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POWERS INTERVENTION?

If Spanish Reports Are True About Such Intervention Then War Is Certain. But These Reports Are Perhaps For the Purpose of Allaying the Spanish Rabble.

DEBATE IN THE SENATE.

Several Senators Make Warm Speeches. Tillman Makes a Red Hot One For War. Tilt Between Daniel and Quay. Talk of European Intervention Not Seriously Regarded By Senators. United States Will Firmly Decline to Accept European Suggestions.

Today's news from Madrid says that European powers will intervene in favor of Spain and make a naval demonstration in support of such intervention. This is undoubtedly a Spanish lie.

The American people will submit to no such unwarranted interference. If attempted it would surely cause an awful war. We feel sure England would not take part in such intervention, but would take our side. It would be the Anglo-Saxon against the balance of the world, and the Anglo-Saxon would win.

We believe the news of the nature of the intervention, if there is to be any intervention at all, is distorted and twisted to suit the Spanish rabble, to quiet the mad animals so they will not rush to their destruction by forcing their government to go to war with the United States.

The senate has not yet acted, and will probably not reach a vote before Monday, though it will be in continuous session until a vote is reached.

Spain makes a bold reply to the indictment of her by this country for her cruelties in Cuba and the Maine disaster, and says that after exhausting every effort for peace she will accept the issue of war. This is brave talk, but we suspect it is mainly to appease the Spanish populace.

NO ACTION BY THE SENATE.

Expected to Finish Debate Today and Tonight. The Senate Peace Syndicate. Orders to Secure Transportation for Troops to Cuba. Contracts for Ambulance Wagons. Weyler Commander-in-Chief of Spanish Army. Flying Squadron Returns From Practice. The Spanish Reply is Bold and Saucy.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Washington, April 15.—A telegram from Philadelphia says that the monitor Nahant left for New York this morning. The ambassadors of the European powers, after another conference with Bishop Ireland, held a meeting this morning and will send an emphatic note to President McKinley for the purpose of saving Spain.

Orders to Secure Transportation for Troops to Cuba.

Secretary Alger issued an order this morning directing Col. Kimball, chief

quartermaster of the department of the east, to arrange to secure transportation to be used in conveying troops to Cuba. This order is an emergency one, and the quartermaster is directed to use every endeavor to let the contract immediately.

Expected to Finish Debate Today and Tonight.

This is expected to be the last day of debate on the Cuban resolutions in the senate. Notwithstanding the early hour of meeting and the bad weather, the galleries are densely packed.

To Secure a Vote Before Adjournment Monday.

These senators who favor the recognition of Cuban independence insist that they will secure a vote before the senate adjourns next Monday.

An all night session is likely. Twenty members are scheduled to speak during today and tonight. Most of the speeches will be brief.

Senate "Peace Syndicate."

Senators belonging to the "peace syndicate" may talk long and hold many conferences of the factions that have failed of agreement. Notice has been given in the senate that it will sit continuously.

Senator Cullom Makes a Strong Speech in Favor of Avenging the Maine.

Senator Cullom began the debate with an impressive speech in favor of the majority report. He declared that the Maine disaster was a deliberate and atrocious murder of our sailors by Spaniards. He said the people of the United States demand that this crime be avenged, and that the blow be struck without delay. He further said that if Spain is permitted to pursue her course in Cuba she will destroy all the patriots of that country.

Senator Platt presented resolutions adopted by the Republican Editorial association of New York, approving the president's course.

Berry Applauded So President Threatened to Clear the Galleries.

Senator Berry, of Arkansas, was the next speaker. He argued in favor of the recognition of the republic of Cuba. He closed amid deafening applause from the gallery. The vice-president jumped to his feet and cried angrily that there must be no more of this. He would be forced to clear the galleries if such a demonstration is repeated.

Senator Daniel Speaks.

Senator Daniel, of Virginia, followed Senator Berry. He said that diplomacy is ended and we stand on the edge of war. He spoke in favor of the Turpie resolution. He accused the president of insincerity in his recommendations concerning Cuba.

Tilt Between Daniel and Quay.

Senator Quay arose to defend the president.

Senator Daniel asked Quay if it was the purpose of the president to send an army to Cuba and turn our guns to face Gen.

Gomez, thus crushing a glorious resolution?

Senator Quay answered that he would hang his head in shame if he thought such were the intentions of the house resolutions, favored by the president.

Tillman Makes a Red Hot Speech.

At the conclusion of Daniel's speech Senator Tillman made a red hot war speech, and yielded temporarily to Senator Gray, who wanted to make himself clear about his position on the Cuban question.

During a repartee with Daniel, Tillman said: "Populists, Republicans, Democrats are we, but all of us are Americans to make Cuba free."

To Continue in Session Till a Vote is Reached.

The senate is pledged to remain in continuous session until a vote is reached on the Cuban resolutions.

Contract For Ambulance Wagons.

The war department has closed a contract for ambulance wagons for the army to go to Cuba.

Will Firmly Decline to Accept Suggestions.

The consensus of opinion of the officials in the state department is that if the European powers present a note after the senate passes the resolutions under consideration, the government will firmly decline to accept any suggestions.

Secretary Day said he does not believe this country would entertain any overtures from powers seeking to change the programme arranged.

