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President McKinley Sees it and His Cuban Policy Changes.

THE HAND-WRITING ON THE WALL.

The Revolt Among Republicans Against Compromise Increases .-- A Majority of His Party in the House Decides to Force Him to Active Measures---He Assures Them of an Ultimatum for Cuban Independence Sent to Spain and Early Reply Demanded -- The President Now Anxious to Force Measures---Spain for the First Time Stoops to Consider the Question of Giving Up Cuba---War Preparations On Both Sides Continued --- Consul General Lee Notified of Plots Against His Life ... Spain Pleading for Aid from Other European Powers.

licans of the house who are aggressively in favor of prompt and energetic action in the Cuban matter and who met last night in conference held another meeting after the house abjourned tonight. At last night's meeting forty-six members were present. Tonight they were re-enforced by sixty-nine, making it a total of 115. This constitutes considerably more than a majority of the republican membership of the house and the members present tonight say that it by no dependence of Cuba, or American inmeans represents the full strength of those who will be satisfied with nothing short of the complete independence of Cuba. Many of the radicals favor armed intervention and a few, like Representative Marsh, of Illinois, believe the blowing up of the Maine is a casus belli. The speeches at tonight's meeting, while vigorous and yielding nothing, were nevertheless in favor of giving the president an opportunity to mature his policy and of completing the negotiations in which he is now engaged. Many of the leaders of the movement, including Messrs. Hopkins, of Illinois; Hull, of Iowa; Tawney, of Minnesota; Bromwell, of Ohio; Hepburn, of Iowa, and W. A. Smith, of Michigan, saw the president today and all he asked was a brief delay. Action by congress before the called at the White house today and pending negotiations are completed, he told them, would embarrass him and might result in a complete rupture. Messrs. Hull, Bromwell and others explained this situation to the conference. They counseled acquiescence in the president's desires. A rupture with the administration was greatly to be radical action by the senate and house deplored and should, they argued, only, of representatives has for the time beoccur as a last resort. They informed the conference that the president had said that the negotiations now in progress would either fail or be successful by the end of the week. He believed they would be successful. He did not indicate their nature, they said, and they pointed out that it would be manifestly ruinous for the details to be made public at this time. They said, further, that the president informed them that he would, in the event of the failure of the negotiations, place the whole subject before congress and share with it the responsibility for what might follow. Mr. Adams, of Pennsylvania, the ranking member of the foreign affairs committee of the house in the absence of Mr. Hitt, who is ill, explained that the sentiment of the committee was strongly against further delay although he was himself a conservative. But he said the committee NO AID FROM OTHER MONARCHwas willing to defer to the wishes of the president and no action would be taken at the meeting tomorrow. On Monday, however, if a satisfactory so-Jution had not previously been reached action would be had. All the members present professed ignorance of the details of the president's plans and negotiations, although several said the president assured them that if successful, they would, he thought, be satisfastory. While these different reports were made to the conference they were unofficial and the conference decided as last to appoint a committee of eleven to wait upon the president tomorrow and explain their views on the situation, the committee to report at a meeting to be held tomorrow night. The committee appointed consisted of the following members: Messrs. Hopkins and Lorrimer. of Illinois; Joy, of Missouri; Sulloway, of New .Hampshire; «Cooper, of Wisconsin; Arnod, of Pennsvivania; Mercer, of Nebraska; Knox, (of Massachusetts: Paris, of Indiana; Hager, of Iowa, and Smith, of Michigan. Washington, March 30 .- The vital point in the Cuban situation, wiz: In- tions are involved in a crisis any exdependence, has shifted itself from ternal influence may be resented as an Washington to Madrid where the Spanish government is now giving grave that the French authorites are fully and earnest consideration to propositions presented by the government of the United States. On the answer to these propositions, probably, depends the future course of the relations between Spain and his county. It is believed that it is now but a question of ity hoped within the last week that an exceedingly short time before the inevitable crisis must come. The Spanish ministry will hold a cabinet council tomorrow after the propositions have been submitted to the queen regent and as a result of that conference it is expected by the administration that a definite answer to its proposals will be received. The propositions submitted by this country contemplate a complete and immediate cessation of hostilities in Cuba, the return of the reconcentrados to their usual avocations, and the independence of Cuba. this last feature to be secured probably on an indemnity basis by which the island would pay a substantial sum for its freedom from Spanish rule. These propositions take a wide scope and there are many details in the alternative propositions, the purpose being to present every possible plan promising a solution of the Culban The most notable instance of this kind problem so long as an end of the Cuban war and Cuban independence are embodied in the ultimate result. It has been made perfectly clear to Spain that nothing less than the close of the war and the independence of the island will suffice as an adequate settlement.

