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FROM THE QUEEN TO PRESIDENT

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

PRESIDENT GRATIFIED

ENGLAND DESIRES TO AVOID A BLOCKADE.

ALLIANCE IS

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 tn 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 Paunceforte, 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 CARTER COURT-MARTIAL sentiments do not appear on record.

"The desire of the Queen that was 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 A Trust Company Refuses to Disclose Evibetween 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 ex-

"The reply of the President expressed his pleasure at the utterances of the 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 mignt 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. The 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 foot-hold. If England to a request that he testify. for it. This explains why she is torbidmaking to her Navy.

Tuesday. The administration appreciates the value of this friendly attitude, ly separate and that Captain Carter had Committee on Rivers and Harbors voted took the same ground. Representatives the measure appropriating \$50,183,000 to report a river and harbor Young and Swanson were with the delethis country, it will be impossible for court then adjourned until to-morrow.

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 Chroniele in an editorial this morning on the Cuban situation describes President Mc-Kinley'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 recogni-

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

Argung at considerable length upon the 'unselfishness of America's motives in desiring to put an end to the heli upon earth in Cuba" and insisting that 'America has a better right to inter-HINTED AT fere than has been put forward as a instification 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. anmistakably 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 hesita-

"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 in-evitable 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

"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 denics that Sir Julian Pauncefote, 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 achiev

should be avoided was emphasized for JUDGE ADVOCATE WILL USE WHATEVER PRIVATE PAPERS HE PLEASES.

> dence--An Alleged Alibi Proved for Capt. Greene.

New York, March 9 .- At to-day's see sion 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 Secre-Queen, with the additional statement tary of War to keep them as long as I that he also hoped that was could be 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.

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

The Judge Advocate announced that he had received a letter from Vice Pres ident Joseph T. Brown, of the Knicker bocker Trust Company, refusing to dis close anything with reference to Captain Greene's account with that company. The prosecution here requested that the court adjourn to meet in Savannala 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.

The evidence given by Cronin, Simon R. Wiel and Matthew Hinman, who followed, was to show that Captain Greene was in Europe at the time of the sign ing of several checks which D. N. Carvalho had testified were illegally signed by Captain Greene.

Captain Carter's counsel gave out a letter from R. F. Westcott, replying proposes to hold her own she must fight, ter which is dated October 18, 1897, says that Mr. Westcott sees no reason why ding her ship owners to part with the he should submit his private affairs to vessels they are constructing and ac- the court and adds that the condition of cours for the large increases she is his health is such that it would be hazardous for him to go upon the stand. "It was the suggestion that if the James E. Chandler, Secretary of the United States would afford to Great Empire Construction Company and of Britain her moral support in case of the Atlantic Construction Company, was trouble in the East, she would offer us then called. It had been claimed by the her sympathy and practical aid in any prosecution that Captain Carter was trouble that is threatened with Spain connected with both companies. The that resulted in a discussion of the Eas- latter company did the work at Savantern question in the Cabinet meeting last nah and Cumberland Sound. Witness Tuesday, The administration appre- testified that the companies were entireciates the value of this friendly attitude, ly separate and that Captain Carter had

LOST NOT A SINGLE DISSENT INSURGENTS

Killed, 15 Wounded.

dent's Hands.

POLITICAL TALK IN CUBA SIXTY-SIX VOTED "AYE"

THE MONTGOMERY HAS ARRIV-ED AT HAVANA,

SPANISH TORPEDO BOATS EN ROUTE \$50,000,000 VOTED WITHOUT DEBATE

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

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 Spainsh 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 be yond the facts already sent. He seem-ed satisfied to have a rest in Hayana harbor for a while, as the cruis been very busy touching at West Indian ports lately.

Captain Sigsbee , Lieutenant Commander Wainwright and Ensign Powelson will occupy quarters on the Montgomery, the Fern leaving Havana this and neat as possible. Nobody is allowed on board without permisison, but no one is excluded if business or courtesy demands the admisison 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 sesisons 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 part 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

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 in

comers was small and her outgoing list of passengers is not as large as usual. A Spanish column under Colonel Te ieda, according to a Spanish report, has captured several entrenched insurgent camps in the Manzanillo district, in cluding the camp of El Chine. The troops, the Spanish add, killed nine men, made three prisoners and captured an armory with many tools and destroy-

ed 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 wounded.

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

FLORIDA BICYCLE MEET.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 9 .- Nat But ler 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,

In the handicap race, Dr. Brown was second, Baker third, and Gouglotz 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 the proposed legislation, claiming that record. A strong wind was blowing it would be an injustice to a district Wilkes paper announces to-day that it down the back stretch, otherwise the whose business was constantly increas hears that the railroad and bondholders 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

NO RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

appropriation bill at this session.

