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HAVANA'S HARBOR

Battleship Maine is Saluted With Naval Etiquette.

THE PRESS AT MADRID

FAILS TO SEE FRIENDSHIP IN THE WAR-BOAT'S VISIT.

LEE AND CONGOSTO DID NOT DISAGREE

They Are on Friendly Terms--The Crew of the Maine Will be Kept Close in Order to Avoid Possibility of Street Disturbances.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25 .- The Cabinet met at the usual hour to-day, but gave only a short notice to the subject of the Cuban situation, and that was confined closely to expressions of satisfaction at the manner in which the American press and people had received the news of the administration's action in sending the Maine to Havana.

There was no news from Consul General Lee of later date than yesterday. Two cablegrams came from him last night but they were not of particular significance. It was said they were both in answer to questions put previously by the State Department, and it is presumed one at least had reference to the reported presence of German ships in Havana harbor. The other reported that he was able to feed 2,000 persons daily in the city.

It was stated positively that in neither cablegram was there any request for a warship or reference to the Maine's movements.

A message came to the Navy Depart ment this morning from Admirale Sicard. He wired that he had received and executed Secretary Long's orders respect ing the Maine, and that she would sail at once. The order probably was received by the Admiral about ten o'clock last night off Tortugas harbor, and the answer came back to Key West on the torpedo boat Dupont, which carried

over the order.

A telegram from Consul General Lee was received at the State Department to-day at two o'clock and was carried by Assistant Secretary Day over to the White House for the information of the President. In this telegram General Lee said that the Maine had been received with every courtesy. The com-manders of the German and Spanish and a number of Spanish officers. ships of war in the harbor had called upon the commander of the Maine who returned their calls, the Spanish forts had fired salutes and all the cere-monies called for by the naval etiquette had been observed. In addition the Consul General stated that everything was tranquil in Havana.

e Department officials have heard nothing officially of any trouble or mis-understanding between Consul General Lee and Secretary General Congosto. and attach little importance to the ru mors to that effect. It is suggested that basis may be the report current several days ago that Dr. Congosto had ex pressed displeasure because Lee had de clined to state officially that he had not predicted failure for the autonomy plan It is said at the Navy Department

that as matters there is no call for further instructions at present to Captain Sigsbee, who is permitted to use his own discretion in dealing with the events o the ady, although he has been enjoined to consult freely with Consul General Lee and was also minutely instructed before he arrived at Havana as to the wishes of the Secretary of the Navy. It is likely that the Maine's crew wil

be kept closely aboard ship. In this way the probabilities of an unfriendly encounter between a convivial of sailors and rowdies will be reduced. Moreover, the confinement is believed to be neces sary as a mans of prsrving th shiptao sary as a means of preserving the ship's company from the danger of contracting yellow fever, which it is understood is now in evidence in Havana.

Because the Maine's men must remain under this close restriction it is likely that the ship will not be kept long in Havan harbor, but that she will be replaced in the course of a few weeks by one of the cruisers, such as the Marble head or the Montgomery. It is not deem ed proper to venture one of the heavy draft battleships like the Iowa or Indiana into Havan harbor save on an emergency, because it would be a needless exposure of the vessels to accident.
It is said at the Navy Department that the presence of the German ship

at Havan has no significance at this time as it is the custom for the training ships in the West Indies to call at that port every year on the'r return to Ger many to secure supplies. Spanish government has a numer

ous fleet in Cuban waters, but most of the craft are small gan-boats for maintaining the blockade against filibusters. There are, however, seven cruisers, of which one, the Marques De La Ensauada, is protected with some armor, although the is not larger than some of our gurboats, being 1.064 tons displacement There are 19 gun-boats none over 550

Besides these gun-boats there is transport, the Legaspi, 1.249 tons, five torpedo vessels and twenty-four small

FEAR OF A CONFLICT.

Madrid, Jan. 25.-The Imparcial expresses fear that the dispatch of the United States battleship Maine to Havana will provoke a conflict, and adds: "Europe cannot doubt America's atti- prison.

tude toward Spain, but the Spanish people, if necessary, will do their duty with

The Epoca asks if the dispatch of the to the jingoes," and adds:

"We cannot suppose the American government so naive or badly informed as to imagine that the presence of a cause of satisfaction to Spain, or an indication of friendship."