Washington, March 30 .- The repub- , long as the conclusion finally reached brings the termination of the war and Cuban independence.

Never before until now has the Spanish government, even for a moment, entertained such a proposition. Now, in the stress of the present emergency with declarations of war introduced in the American congress. Spain has reluctantly consented to consider them. This in itself has given lively hope of satisfactory results. But it involves a grave crisis in Spain and it cannot be foretold what the final action at Madrid will be. Until today, it was believed that Spain would indignity reject a proposition involving the indervention or the disappearance of the Spanish flag from the island, either through purchase by Cubans or cherwise. There was the best of reason for the official belief that as between peace and war on these propositions, Spain would chose war, but more hope apparently is entertained here of Spain being in a yielding mood, as the American plans for solution are being carefully weighed with a view to a final decision. As stated, that answer is believed to be only a question of perhaps two or three days. When it is received the future course of this government will be determined. It is the view of the administration that the present week will shape the policy of the future, whether it is to be one of peace or one of war. Many representative men of congress-senators and representativesconferred with the president. To the leaders in congress he stated that the definite results were expected from Madrid by Friday. This served to allay the intense feeling which has been manifested in congress, and, through the influence of the leaders, further ing been deferred.

is regarded as critical by both the Uni- with Spain were rapidly approaching a presumably for Cuba, has created conted States legation and the Spanish crisis and said that he felt quite congovernment.

Stewart L. Woodford, is working ener- ed that, in view of this fact, no action getically and will continue to do so for be taken by either house until after Spain's peace until the first gun is fired. It is known the Spanish government admits the desirability, or necessity, of complying with the demands of the United States and it is only in the disinclination of the ministers to put this willingness into concrete form that the danger lies. If a conference were to be held with British, German or French diplomats the matter would

be settled without question. The point which General Woodford is now pressing is that in the interests of and today there has been a much more humanity, hostilites in Cuba must cease quiet feeling. Without being able to immediately. No date was fixed eith- give any good reason for their belief er in the first or in the present note, many prominent men seem satisfied but the United States is now dwelling that peace is assured. The word upon the meaning of the word "immediately" and insisting that Spain accept its general interpretation. The to solve the whole problem of Cuban public generally is taking little appar- strife. Those, however, who know ent interst in the situation, but there General Maximo Gomez, General Garis a general disinclination to believe cia, Senor Bortolomeo Masso and the that war is likely.

SPAIN'S WAR PREPARATIONS.

El Pais says four warships have been obtained by Spain in France and that negotiations are pending for the purchase of several torpedo boats in Great Britain. The Pais also says that orders have been issued to mobilize all the Spanish warships and the torpedo boat Halcon is to sail immediately from Carthagena for Cadiz, where a second torpedo squadron is being prepared. Military engineers, according to The Pais, are starting for the Canary islands, and the Balearic islands are being fortified. Italy, it is said, by the Pais, has decided to sell the armored cruiser Giuseppe Garibaldi, of 6,840 tons and well armored, a sister ship of the Varese, to Spain. Two regiments, still according to the Pais, are going to the Canary islands to stregthen the Spanish garrison there.