Over 100 Men; Spanish 2 All Parties Uphold the Presi-

WAS SOUNDED.

NOT AN INHARMONIOUS NOTE

Captain Sigsbee and Other Officers of the The Bill Passed the Senate Twelve Minutes After the Vice-President Had Put

It On Its Passage.

Washington, D. C., March 9.-Presi dent 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 afternoon. The Montgomery is as trim of Appropriations had previously effected an arrangement whereby there would be no debate on the bill, and after it was read. 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 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 Sen ate's action and when the announcement of the vote was made a murmu

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 cham ber, but there was not a note of levity that would detract from the serious ness of the work performed.

TO INVESTIGATE THE MAINE.

Mr. Chandler, (New Hampshire), pre sented 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, only two of his men killed and 15 to employ a stenographer and to make taken only for form sake, the investigation by the full committee, or by sub-committee thereof; the ex penses 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 New-

Washington, March 9 .- A delegation from Virginia appeared before the House Committee on Ways and Means o-day in opposition to the proposed consolidation of customs districts. Mayor Wyndam R. Mayo, of Norfolk, and J. T. Baird, of Portsmouth, and J. Mc-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 Rappahannock and Petersburg ports with the Richmond district. May- holders he preferred not to hear the moor Mayo made a vigorous protest against tion and it will come up before Judge ports with the Richmond district. Maying; 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

COOL AND JOLLY LEE Hawaiian Treaty Must be Ratified by Majority of the slanders.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—The Bacon amendment to the Hawaiian an

nexation treaty was under discussion during the executive sesison of the Senate today. The amendment provides

that the treaty shall not become opera

tive until ratified by a majority of the

tion of the committee to ask to have it taken up at this time, and that he de-

sired some opportunity to prepare him-

self for the presentation of the reasons

for submitting the treaty to a popular vote of the Hawaiian people. He pro

ceeded 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 refer

red to a petition protesting against an nexation which had been signed by 50,

000 natives of the islands, and which he said had been presented to the Senate by Senator Hoar. He referred to the

Massachusetts Senator's attitude in ref-

erence to the treaty, and said that it

must have changed since his presenta-tion of this petition.

This remark brought Senator Hoar to

his feet with a declaration that there

was nothing inconsistent between the

presentation of the petition and his sup-

Senator Bacon then asked for addi-

tention of the Committee on Foreign

Relations to press the treaty to a vote. To this inquiry, Mr. Davis replied that

to a vote on the treaty beyond the fact

opportunity of doing so. He also said

that while he was willing to submit to what appeared to be the popular de-sire that the Senate should adjourn

after the passage of the \$50,000,000 defense bill he would again tomorrow, if

going on with the treaty, and that he

would pursue these tactics from day to

day, so far as the business of the Senate

The Senate then adjourned until to

A NEGRO LYNCHED.

New Orleans, La., March 9 .- Wm.

Harris, one of the two negroes who at-

tempted to rob the store of Mrs. Caro

line Middleton, in McDonoughville, op

posite this city last night, was probably

lynched, though no trace of his body can

be found. It was undoubtedly thrown

THE DEPUTIES ACQUITTED

JURY TOOK ONLY ONE BALLOT AND WERE

UNANIMOUS.

There Are Yet Seventeen Other Indictments

for Murder and the Bail Bond

is Continued.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 9.-The jury

deputies, charged with the killing of

the strikers at Lattimer on September

10th last, this morning returned a ver-

diet of not guilty. There was an at-

tempt at applause, but it was quickly

When the jury retired last evening

they took only one ballot, and it was

jury was prepared to render a verdict

unanimous for acquittal. It is said the

before leaving the box. The ballot was

After the jury had been thanked and

discharged by Judge Woodward, District

Attorney Martin asked that the defen-

dants be required to continue their bai

bond, as there are still seventeen indict

ments for murder hanging over them

and thirty-eight for feloniously wound

ing. The bond was continued as re

District Attorney Martin says he has

not decided what to do with these other

cases, but will confer with the prose

cuting committee. This committee, it is

said, will insist upon further prosecu

WILKES COUNTY BONDS.

The Bondholders Arranging to Bring

Suit in the Federal Court.

