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### FROM THE QUEEN TO PRESIDENT

#### The Good-Will and Gratification of Her Majesty Are Expressed Through Pounceforte.

### PRESIDENT GRATIFIED

#### ENGLAND DESIRES TO AVOID A BLOCKADE.

### AN ALLIANCE IS HINTED AT

#### Sympathy With the Wise and Conservative Course of This Government and With Efforts to Relieve Suffering Humanity in Cuba--Moral Support of This Government Desired in Case of Any Rupture Between England and China.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—Much conjecture has been indulged in touching the visit paid to the White House Tuesday by the British Ambassador, The Washington Post this (Thursday) morning says on this point:

"Queen Victoria has, through Sir Julian Pounceforte, conveyed to President McKinley her gratification at the wise and conservative course which he has thus far pursued in relation to the Cuban and Spanish situation. She also expressed to him her thorough sympathy with the efforts put forth by the United States to relieve suffering humanity in Cuba, with the hope that these endeavors may be conducted to a successful conclusion without war.

"These expressions were not sent in official form. They would have been communicated through Mr. Hay, the United States Ambassador to Great Britain but for the fact that he is absent on a voyage on the Nile. They were therefore, communicated directly to Sir Julian, with the request that he present them in person to the President. There has been no correspondence with this country upon the subject so that the Queen's sentiments do not appear on record.

"The desire of the Queen that war should be avoided was emphasized for several reasons. It was pointed out that the commercial relations of Great Britain with the United States were too extensive to be jeopardized by a war between this country and Spain. The blockade of the port of New York, for instance, it was pointed out, would be of irreparable damage to British shipping, while the cessation of the shipment of food supplies to England would be exceedingly serious.

"The reply of the President expressed his pleasure at the utterances of the Queen, with the additional statement that he also hoped that war could be avoided. Public announcement of the real purpose of the Ambassador's visit has been avoided, and a denial of the fact that it had relation to the present crisis, has been made, because it was feared that the friendly utterances might be misconstrued. It was thought that the approval given by the Queen to the President's course might be distasteful in certain quarters, and might be regarded as unduly influencing the President's actions in the future.

"There was another influence, however, which had its weight in the direction of secrecy. The attitude of Great Britain goes further in this matter than a mere expression of good wishes. There is a desire, which has yet only reached the stage of tentative suggestion, that an alliance may be formed between Great Britain and the United States. It has been shown that the interests of England and this country are not only identical, in a general sense, but are especially identical in the great question in finding in China and the East a market for manufactures. This suggestion has considerable weight with the administration. Great Britain is finding her supremacy in China seriously threatened. France has already established herself on the South and Russia is aggressive on the North, while Germany has secured a strong foothold. If England proposes to hold her own she must fight for it. This explains why she is forbidding her ship owners to part with the vessels they are constructing and accounts for the large increases she is making to her Navy.

"It was the suggestion that if the United States would afford to Great Britain her moral support in case of trouble in the East, she would offer us her sympathy and practical aid in any trouble that is threatened with Spain that resulted in a discussion of the Eastern question in the Cabinet meeting last Tuesday. The administration appreciates the value of this friendly attitude. Although it is well understood that in this country, it will be impossible for

the Navy to be placed at the disposal of Great Britain in upholding British supremacy in the East, there are many ways in which our influence could be exerted with effect in British behalf."

### A MODEL OF STATESMANSHIP.

The Daily London Chronicle Overflowing With Praise for America's Course.

London, March 10.—The Daily Chronicle in an editorial this morning on the Cuban situation describes President McKinley's action throughout the crisis as "a model of statesmanship." It declares that the action of the Washington government in connection with the Maine disaster deserves the highest recognition.

"There is every indication," says the Chronicle, "that the United States are preparing for the inevitable struggle. Soon it will be necessary for Great Britain to show on which side its sympathies lie."

Arguing at considerable length upon the "usefulness of America's motives in desiring to put an end to the hot moon earth in Cuba" and insisting that "America has a better right to interfere than has been put forward as a justification in two out of every three wars in history," the Chronicle says:

"We hope Great Britain will not only go as far officially as the furthest limits of international law permit, but that public opinion will declare itself openly, unmistakably and in the teeth of all Europe, if necessary, as sympathizing heartily with the motives impelling America at last to take a step so natural and yet one she has so long hesitated to take.

"At the same time we wish it were possible to persuade Spain, even at the eleventh hour, that her honor and Cuba might be saved by the recognition of inevitable facts. To bid Cuba be free would be a hard task, but it would be the safest and most dignified course."

The Daily News says editorially this morning:

"While crediting the United States with the generous error of giving the world a noble example of sacrifice for peace by unpreparedness for war, we are glad to see that they have shown themselves wise in time."

### THE DENIAL CONFIRMS STORY

London, March 10.—The Washington correspondent of the Daily Chronicle denies that Sir Julian Pounceforte, when calling on President McKinley on Tuesday offered Great Britain's mediation in the Cuban affair or asked the support of the United States for British policy in the far east.