THE ARRIVAL OF THE MAINE

Havana, Jan. 25 .- The United States battleship Maine, commanded by D. Sigsbee, which left Key West, Florida, on January 24, arrived here at 11 o'clock this morning, and was Gorman. saluted by the forts and war vessels.

A report is curernt that the United States Consul General, Fitzhugh Lee, and Dr. Congosto, Secretary General of the government have had a slight misunderstanding.

After forwarding the bulletin referring to the report in circulation of a slight misunderstanding between General Fitzhugh Lee and Dr. Congosto, the correspondent of the Associated Press called upon the United States Consul General and was informed that nothing unpleasant had happened at the interview which took place between himself and Dr. Congosto, when the rumor had it that the misunderstanding occurred.

Shortly after the arrival here of the Maine, Lieutenant Albert Medrano, representing the Captain of the port and Vice Admiral Jose Pastor, visited the United States battleship and extended the customary courtesies.

The arrival of the warship caused much surprise and excited considerable

RECEPTION OF THE MAINE.

Havana, Jan. 25-A Naval Lieutenant of the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XII., the Spanish flagship, visited the Maine early in the afternoon, as did also an officer of the German cruiser Gneisenau, the school-ship. Both visits were returned by Captain Sigsbee, who at 6 o'clock called upon Rear Admiral Vicente Man-Vice Admiral Pastor, after which he had a prolonged conference with Consul General Lee. The Consul General will return Captain Sigsbee's visit tomor-row afternoon. He is arranging for a wisit by Captain Sigsbee to acting Captain General Parrado.

The officers and sailors of the Maine will not go ashore at present, in order to avoid possible friction; and the United States squadron will remain at Tortugas or in the vicinity.

The Maine came to Havana to receive orders from Consul General Lee, and will probably remain for some time. Captain Sigsbee has expressed himself as much gratified by the reception tendered him, and the courtesy and cor-diality shown. The Maine bears a peaceful mission. The American newspaper correspondents wil give a banquet to Captain Sigsbee, Consul General Lee

It is reported at the palace that General Maximo Gomez has fallen back laukea, President Dole's secretary. across the Moron Jucaro trocha into the Camaguey district.

TO SEND SPANISH SHIPS HERE Madrid, Jan. 25.-The newspapers generally comment upon Secretary Long's explanation of the visit of th United States battleship Maine to Ha vana, and agree in expressing the opinion that her visit is "inopportune and calculated to encourage the insurgents. It is announced that "following Washington's example," the Spanish government will "instruct Spanish warships to visit a few American ports.

STORY NOT CONFIRMED

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.-Assistant Secretary of State Day, on being shown the above dispatch, said merely that the department had heard nothing of it so far, but would probably be notified by Minister Woodford in case it were true.

Spanish Minister Dupuy De Lome stated that he had no advices from his home government, that any Spanish war vessels were to visit this country. SPAIN'S MEN-OF-WAR MAY COME

Madrid, Jan. 25-Admiral Chacon, the Admiral of the fleet, arrived here today and had a long conference with Admiral Bermejo, the Minister of Marine. He asserted that the recent evolutions had demonstrated the perfect condition of

The next Cabinet council will decide which American ports the Spanish menof-war are to visit.

The Spanish papers sharply stigmatize the Maine incident as an "act of un warranted provocation."

Most of them, however, counsel the eople of Havana to show forbearance In official circles the tendency is to accept the argument that the United States is friendly, and that it is needless to attach importance to the visit of an American vessel to Havana.

THE ALGIERS RIOTS.

Fresh Demonstrations Break Out on the Burial of the Christians.

Algiers, Jan. 25.-About 10,000 people witnessed the funeral of those who were

killed during the recent rioting. Their remains were interred in the Christian Cemetery, outside the town; but, on returning there were renewed demonstrations, with the usual cries The mob attacked an omnibus upor which two Jews were riding. They recognized the latter and they were badly beaten and stoned. A few other

Jews were similarly maltreated. Chebat, one of the Jews who was stoned, died tonight. His skull was fractured.