European Action Not Seriously Regarded.

Efforts to induce renewed action for intervention by European powers are not regarded seriously by senators. It is not believed that any complete coalition can be secured in any very radical protest against the course of the United States.

Nine Republicans will oppose the Davis resolution.

Weyler Commander in Chief of Spanish Army.

It is rumored here that Weyler has been appointed commander in chief of the Spanish army.

Orders to Naval Reserves.

Orders have been issued by the navy department to the Naval Reserves of New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Michigan and New Jersey to hold themselves in readiness to man the auxiliary cruisers recently purchased, viz: Pratic, Yankee, Dixie, Yosemite and Venezuela. They will not be required to go aboard until hostilities have occurred.

Massachusetts Appropriates Half a Million for War.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Boston, April 15.—The general assembly of Massachusetts this afternoon appropriated \$500,000 for war purposes.

Opening Ball Season Postponed.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Philadelphia, April 15.—The opening of the baseball season here today was postponed on account of rain.

THE SPANISH REPLY.

Says All the Troubles in Cuba Originate Through the Clamor of American Sugar Manufacturers. Indignantly Denies Responsibility for Maine Disaster. Says United States Consuls Were Cuban Rebel Agents. Says Spain is Reluctantly Compelled to Fight for Her Rights and Honor.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

London, April 15.—A dispatch from Madrid this afternoon says that the note of the Spanish government to the United States will review the whole Cuban question, pointing out that all the troubles with the United States arise through the clamor of American sugar manufacturers, who, it is claimed, fomented and organized the entire revolt. In this note attention is called to the alleged unmolested American filibustering, and it is asserted that the chief insurgent leaders are not Cubans, but adventurers of all nationalities, whose sole purpose is that of plunder and robbery.

This note was presented this afternoon. It indignantly denies that Spanish officers are responsible for the destruction of the Maine.

Minister Sagasta says: "Such an infamous calamity would merit the reprobation of the world. All nations and many Americans know the true cause of the disaster. For the American people to base their plea for intervention upon a heartless calamity of this character is to rebel against reason and justice. It is impossible for the United States to protest informally that they do not impute the destruction of the Maine to Spanish officials."

The note further says that United States consuls were Cuban rebel agents. When autonomy was promised the island the American squadron went near Cuba and inspired the insurgents to hold out.

All the contentions of the note are supported by documentary evidence, which, the Spanish ministry asserts, completely proves that had faith has been displayed by the United States.

The note concludes by declaring that the Spanish government has exhausted every means for gaining peace, and that Spain is reluctantly compelled to prepare for war and fight for the maintenance of her rights and honor.

FLYING SQUADRON.

Going Through Squadron Manoeuvres and Gun Practice. Returned to Old Point Today.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Newport News, April 15.—Capt. Furneman, of the steamship Chickahominy reports having passed the flying squadron off the capes, and that the squadron was going through squadron manoeuvres and gun practice. It is stated on excellent authority that the squadron will return to Old Point Comfort this afternoon.

Later news is that the flying squadron has returned to Old Point Comfort.

Gladstone Holding His Ground.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

London, April 15.—Gladstone is holding his ground and is suffering less.

Car load of Flour just received. Prices very low, at Dan Quinerly's.

WILL EUROPE INTERVENE?

The Pope Says He Understands Europe Will Intervene and Make Naval Demonstration.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Rome, April 15.—Pope Leo, of Rome, says he understands that the European powers will intervene between the United States and Spain, in favor of the latter. He adds that according to the information he has gathered from well informed quarters, the intervention will take the form of a naval demonstration in which all the powers will participate.

SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

The Wife of Edward Addicks, the Millionaire Gas Magnate, Sues For Divorce.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Wilmington, Del., April 15.—A suit was filed today for divorce by the wife of Edward Addicks, the millionaire gas magnate, on the grounds of desertion and non-support. The suit will not be contested by Addicks.

SAYS FUSION WILL RESULT.

Caucasian Thinks the Democratic and Populist Conventions Will Fuse.

The Caucasian this week says that if the Democratic and Populist conventions are representative of the masses of the people there will be co-operation of the two forces.

In the editorial the paper says:

"A large majority of the committee favor co-operation of all who are opposed to the gold standard and the election of an anti-monopoly legislature. There was, however, a difference of opinion among those favoring co-operation as to the day on which the convention should be held. The Caucasian thinks it might have been best to have held the convention on May 25th. If the convention had been held on that date, then there could have been no misunderstanding among the people as to who was sincere and who was insincere, and as to who was responsible for a failure to co-operate, if there should be a failure. But if all sides are sincere, the date for holding the convention is all right. But the fact that the Populist convention meets one week ahead of the Democratic convention makes it necessary for the proposition to co-operate to be so fair and just that no honest man in any party can object to it. If the masses of the People's party are properly represented in the People's party State convention, and if the masses of the Democratic party are properly represented in the Democratic convention, there will be a fair and honorable co-operation that will not only equitably arrange the places of trust between the parties, but will also make a great triumph for the principles of good government. For twenty years the State legislatures of North Carolina have been dominated to a greater or less extent by corporations and monopolies. If corporation attorneys and the agents of monopoly, and men who would barter the welfare of the State for an office, control the conventions, then there will be no co-operation, and the monopolists will win."

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