"Sir Julian," says the correspondent, "conveyed to President McKinley informally the Queen's personal satisfaction at his conservative course and an expression of her sympathy with the efforts to relieve starvation in Cuba, and of her hope that the amelioration of the condition of Cuba would be achieved without war."

### CARTER COURT-MARTIAL

#### JUDGE ADVOCATE WILL USE WHATEVER PRIVATE PAPERS HE PLEASES.

#### A Trust Company Refuses to Disclose Evidence--An Alleged Alibi Proved for Capt. Greene.

New York, March 9.—At to-day's session of the Carter Court Martial Judge Advocate Barr said: "Since there has been so much talk about Captain Carter's private papers, I wish to say that I have been instructed by the Secretary of War to keep them as long as I like and to use them as I please. I am the sole judge in the matter."

The Judge Advocate then introduced as evidence a number of bills paid to Tiffany and Company by Captain Carter. The bills, which were receipted, showed that purchases of jewelry had been made by Captain Carter.

Accepted bills for a number of valuable paintings were also introduced as evidence.

The Judge Advocate announced that he had received a letter from Vice President Joseph T. Brown, of the Knickerbocker Trust Company, refusing to disclose anything with reference to Captain Greene's account with that company. The prosecution here requested that the court adjourn to meet in Savannah next Monday but the defense objected, saying that they had witnesses to examine in this city who would not go to Savannah and the objection was sustained.

Mr. Blair, attorney for Captain Carter, called John D. Cronin, manager of an apartment house, who said that Captain Greene was in Europe in March, 1895.

### INSURGENTS LOST

#### Over 100 Men; Spanish 2 Killed, 15 Wounded.

### POLITICAL TALK IN CUBA

#### THE MONTGOMERY HAS ARRIVED AT HAVANA.

### SPANISH TORPEDO BOATS EN ROUTE

#### Captain Sigsbee and Other Officers of the Maine Have Quarters on the Montgomery.

Havana, March 9.—The United States cruiser Montgomery arrived here at 9:35 o'clock this morning. The arrival here of the Montgomery was very quiet, it being generally understood that she comes to replace the coast survey steamer Fern as quarters for Captain Sigsbee and others.

Commander Converse, of the Montgomery, is a high authority on explosives and his advice will be useful to the Court of Inquiry into the loss of the Maine.

After firing the usual salute and being saluted in return, the Montgomery was moored in the principal harbor near the wreck of the Maine, and in the centre of a circle of Spanish ships.

Later in the day Commander Converse received the correspondent on board the cruiser and treated him graciously, though he had nothing to tell him beyond the facts already sent. He seemed satisfied to have a rest in Havana harbor for a while, as the cruiser has been very busy touching at West Indian ports lately.

Captain Sigsbee, Lieutenant Commander Wainwright and Ensign Powellson will occupy quarters on the Montgomery, the Fern leaving Havana this afternoon. The Montgomery is as trim and neat as possible. Nobody is allowed on board without permission, but no one is excluded if business or courtesy demands the admission of the visitor. There is no indication of the length of the cruiser's stay in this harbor, any more than there is any news of the duration of the sessions of the Court of Inquiry here. The court held its usual sessions today, examining the divers. Only the Spanish divers were at work, and they were occupied but partly of the day. The wreckers are steadily removing the upper debris of the wreck, some of which will be dumped into the sea. Other portions of the wreck are worth saving.

Senator Proctor left here today for Key West and will go to Miami by tomorrow's steamer.

Consul General Lee says there was nothing of importance in the mail matter which he has just received from the United States.

The Olivette's passengers list of incoming was small and her outgoing list of passengers is not as large as usual. A Spanish column under Colonel Tejada, according to a Spanish report, has captured several entrenched insurgent camps in the Manzanillo district, including the camp of El Chino. The troops, the Spanish add, killed nine men, made three prisoners and captured an armory with many tools and destroyed many great huts and hospitals.

There was another engagement between these opposing forces, it appears, at La Sierra, and the insurgents are alleged to have lost over one hundred men, while the Spanish colonel reports only two of his men killed and 15 wounded.

There will be an important meeting tonight of the Central Committee of the Conservative party. The Marquis Apezteguia, who will preside, will, it is announced "expose the proposition that the Conservatives should take part in the elections." It is generally admitted that a majority of the Conservatives are unwilling to take part in the elections, though the Colonial or Autonomic government will reserve sixteen places for the Conservatives in the Colonial Congress, if they participate in the elections.

### FLORIDA BICYCLE MEET.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 9.—Nat Butler took the honors in the professional events at the bicycle meet, held at Panama Park this afternoon, capturing the two firsts in one mile open and the half mile handicap. Dominique Lamberjack, the Frenchman, was second in the first named event, with Arthur Gardiner, third; and Con Baker fourth. Time, 2:18.

In the handicap race, Dr. Brown was second, Baker third, and Gougloz was fourth. Time, 1:01 2-5.