The Armstrongs' Spanish

fident a conclusion would be reached The United States minister, General by Friday night at the latest. He askthat time or until the present negotiations could be brought to a close. If he took any of the senators into his confidence as to the basis upon which he was proceeding they did not repeat the information in the senate ..

> CUBANS WILL ACCEPT NO ARMISTICE.

Havana, via Key West, Fla., March 30 .- Sunday and Monday were days of businesscircles of Havana, but yesterday identified. "armistice" is repeated from lip to lip, as if there were some magic within it

other insurgent headers best say that all reckon without their host who believe these men will agree to an armistice, even if asked to do so by the United States, unless it is plainly understood that the truce is to be followed by a recognition of "Cuba libre."

It is argued that General Gomez, after holding out all through the dry season, will decline to agree to a truce during the rainy months in which the insurgents would have the advantage. On all sides it is regarded as almost certain that if war does come it will not come until all possible plans of accommodating difficulties fail. A Spaniard of high influence, talking recently with Consul General Lee said: "The Sagasta ministry will not ue compelled to fight to insure self-protection. Sagasta could quiet Spain by proclaiming. We have made Cuba an ash pile, a desert. It is no longer worth any outlay of blood or treasure. It is only fit for

negroes and mixed bloods. Let it go.

siderable feeling among many of the officers, as was the case when the torpedo flotilla sailed for Porto Rico. News from Washington regarding

Spain's reply to the ultimatum of the United States is eagerly awaited. Captain Sampson, Captain Evans and Captain Chadwick had a long consultation today on board the flagship. Capitain Evans has been warmly greeted on his new ship, the Iowa.

Five bodies from the wreck of the Main arrived this afternoon from Havana and will be interred tomorrow. The boatswains mate, John Anderson, and Seaman Frank Andrews are the decided anxiety in the political and only two of the five that have been

The Bache sailed today for the Tortugas on regular survey duty. The Annapolis will sail tomorrow for Brook

There were ninety four passengers from Havana by the Mascotte tonight and among them about fifty Americans who say that Americans are not safe in Havana now.

The Mallory Line steamer Nucces arrived tonight from New York with 3,069 packages of provisions and ammunition for the government.

ANOTHER VESSEL PURCHASED.

Palermo, March 30 .- The Giornale di Sicilia announces that the United States has bought the steel steam yacht Aegusa belonging to the Florio-Rubattino company, for a dispatch boat. The price paid is £ 00,000 (\$300,-000.)

The Aegusa was built at Greenock by Scott & Co in 1896. She has a registered tonnage of 675.65, is 264.7 feet long 31.65 in breadth and 18.5 in depth and is schooner rigged.

SPAIN CONCEALING THE ISSUES.

Madrid, March 30, 4:30 p. m.-A cabinet council was held this afternoon to consider the American proposals. Another will be held tomorrow at noon. presided over by the queen regent and lior, explained the results of the elecat 4 o'clock tomorrow there will be a tions and Senor Moret read a series of



strength in torpedo boats, torpedo catchers and torpedo boat destroyers. Minister Woodford's proposals are not yet known to the public here. The papers assert that when he gave assurance of America's friendliness Senor Sagasta pithily retorted by alluding to the warlike preparations of the United States, the attitude of the American congress and to American popular feeling. General Woodford is said to have explained this as "only natural in order to be ready for emergencies.

The result of tomorrow's conference is awaited on all sides with the greatest anxiety and hope.

THE CABINET COUNCIL.

MIDNIGHT-At the cabinet council Senor Capdepon, minister of the interfinal conference between United States | important documents relative to the situation of the reconcentrados in Cuba and the results of the efforts hitherto made for their relief. In view of these documents Senor Moret proposed and the council approved an open credit of 3,000,000 posetas, to be placed at the disposition of General Blanco by cable to be used in succoring necessitous reconcentrados and to facilitiate work for those willing to return to their holdings, with the supply of needful advances to enable them to till the ground.

EXCITEMENT AT THE CAPITOL.