Today eighty of the rioters were condemned to terms of imprisonment, varying from three months to a year; and one, who was caught in the act of pillaging, was sentenced to five years in Dispatch from Big Stone Gap say that

M'COMAS MADE SENATOR A FATAL SNOW-STORM

P. GORMAN.

American war vessels at Havana will be Receives 63 Votes, Seven of the Bolters Going The Wind Blew at the Rate of 60 Miles an Over, But Four Stand Firm

Md., Jan. 25.-Judge Annapolis. Louis E. McComas, of Washington county, was to-day elected to the Uni-The final ballot, the first of to-day,

and the eighth since the contest began, resulted in his securing sixty-three votes to four for Alexander Shaw, of Baltimore, the only other Republican who remained in the race until the end. Senator Gorman received 47 votes, the full Democratic strength in both houses The break to McComas came as the result of last night's caucus at which

53 members were in attendance, and at which Judge McComas was practically unanimously nominated. Ten Republican Delegates from Baltimore city and Senator Westcott, of Kent county, however, refused to take any part in the caucus or to consider themselves bound

When the name of Senator Westcott was reached and he, after a brief speech, changed his vote from Shaw to McComas, every one knew the end was near and the cheering was tremendous. Speaker Shaefer, whose name heads the list of Delegates in the roll call, was the next of the recalcitrants to come in line, which he did in a graceful speech, cheerfully accepting the situation. Then one by one five of his asso-ciates in the now famous "bolt" against the rule of the majority, followed his example, ex-Congressman Findlay's only remaining supporter did likewise, and the vote stood 62 for McComas to 4 for Shaw. Then Delegate Jacobi changed his vote, but four others, Messrs. Quast, Baldwin, Short and called upon Rear Admiral Vicente Man-terola, at the Admiralty office, and upon to the Baltimore city candidate to the

PRESIDENT DOLE'S PROGRESS.

He and Party on the Way to See Presi

dent McKinley. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 25.—Sanford Dole, President of Hawaii, after a visi of two days, left Chicago for Washing-ton to-day. The President of the island republic went out as he came in under the wildest escort of a Northwestern Postal Clerk McDuff. blizzard.

Baltimore and Obio with which company special arrangements had been made for conducting the party to the capital. The party was in sharge of T. W. Cridler Third Assistant Secretary of State and Maj. Heistand, military attache of Presi dent McKinley. The party included be sides these gentlemen President mand Mrs. Dole, F. M. Hatch, the Hawaiian Minister: Commander Phelps, and Maj.

A TWO MILLION DOLLAR FIRE.

3,000,000 Bushels of Grain and Elevator Burned, Besides 85 Cars of Corn.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 25.-The Union Elevator, which is situated in East St. Louis, and owned by the United Elevator Company, at St. Louis, was totally burned to-night with the contents about great political parties, the various dele 3,000,000 bushels of grain. A great part gates being indicated by standards bear of this was corn. Eighty five cars loading the names of the various States, ed with corn destined for Newport News. Two Governors—Mount, of Indiana, ed with corn destined for Newport News. and owned by E. B. White and Company, were also consumed as well as the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy freight Mount delivered the speech of welcome, house adjoining the elevator. Numerous cottages to the east of the elevator were also burned. The total loss, it is estimated, will not be far from two million

LUETGERT STEPS DOWN.

The Life, Morals, Motives and Actions of the Prisoner.

Chicago, Ills., Jan. 25.-Adolph L Luetgert has completed his personal testimony. He stepped down from the witness stand shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon when State's Attorney Deneen brought the cross examination to an abrupt close.

Details of Luetgert's life, his morals motives, and actions were entered into but few of them had any direct bearing upon the actual disappearance of Mrs. Luetgert.

McMILLIN STILL LEADS.

Eighteen Ballots Taken Yesterday for the Tennessee Senatorship.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 25.-The Demo cratic caucus met again tonight and took 18 ballots. The last, and the eighty-fifth ballot stood:

McMillin 37. Turley 27. Taylor 26.

TOM WATSON FOR GOVERNOR.