Dr. Brown rode an exhibition mile paced by Kaiser, Miller and Bowler on a triplet in 1:50 2-5, breaking the track record. A strong wind was blowing down the back stretch, otherwise the time would have been even better. The fastest third was in 35 seconds.

The riders will leave tomorrow for St. Augustine, where they are to race on Friday.

### NO RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

Washington, March 9.—The House Committee on Rivers and Harbors voted today not to report a river and harbor appropriation bill at this session.

### NOT A SINGLE DISSENT

#### All Parties Uphold the President's Hands.

### SIXTY-SIX VOTED "AYE"

#### NOT AN INHARMONIOUS NOTE WAS SOUNDED.

### \$50,000,000 VOTED WITHOUT DEBATE

#### The Bill Passed the Senate Twelve Minutes After the Vice-President Had Put It On Its Passage.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—President McKinley's hands have been upheld by both branches of the American Congress. With enthusiasm, fervor and promptness almost unparalleled in the Senate in time of peace that body today passed the Emergency Appropriation bill, carrying \$183,000 of deficiencies and placing at the disposal of the President \$50,000,000 for national defense. The vote by which the measure was passed was unanimous. Sixty-six short, sharp and emphatic speeches were delivered in favor of the bill, each one being simply a ringing "aye" during the roll call upon the passage of the measure. Not only did every Senator present register his vote in favor of the bill, but for every absent member the authoritative announcement was made that if he were present he would vote aye. From the time the bill was presented to the Senate by Mr. Hale, (Maine), until it was passed, not an inharmonious note was sounded. Party lines were swept aside. In the general outburst of patriotic feeling pairs were broken, every Senator being anxious to register his vote on the measure. It was 12:13 when Mr. Hale reported the bill to the Senate, and asked that it be placed on its passage. The members of the Committee of Appropriations had previously effected an arrangement whereby there would be no debate on the bill, and after it was read the Vice-President Hobart placed it immediately on its passage. Twelve minutes after the bill was reported to the Senate, the Vice President announced its unanimous passage. The great work was accomplished so quickly that most of the people who crowded the galleries scarcely realized that the measure so far as Congress was concerned, had become a law. Some of the spectators fully grasped the meaning of the Senate's action and when the announcement of the vote was made a murmur of applause ran through the galleries.

The members of the Senate, however, maintained a dignified silence, the realization among all of them being keen that a situation which warranted the passage of so unusual a measure was too grave to prompt an outburst of applause. Earnestness and determination were evinced on both sides of the chamber, but there was not a note of levity that would detract from the seriousness of the work performed.

### TO INVESTIGATE THE MAINE.

Mr. Chandler, (New Hampshire), presented the following resolution, which indicates that the disaster to the battleship Maine is to have a thorough investigation by the Senate:

"That in conducting the inquiry into the cause of the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor, on February 15, 1898, under resolution of the Senate of February 21st, the committee on Naval Affairs, is hereby authorized to send for persons and papers, to employ a stenographer and to make the investigation by the full committee, or by sub-committee thereof; the expenses of such investigation to be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

At 12:40 o'clock p. m., on motion of Mr. Davis, (Minnesota), chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Senate went into executive session, and at 1:33 o'clock p. m., adjourned.

### VIRGINIA CUSTOMS DISTRICTS.

#### A Delegation Opposed to the Merging of Norfolk and Portsmouth With Newport News.

Washington, March 9.—A delegation from Virginia appeared before the House Committee on Ways and Means today in opposition to the proposed consolidation of customs districts. Mayor Wyndam R. Mayo, of Norfolk, and J. T. Baird, of Portsmouth, and J. M. Gill, of Petersburg, were the spokesmen, the first two speaking against merging the Norfolk and Portsmouth districts into that of Newport News and the last against the consolidation of the Richmond and Petersburg ports with the Richmond district. Mayor Mayo made a vigorous protest against the proposed legislation, claiming that it would be an injustice to a district whose business was constantly increasing; that it would destroy individuality and impair the credit of the old district, would be anything but economical and finally that there was no reason that could be raised in favor of it. He said that since the customs district has existed in Norfolk millions of dollars of revenue have been gathered and many businesses developed which would be hurt by a change now. Mr. Bickford took the same ground. Representatives Young and Swanson were with the delegation.

### THE BACON AMENDMENT.

#### Hawaiian Treaty Must be Ratified by Majority of the Senators.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—The Bacon amendment to the Hawaiian annexation treaty was under discussion during the executive session of the Senate today. The amendment provides that the treaty shall not become operative until ratified by a majority of the voters of the Hawaiian islands.

Senator Bacon objected to immediate consideration of his amendment, saying he had received no notice of the intention of the committee to ask to have it taken up at this time, and that he desired some opportunity to prepare himself for the presentation of the reasons for submitting the treaty to a popular vote of the Hawaiian people. He proceeded to say in a general way that he thought the Hawaiians should be consulted in a matter which concerned them so deeply as the complete change of their government, and to show that they were opposed to annexation, he referred to a petition protesting against annexation which had been signed by 50,000 natives of the islands, and which he said had been presented to the Senate by Senator Hoar. 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