At the capitol excitement was unabated. After the vote on the Bailey resolution many republicans went to the White house to confer with the president and to express to him their Lope that something might be promised which would relieve the strained situation. The assurance of the president was given to these members that by Friday night at the latest something definite could be expected.

The situation at the capitol is one of waiting expectancy. Senators and representatives are willing to give the president an opportunity to carry out his plans, but there is impatience to have some informaton regarding these plans and some assurances that they will not delay action too long.

IES.

It was stated today in a high diplomatic quarter that the Spanish government, within the last ten days had addressed a note to the great powers of Europe, fally setting forth the grave aspect of the controversy with the United States and at last inferentally suggesting that the time was now oppontune European influences to be exerted. It is said that the note led to the utterances of Premier Hanotaux in the French chamber last Saturday, and has been the cause of the activity of European countres during the last few days in connection with Spanish-American affairs. Up to the present time, however, no actual step toward meditation or intervention has been taken by any of the great powers, although there is little doubt that France stands ready to take the initiative if there is the slightest evidence that the United Sates government will view such a move with favor.

A tender of good officers is one of the last resorts of diplomacy, when all other means of avertng war seem to be at an end. There is additional difficulty from the fact that when two naintrusion. There is reason to believe conscious of these delicate and difficult phases, and that no step will be thade unless it is clearly apparent in advance that the United States desires the friendly offices of other nations. The Spanish government has earnestsome of the European powers, and more likely Austria or France, would take the initiative without waiting to consult the desires of this government. This hope has proved vain, however, and it is stated today in high authority that recent negotiations in Europe have disclosed positively that while the sympathy of some of the continental powers was toward Spain, no one of them stood ready to espouse her cause, by meditaton or by arms.

Spaniard, who is in touch with the government and commercial people in situation, although ignorant Spanlards Spain, has expressed the belief that un- might be deceived by such a declaraless the powers intercede there will be tion. Meanwhile it seems as if the war. He added: "If the United Spanish military and naval powers are States offered money for our clearing either convinced that there is no danout of Cuba we would not accept, but ger of active hostilities or are utterly if the proposition emanated from an- careless of the grave consequences that other power it is not unlikely that it the future may hold. would be accepted." 'This view of the case is echoed by a portion of the Spanish press, which advises Spain to

wash her hands of Cuba. Senor Ortiz de Zarato, a prominent former Carlist deputy, who has just been defeated at Vittoria, expressed the opinion that there would be no war, sayng: "We have neither ships, sailors, soldiers, plans nor money, and the government knows it. It will struggle to the last and then cave in." gerous and foster internal disorders. Senor Zarato, who was recently at Cadiz, says the Spanish warships Palayo and Charles V., which the government announced to be ready for sea, cannot possibly be made ready sooner.

SPANISH WARSHIPS SAIL.

than two months.

London, March 30 .- Mail advices received here today from Las Palmas, Canary islands, under date of March 23rd, confirm the Washington advices of the sailing of the Spanish torpedo flotilla. The letters received here say that on that date three Spanish torpedo boats, three torpedo boat destroyers and the escort, the transport Ciudad de Cadiz, received telegraphic orders to proceed to Cuba.

Washington, March 30 .- The navy department has received a dispatch saying that the armored cruisers Infanta Maria Theresa and Christobal Colon, and the torpedo boat destroyer Destructor, have sailed from Carthagena, Spain. Their destination has not been learned as yet.

A FLOOD OF CUBAN RESOLUTIONS A resolution similar to that introduced by Senator Foraker yesterbay, recognizing Cuba independence, was introduced in the house today by Representative Broderick, of Kansas.

Representative Wheeler, of Alabama, introduced the following joint resolution:

Resolved, That the government of the United States hereby declares that the struggling patriots in the island of Cuba are belligerents and are recognized as such by this government."

Representative Adamson, of Georgia, has introduced a resolution recognizing the republic of Cuba and authorizing the president to accredit to it a minister of this government.