The Georgia Populist Leader Has Already a Majority of Delegates.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 25.-Thomas E. Watson will be the Populist candidate for Governor of Georgia. The State Convention will meet on March 6th, and Henry W. Pusser. a majority of delegates already elected are said to be in favor of Watson for

SMALL POX IN VIRGINIA.

Richmond, CVa., Jan. 25.—Small pox is reported from several points in Wise county, though some of the cases are claimed to be measles. The disease was brought into Wise county from Middlesborough, Ky., where a number of ne groes are down with it. Advices to the but little alarm prevails.

Maine to Havana is "intended as a sop FINALLY CHOSEN TO SUCCEED ARTHUR CHICAGO ENVELOPED IN DENSE CLOUDS OF FLAKES.

> Hour and Trains and Teams Were Blocked.

Chicago, Jan. 25.-A blinding snow storm which raged all day, did considerably damage in the city, made trouble for the street car companies and the railways and caused the loss of one life. Carlos Munchy, a laborer, was repairing the top of a 90 foot tower at the plant of the Iroquois Furnace Company, when, owing to the wind, which at times during the afternoon blew at the rate of sixty miles an hour, he lost his hold

ly killed. Suburban service on the railroads, as well as street railways, was delayed. Many of the trains from outside points were snow bound and all were behind the schedule time.

and fell to the ground. He was instant-

South Chicago was practically isolated early this evening as far as railway traffic was concerned, and the towns surrounding it were in almost as disagreeable a situation.

In the city the snow was at times so thick, and was hurled through the streets in such dense clouds by the strong wind that it was practically impossible for teamsters and gripmen to see ahead of them, and as a result there were a number of accidents in which people were slightly injured.

Of the through trains on the line centering in Chicago, two were reported missing early this evening. One of them was the St. Paul limited, of the Great Western Railroad, and the other a train running between Chicago and Eau Claire, on the Wisconsin Central road. Nothing has been heard from either of the trains since their departure The wire along the roads are down at many points, but at those where communication is possible, nothing has been heard of them.

Other roads fared scarcely better The storm played havoc with their time ables, and there were hardly a through train that arrived at the appointed

Owing to the storm this afternon, two Illinois Central trains came into collision near Dubuque, resulting in the death of Fireman Ellis Sweet, and the fatal injury of Engineer Harvey and

The Presidential party left by the MONETARY CONVENTION MEETS.

Four Hundred Delegates and Speeches for Gold and Retirement of Green-

mittee, called the Monetary convention to order.

This was an increase of one hundred over the number of delegates that at-tended the first Indianapolis convention of a year ago, and ti was regarded as indicative of the interest which business men feel in the movement for a reform of the currency laws. ball presented the appearance of a National convention of one of the two and Shaw, of Iowa-were the speakers at the afternoon session. Governor and Governor Shaw spoke for more than an hour on the gold standard and

the retirement of the greenbacks. The delegates, as Governor Shaw suggested, did not include many bankers, but included many men of large affairs and some of national prominence.

A \$1,000,000 STEEL PLANT.

An English Syndicate Said to Have Closed a Deal at Birmingham.

Chicago, Ills., Jan. 25.-A special from Birmingham, Ala., says: An English syndicate whose agents

first visited the Birmingham district last spring and made a careful inspection of its coal and iron resources, has, it is practically completed arrangesaid. ments for the erection here of a million dollar steel plant. The details of the deal, have not yet been disclosed, but it is known that extensive options on mineral lands near here have been secured by the foreigners, and that ne gotiations for the building of the steel plant have been practically concluded.

WINSLOW PUTS TO SEA.

The Torpedo Boat to Join the Flotiila at Key West.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—The torpedo boat Winslow put to sea to-day from Newport for Key West, where she is to join the flotilla.

TARHEEL FOURTH-CLASSERS.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.-Fourthlass postmaster have been appointed as follows in North Carolina: State Road, James A. Chipman; Wilkes Store, Athen L. McClure; Zoar, Chipman:

GOV. GRIGGS CONFIRMED.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25-The nomination of Hon. John W. Griggs to be Attorney General was confirmed by the Senate to-day in an executive session. which did not continue for more than five minutes.