Winston, March 9 .- (Special.)-The

attorneys for the railroad and bondhol

ders having declined to take Wilkes

County Railroad bond suit up to the Su-

preme court two of the stockholders

made a motion before Judge Coble at

Wilkesboro to-day to vacate the injunc

tion recently made by Judge Starbuck

restraining Treasurer Call, of Wilkes

from paying any money on bonds, Judge

Coble being related to some of the bond

Starbuck at Marion on March 14th. The

are arranging to bring suit against the

county in the Federal court before

THE PRESIDENT SIGNS.

The \$50,000,000 Public Defense Bill Now

Washington, March 9.-The president

a Law.

suppressed by the judge.

quested.

in other lines would permit.

into the river.

port of the treaty.

voters of the Hawaiian islands.

He Remains Undisturbed in the Midst of Vexations.

Senator Bacon objected to immediate REQUEST FOR RECALL consideration of his amendment, saying he had received no notice of the inten

> BELIEVES IT WAS PROMPTED BY THE AUTONOMISTS.

> NO DANGER TO HIM FROM VOLUNTEERS

Assurances That Consulate Will be Protected--The Court of Inquiry Taciturn and Secretive Lest Rumors be Exaggrated -- A Word From Proctor.

Havana, March 9.-Via Key West.-Havana escaped the excitement of Sunday last which seems to have reached a high pitch at Key West and elsewhere. Consul General Lee was not advised from the State Department of the request from Madrid for his recall, nor of the withdrawal of the request. Information as to both points was furnished tional time, and also put the question to Senator Davis whether it was the into him by the correspondent of the Associated Press. In the absence of particulars General Lee believes that the request was prompted by the Autonomists, he was not prepared to say what course who probably alleged that he was not a the committee would pursue with regard believer in autonomy as it exists here, and therefore asked his removal, in cr that they did not want to deprive all der to get a stumbling block out of the Senators who might wish to speak of an way.

Consul General Lee is on the best of terms with General Blanco, Senor Jose Congosto and the most influential Spanish merchants. All assure him of absolute protection, even if the volunteers should make a demonstration. General opportunity offered, move an executive Lee believes the volunteers would be session of the Senate for the purpose of controlled by the merchants in whose employ they are. Others doubt this, but the ranking colonel of the volunteers assures General Lee that his Consulate and the Americans would in no event be the object of a demonstration should any occur. General Lee is no more anxious to remain in a vexatious position than any other Consul in Cuba, but he has no intention of resigning nor any belief that he will recalled. He is cool, good humored and somewhat impatient of the sensational and untruthful reports emanating from Havana or Key West. The volunteers are apparently more quiet since they were assured by the government here and by Madrid officials that there is no intention to disarm or dis-band the corps. The Havana battalions have been supported in their protest by comrades of the same corps throughout

The Court of Inquiry pursues its tactiis that the court is principally engaged now in killing time and is not likely to go North until next week. It is certain that the members are strengthening the testimony daily by personal observation of the wreck and the carefully prepared plans made by Ensign Powelson from the almost hourly reports of the divers. The court now has photographs, drawings and diagrams showing as near as possible the condition of things submain the case of Sheriff Martin and his

What effect the presence of the Montgomery will have here no one will be able to tell until she has been here several days. She is so much smaller than the Vizaga or the Almirante Oquendo that it is apparent to every one that she was not sent in a warlike mood, but only to replace the Fern. There is no apprehension among Naval officers that the Montgomery will share the fate of

With reference to the secrecy observed as to the wrecking work and portions of the testimony before the Court of Inquiry, a high Naval officer, says there is no special reason for maintaining secrecy except the fact that the bare statements of comparatively unimportant incidents are exaggerated by some and worked up into dangerous sensational stories. In view of this, said the offi cer in question, it was deemed best to command absolute reserve on the part of all connected with the court examination or the work of salvage.

Senator Proctor, before leaving to-day by the Olivette, said:

"You may say that my visit, call it a mission of pleasure or business or what you will, has been very successful. I cannot speak on political subjects pertaining to Cuba, here and now.

THE EWART INVESTIGATION.

More Witnesses Examined and Pritchard Says He Will Come Out All Right.

Washington, D. C., March 9 .- (Special.)—The examination of witnesses the Ewart case was continued this afternoon by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Among the witnesses examined were Capt. Bowman, J. M. Gudger, Lawson O. Milton. Senator Pritchard, who has been representing Judge Ewart, said this evening that Judge Ewart would come out all right. Some very strong letters in favor of Judge Ewart were received today by the Judiciary Committee. The report tonight is that the sub-committee will report to the fu'

GEN. ROSECRANS DYING.

Los Angeles, Cal., March. 9.-G W. S. Rosecran's physicians that he is closely and peacefully away. He is conscious and sy pain. His splendid vital force him alive several hours, poss