Representative Mahany, of New York, introduced a joint resolution recognizing the Cuban republic as a free and independent state and welcoming her "to the sisterhood of republics in the Western world."

Representative Todd, of Michigan, introduced a resolution declaring a state of war exists between the United States and Spain.

THE PRESIDENT GIVES UP THE ARMISTICE PROPOSAL.

But very few take such a view of the

There are no visible preparations to provision Havana in case of a blockade nor is there any notable increase in the coal supply for naval uses. In the opinion of Americans here one of the gravest dangers lies in the fact that the ignorant classes of the city are not in any way advised as to the chances of war or seige. They believe Havana impregnable and the fleet of Spain allconquering. If rudely awakened to other views, they might become dan-

PLOTS AGAINST LEE'S LIFE.

Consul General Lee continues as heerful as sunlight, despite the fact that he was warned last Sunday and Monday of five distinct plots against his life. Of course he does not give credance to such stories, and he is carefully guarded by the government, but continued warnings of this kind are not pleasant mental diet. The last story was that he would be poisoned by a bribed employee of his hotel. To this General Lee replied by asking the newspaper correspondents who sat near him at meal time, in case he is suddenly taken ill, first to shoot his waiter and then to run for a stomach pump. Since the report of the two courts of inquiry, the American and Spanish,

have been sent in, the newspapers, clubs and cafes have been alive with all sorts of old and new theories. The exploded scandal about the drunken dinner on the City of Washing

ton and the other about careless and bad discipline on board the Maine are revived day by day. It is interesting to recall the fact that in the course of an interview which the correspondent of the Associated Press had with captain Peral, who presided over the Spanish naval court of inquiry, the officer earnestly denied all such stories, paying Capain Sigsbee, his officers and men a high compliment upon the efficiency of the discipiline on board the Maine.

WILD RUMORS.

Among Spanish lower classes it rumored that there is a plot on foot to blow up the Maine wreck with dynamite and to blow up the Vizcaya or the Almirante Oquendo. Recently the story gained circulation that three Americans had been arrested during the night for trying to blow up the wreck and had been sent to Cubanas fortress. The only foundation for this was that the Associated Press correspondent, with a companion, visited the Fern after dark for the purpose of reading a bulletin, to the officers and had his boat challenged repeatedly, as is usual, by the marine sentinels.

It is now known here that Captain Chadwick was the last of the members of the court of inquiry to make up his mind that the evidence pointed incontestably to an external explosion. Captain Sampson, Lieutenant Commander Potter and Judge Advocate Marix were earlier convinced. As soon as Captain Chadwick was satisfied by a study of the wreck, the plans of its submarine condition and the testimony offered, Captain Sampson said: "There is no use waiting here any longer," and the Mangrove sailed for Key West four hours after their minds were made up. The decision to go was taken so suddenly that there was no chance to send the battleship Iowa for the court as it had been thought would be done. ORDER FOR EXPULSION OF COR-RESPONDENTS.

Minister Woodford, Senor Sagasta, the premier; Senor Gullon, the foreign minister, and Senor Moret, the minister for the colonies.

The proposition which Spain will answer covers two points only and its publication will be a revelation to some of those abroad who have been denouncing Americas aggressive attitude. It is as follows: Spain to proclaim immediately an armistice in Cuba to last until October, during which interval the United States will use its good offices with the insurgents to make this temporary peace permanent; and, second, Spain to do her best toward relieving suffering and starvation on the island, with America to be allowed to assist in this work.

Washington, March 30 .- The above dispatch was shown to an official of the administration whose position is such as to give weight to his utterances. He said that in view of today's events, the Madrid statement of the president's proposition was not to be taken seriously. The armistice scheme referred to was the very one which had almost caused an open revolt in congress. The administration was quoted as saying today that an armistice would not be pressed. The probable explanation was that the armistice story had been circulated by the gavernment in Madrid for home consumption.