RATCLIFFE INDICTED.

New York, Jan. 25.-E. J. Ratcliffe, the actor, was today indicted by the grand jury for perjury.

FRENCH CHAMBER IN A TUMULT

An Unruly Member Causes a Riotous Clash With the Soldiers.

Brussels, Jan. 25.—Deputy Demblon entered the vestibule of the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon accompanied by a band of Socialists. The officer in command of the guard informed him that, in pursuance of the President's order, he could not be allowed to enter, whereupon M. Demblon raised cries of "Vive L' Armee," "Vive La Republique." A crowd collected and attempted to rush the soldiers, with the result that there was a violent scuffle, the troops withstanding the mob with fixed bayo nets, and a hand to hand fight taking place between the Socialists and anti-

Socialists. For a time the tumult was indescrib able and a strong body of police was required to quell the disorder.

Within the Chamber of Deputies the greatest excitement also prevailed. The Socialist Deputies demanded to know who was responsible for the violence of he soldiers toward the Deputies. nmult became deafening and the Ministers who attempted to reply were shouted down.

There was further uproar in the hous when one of the questors declared that he was responsible for the presence of the troops in the Chamber, adding, as warning to the Socialists, that he would always do his duty against them.

M. Vandervelde, Socialist, denounced President Becrnaert for calling him a "fighting man," whereupon the President suspended the sitting amid great dis-When business was resumed the presi-

dent made a speech justifying the action taken against the Socialists, whereupon M. Vandervelde again rose and uttered a violent tirade against the questors, and asked who had ordered the So cialists to be thrashed. After further disorderly scenes

the action of the officers of the house. THE INDUSTRIAL STRIKE.

The Operatives in Great Part are Re turning to Work.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 24.—The principal events in the industrial strike in New England today were, first, the return of the striking workmen of the Queen City mills at Burlington, Vt., secondly, the strike of those employed in the spinning department of a mill of the Fall River Irin Foundry and, thirdly, the refusal of the Weavers Union of Fall river, by a vote of 117 to 14, to allow the King Phillip Mills weavers to strike. The contention in this last incident is the most interesting. The refusal was given on the ground that all the other opera tives have accepted the same cut down of 11½ per cent., and such a strike would weaken the Union. Aside from Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 25.-Four these events the situation in the other hundred delagtes were present at the Grand Opera House to-day when At New Belford mill agents, operatives and the business community in general have all settled down for a long contest, and similar conditions have been established at Biddeford. The Queen City mills workmen who led the revolu against the lower scale of wages two weeks ago, returned to work today, accenting the reduction. The only apparent result of the strike there has been that the weavers, who had no organization when they went out, have formed a permanent union.

CORBETT SIGNS ARTICLES.

George Considine Confident he Can Get Fitz. to Sign.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 25,-James J. Corbett to-night signed articles calling for a fight with Robert Fitzsimmons, which George Considine, of Detroit, is confident he can pull off next summer.

The articles are identical with those governing the fight at Carson City with the exception of the purse which in this case is \$25,000 as against \$15,000 at Carson City. Considine agrees to post a forfeit of

\$5,000 to go to the men in case he failto pull off the fight. In return he demands a forfeit from each of \$2,500. Considine expressed great confidence in his ability to have the fight without interruption and said that beside the purse for Fitzsimmons and Corbett, he would offer \$15,000 for "Kid" McCoy to go against Choynski, Jeffries, Maher or Ruhlin. Kid Lavigne, he said, promised him that he would fight Mc-Partland at 133 pounds. For this event a good purse will be offered, Mr. Consi-

dine declared. Considine is to meet Fitzsimmons in Detroit on Sunday, and expresses himself as sure of being able to induce the champion to write his name beside that of Corbett on the articles of agree

PHILADELPHIA TRADE LEAGUE. Secretary Gage Makes an Address on Subject of "Finance."

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. eventh annual meeting of the Trades League of Philadelphia, was held to night in the Academy of Music, which the principal speaker was Hon. Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury. In holding tonight's meeting the league makes a departure from its usual custom of transacting purely routine business at its yearly session. purpose in doing this is to enable the members to be addressed on subjects kindred to their association by prominent men. Secretary Gage was warmly received and held the attention of the large audience throughout. He spoke on the subject of "Finance," and his re-

applause. As soon as Secretary Gage had finish ed he left the hall to attend the ban quet of the Commercial Exchange in the Hotel Walton. of fence.

