERNMENT COULD PUT FORTH OR ENTERTAIN SUCH A PROPOSAL.

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REPORT OF BOARD OF INQUIRY

Message from McKinley Accompanying it Shows a Mild and Friendly Spirit Towards Spain--The Text of Both

Some Sensational Features of the Evidence that Was Submitted to the Board--Story of an Alleged Conspiracy.

WASHINGTON, MARCH 28.—The testimony on which the report of the board of inquiry is based contains 150,000 words. An abstract of the vital features follows:

SIGSBEE TESTIFIED THAT WHEN HE ARRIVED AT HAVANA HE TOOK THE OFFICIAL PILOT AND ANCHORED AT WHAT HE UNDERSTOOD WAS THE REGULAR MAN-OF-WAR ANCHORAGE NEAR MACHINA. After the explosion, however, he learned from Captain Stevens, of the steamer City of Washington, that he (Stevens) never knew in all his six years' experience in Havana a man-of-war to be anchored at that buoy in the harbor.

SIGSBEE MADE A LENGTHY STATEMENT AS TO THE PRECAUTIONS ON SHIPBOARD TO PREVENT EXPLOSIONS. Nothing had been left undone to secure the vessel's safety. He took more than ordinary precaution for the vessels protection against outsiders, a double guard being detailed at all hours.

STRICT INJUNCTIONS WERE ISSUED AGAINST ALLOWING ANY VISITORS OUT OF THE OFFICERS' SIGHT WHILE SHOWING THEM THROUGH THE SHIP. Arms were kept loaded constantly and handy. In short every precaution was taken to guard against surprise or treachery.

CONSOLE GENERAL LEE TESTIFIED TO OFFICIAL FORMALITIES PRECEDING THE MAINE'S ARRIVAL. On January 24 he received a message from the state department saying that the Maine would be sent to Havana on a friendly visit. He ordered arrangements to be made at the palace for the interchange of official courtesies. After a call at the palace he

ENSIGN POWELLSON GAVE STRONG TESTIMONY AT MUCH LENGTH SUPPORTING THE THEORY OF AN OUTSIDE EXPLOSION.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER ANYTHING HAD BEEN DONE TO ASCERTAIN THE TRUTH OF THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE LETTER, THE WITNESS SAID HE ASKED GENERAL LEE TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND HE DID NOT APPPEAR TO KNOW WHAT TO DO, STATING HE HAD NO SECREET SERVICE

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AT 40 MINUTES PAST 9 ON THE EVENING OF THE 15TH OF FEBRUARY THE MAINE WAS DESTROYED BY AN EXPLOSION, BY WHICH THE ENTIRE FORWARD PART OF THE SHIP WAS UTTERLY WRECKED. In the catastrophe two officers and 264 of her crew perished, those who were not killed outright by the explosion were penned between decks by the tangled wreckage and drowned by the immediate sinking of the hull.

PROMPT ASSISTANCE WAS RENDERED BY NEIGHBORING VESSELS, and being especially given by the boats of the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XII and the Ward line's City of Washington, which lay not far distant.

THE DISASTER. THE RARE BEAUTIES OF NATURE, SO 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.

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A man by the name of Pepe Taco was mentioned in the letter. The witness said he tried to discover the whereabouts of this man, and one to whom he spoke said the name was a mistake, that the man mentioned had died a few days before the explosion of the Maine, and that the letter referred to Pape Barquine, that he also had died suddenly about two or three days before the explosion of the Maine. The witness declared his informant was Mr. Charles Car-bonnel, an American citizen.

THE LETTER PRODUCED BY THE CLERK OF THE CONSULATE FROM "ADMIRALTY" STATED THAT THE WRITER LEARNED THAT THREE MEN WERE CONCERNED IN THE EXPLOSION. The man who placed the mine was a diver named Pepe Taco. His companions were harbor thieves. They went out in a small boat. After the explosion the writer found that the family of Taco had moved into luxurious apartments. The consideration for the blowing up of the Maine was \$6,000, \$2,000 down, the balance when the explosion was accomplished. Spanish merchants of Murallo street subscribed the money. In accomplishing the explosion one of the conspirators was killed as a thief by the harbor

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MESSAGE.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE WAS AS FOLLOWS: "To the Congress of the United States:

"FOR SOME TIME PRIOR TO THE VISIT OF THE MAINE TO THE HARBOR OF HAVANA, OUR CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES POINTED OUT THE ADVANTAGES TO FLOW FROM THE VISIT OF NATIONAL SHIPS TO CUBAN WATERS, IN ACCUSTOMING THE PEOPLE TO THE PRESENCE OF OUR FLAG AS A SYMBOL OF GOOD WILL, AND OF OUR SHIPS IN THE FULFILLMENT OF THE MISSION OF PROTECTION TO AMERICAN INTERESTS, EVEN THOUGH NO IMMEDIATE NEED THEREOF MIGHT EXIST. ACCORDINGLY ON THE 24th OF JANUARY LAST, A CONFERENCE WAS HELD WITH THE SPANISH MINISTER IN WHICH THE RENEWAL OF THE VISITS OF OUR WAR VESSELS TO SPANISH HARBORS WAS DISCUSSED AND ACCEPTED. THE PENINSULAR AUTHORITIES AT MADRID AND HAVANA WERE ADVISED OF THE PURPOSE OF THIS GOVERNMENT TO RESUME FRIENDLY NAVAL VISITS AT CUBAN PORTS, AND THAT, IN THAT VIEW, THE MAINE WOULD FORTHWITH CALL AT PORT HAVANA.

A FRIENDLY VISIT.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS RECEIVED BY THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT WITH APPRECIATION OF THE FRIENDLY CHARACTER OF THE VISIT OF THE MAINE AND WITH A NOTIFICATION OF THE INTENTION TO RETURN THE COURTESY BY SENDING SPANISH SHIPS TO THE PRINCIPAL PORTS OF THE UNITED STATES. MEANWHILE, THE MAINE ENTERED THE PORT OF HAVANA THE 26th OF JANUARY, HER ARRIVAL BEING MARKED WITH NO SPECIAL INCIDENT BESIDES THE EXCHANGING OF THE CUSTOMARY SALUTES AND CEREMONIAL VISIT.

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