SIGSBEE ASSIGNED TO SHORE DUTY.

Captain C. D. Sigsbee, who commanded the battleship Maine at the time of the explosion, has been assigned to duty as aide to Secretary Long. ORDER OF CONCENTRATION RE-

VOKED.

The Spanish legation here late tonight received a cablegram from the governor general of Cuba saying that the captain general reported the pacification of the eastern provinces so far advanced that it had been decided to rescind the reconcentrado order in these provinces and allow all subjects of this decree to return to their homes in the counitry. To aid in the re-establishing of the reconcentrados upon their farms, the cablegram states the government will grant them protection of the Spanish military forces, augmented by local relief committees to look after their immediate needs. Economic kitchens, it says, are to be established to support the reconcentrados while waiting for their first crops to mature and they are to be furnished farming implements and seeds by the government. To supply them ready money, such of them as are able, will be given employment of public work and it is asserted by the authrities that these measures will result in the speedy rehabilitation of the rural communities in the western provinces.

This cablegram was not made public till more than an hour after midnight and no official comment upon its significance could be secured.

SPAIN'S WAR PREPARATIONS.

age of news as to the naval movements, while the war preparations

Senor Sagasta gave an account of the conference with United States Minister Woodford and explained America's proposals, their character and significance, The council deliberated at great length and after consideration of the import-

ant issues depending upon its decision. resolved to submit the results of the deliberations tomorrow to the queen regent.

The report that the government has obtained the queen regent's signature to a new credit from the bank of Spain is unfounded.

DEPORTED FROM HAVANA.

Havana, March 30 .- A man named Garcia, who has acted as interpreter here for a New York newspaper, leaves for Key West today by order of the chief of police, who accuses him of being the author of many sensational stories and of having been in communication with the insurgents.

Victor Hohenstein, a German subject, was arrested on landing here this morning from the Mascotte. He claims to be a member of the German Red Cross Society, but when searched, it is said he destroyed documents. The police secured some of the pieces of paper which, when put together, are understood to be an insurgent document.

Very few newspaper correspondents are left here now. Many will go north before tomorrow evening, because of the quarantine, and it is probable that only seven American correspondents will remain in Havana.

George C. Musgrave, the correspondent of a New York newspaper, was deported today. He was charged with having come direct from the camp of General Maximo Gomez. Mr. Musgrave claims to be a British subject and British Consul Gollannot is known to have made an effort to prevent the deportation. The young man was sent on board the mail steamer Buenos Ayres without his bag-

SPAIN BEGGING FOR EUROPEAN INTERVENTION.

London, March 30 .- The Vienna correspondent of The Standard says: The queen regent of Spain, I learn, wrote personally last week to Emperor Francis Joseph and other sovereigns, including Emperor Nicholas, requesting, not precisely intervention, but the exercise of such influence at Washington as might conduce to a peaceful settlement without injury to Spain's dignity and vital interests. "I am in a difficult position." she wrote, "having to act as the guardian of the dynasty, which I must not expose to any danger, and at the same time as the defender of the rights, honor and interests of Spain. To surrender Cuba in any form would unquestionably injure the dynasty under which it occurred; whereas to fight for it would Madrid, March 30 .- A severe censor- keep those interests intact, together with ship is exercised to prevent the leak- my country's honor. But the disadvantages Spain would have to fight under are obvious, and a peaceful solution

It is now for Spain to accept or reject these tenders. There is no disposition | tion here is outwardly of the calmest to urge one rather than another, so description the actual position of affairs visiting senators that the negotiations The sailing of the Spanish warships.

SECRECY AS TO WAR PREPARA. TIONS

The greatest secrecy prevails in many of the bureaus of the war and navy departments in regard to the various projects of defence and naval movements now going on and the officials in many cases postively refuse to make public steps that have been determined upon. probably is in the navy department where Captain Crowninshield, of the bureau of navigation, has issued an order forbidding subordinates to make public any information except on permission from himself.