Can Be No Doubt of His Appointment.

A GREENSBORO BUILDING

A CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION AT STATESVILLE.

EXAMINATION AT ASHEVILLE, ALSO

Applicants to Fill Positions of Internal Revenue Collectors -- The Date is February 19th and Applicant Must be Ste-

nogropher and Type Writer. Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—(Special.) -Judge Ewart's name was not sent to he Senate to-day as expected, but there an be no doubt of his appointment, as he President said to-day he would not appoint Lusk, and Judge Ewart has the

Congressman Harry Skinner was at the White House to-day and had an inerview with the President. Mr. Skinner has a candidate for the office of steamboat inspector of the Third Supervising Inspector's District. If he receives ssurance that his candidate's claims will be considered then he will make known the name of the man he has

been backing. the Chamber rejected, by a vote of 86 Senator Butler to-day introduced a to 29, a Socialist motion condemning ill to appropriate fifty thousand dollars for the improvement and enlargement of the public building at Greensboro. He says this is an urgent case and one that needs the immediate attention of Congress. He will endeavor to have the

\$50,000 tacked on as an amendment to one of the appropriation bills. The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on February 17th an examination will be had at Statesville to establish an eligible register from which a selection may be made to fill a vacancy in the position of ianitor of the Federal building in that

ity. This examination will consist of a very light educational test. Attention is invited to the fact that it is the practice of the departments to appoint only persons who are legal resi dents of the place or vicinity where the vacancy exists. Persons desiring to enter this examination should at once apply to the postmaster in Statesville for application blanks, which should be proprely executed and promptly warded to the Commission at Washing-No application will be accepted af-

ter the hour of closing bus ness on Fcoruary 12th. The United States Civil Service Commission also announce that on February 19th an examination will be held in Asheville for the position of deputy collector, with the qualifications of stenographer and type-writer, in the internal revenue service at Asheville. Persons desiring to enter this examination should apply to the secretary of the board of examiners at the postoffice in Asheville for application blanks, which should be properly executed and promptly with the secretary of the board at the

DENIAL BY JUDGE EWART.

postoffice at Asheville.

Was Never a Southern Railway Attorney, But Has Often Appeared Against

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.-(Special Correspondence.)—I learn that Judge Ewart thinks I was not fair to him in putting him down as a Southern Railway candidate for judge. His friends say he never wrote an editorial in The Tribune on the lease question, and never attempted in any manner, shape or form to influence a vote on the question; that he voted for a Railroad Commission when in the Legislature of 1897, and has not "flopped over;" that he was never a Southern Railway Attorney, but has often appeared against them; and in his race for Congress he was opposed

by that corporation. I sent what I learned from North Carolina Republicans, coming here to get office, and am glad to send the denial made by Judge Ewart. I know nothing about these matters except this; If Judge Ewart cannot get Col. Andrews to give his consent to the appointment, he will not land even if McKinley s inclined to appoint him, as it is well known what the President desires to do. There hasn't been a first-class appointment made here that did not have the Southern Railway O. K. mark on it. That was the understanding when Col. Andrews managed the road in the interest of McKinley.

A DEADLY GALE OF WIND.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 25 .- A gale of wind reached the highest velocity of any ex-perienced here since the tornado of May 27th, 1896, when the destruction of life and property was so great, prevailed here to-day. Its velocity was sixty-six miles an hour, 14 miles less than during the tornado. Two deaths, one fatal injury and several minor casualities were reported, as well as considerable destruc-

August Weymever, aged 37, a carpen ter, who was blown from the roof of the Shields' School; he fived but ten minutes after being taken to the city hospital. Thomas Joseph Peterson, four years old, blown from the roof of a porch at

tion of property. The dead are:

marks were frequently punctuated with 2500 Franklin avenue and killed. Injured: Mrs. Sarah Lorin, of 3840 La Clede avenue; spine crushed and she may die; injury caused by blowing down