SITUATION IN MADRID CRITICAL Madrid, March 30 .- While the situa-

Washington, March 30.-The senate committee on foregn relations held two sessions today and adjourned a few minutes before 5 o'clock without reaching an agreement. Commander Bradford, of the bureau of equipment, was before the committee for several hours, gving expert testimony as to the relative strength of the navies of the United States and Spain and also advocating the purchase of the island of St. Thomas, of the Danish West Indies, as a naval station. Another development in the committee was an agreement to not present the completion of the committee's work on the Cuban situation for a few days in order to afford time to the president to continue his diplomatic negotiations with the Spanish authorities. This concession was the result of a request maide direct to members of the committee by the president and it was granted by the entire committee without any murmur or dissent.

Previous to this action on the part of the committee, the president had been very frankly informed that neither the committee nor the senate would be disposed to acquise in any agreement for an armistice. This opposition is understood to have been made clear on behalf of the joint repulican and democratic steering committees of the senate, and it is understood to have been met by the president with the response that this government would not press the matter. The president freely a mitted to all

Dr. Jose Congosto, the secretary general, has countersigned the orders General Blanco made on Monday that the moment hostilities are declared be tween Spain and the United States all American correspondents are to be expelled from Cuba. The orders are not dated and can be enforced at any time.

NEWS FROM KEY WEST.

Key West, Fla., March 30 .- The cable from the Dry Tortugas to Key West was completed today when the Nashville and the cable boat arrived. The work was speedily done.

The torpedo boat attack upon the Indiana, Iowa, and New York in last night's evolutions resulted in a torpedo boat victory. The torpedo boat men claim that the Iowa could have been blown up with a loss of only two torpedo boats while the Indiana and New York were in serious danger.

continue with the greatest activity and as far as possible the greatest secrecy.

The utmost efforts are making night and day to get the first class ironclads it is regarded as certain they will be Theresa and Cristobal Colon to join Vizcaya and Almirante Oquendo in Cuban waters, thus forming a souadron of six armored vessels. This wave of patriotism, with the enrollment of the volunteer corps, is spreading enthusiasm throughout the country. All seats have been sold for tomorrow's opera performance, realizing about \$25,000 for the navy, and similar performances are being arranged in other cities. The Madrid papers allege that the South American republics have already subscribed enough to build a warship to be called Rio de La Plata. while Mexico has sent huge donations. The Spanish army will give a day's

Dav. Orders have been sent to strengthen the defences at Manilla and Porto Rico. There is a good deal of comment upon America's purchase of twenty-three will be able to make a good show in the event of war, although her men of

war are smaller than the Americans.

would best serve every purpose.

Charleston Business Men Want Peace

Charleston, S. C., March 30 .- The co merch bodies of Charleston, the cotton Pelayo and Carlos V. completed, when exchange, the chamber of commerce, the merch nts' exchange and the young dispatched with the cruisers Maria men's business league, all met to lay and unanimously adopted resolution calling on the senators' and representatives of South Carolina to stand by President McKinley in his efforts to maintain peace. The resolutions adopted, which were signed by the presidents of the bodies named, were addressed to Senator Tillman and are as follows:

"As a strong sentiment and desire orists among the business men of Charleston that President McKinley be given full time to complete his plans to maintain peace with Spain, consistent entirely with the honor of our country, we respectfully urge our senators and representatives to support and uphold the president in such efforts. Please communicate this telegram to the entire South Carolina delegation."

If You Wish to Be Well

You must fortify your system against the attacks of disease. Your blood must be kept pure, your stomach and heavy guns from the Armstrongs, and digestive organs in order, your appetite it is alleged that both Spain and Ja- good. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medpan had previously refused them after | icine to build you up, purify and ena trial. The impression of the press rich your blood and give you strength. and the public generally is that Spain It creates an appetite and gives diges. tive power.

Hood's Pills are the favorite family She would depend on her greater cathantic, easy to take, easy to operate