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THE END NOT YET IN SIGHT

The President Looking Closely After Matters.

BIG DEMONSTRATION IN HAVANA

By the Spaniards. Over the Arrival of the "Oquendo."—The Board of Enquiry, Returns to Havana Where Three Members of the "Maine's" Crew Were Recovered.—Hurry Orders Sent to Norfolk Navy Yard, and Projectiles and Other Ammunition Shipped to Southern Port.—Latest Despatches Bearing on the Maine Disaster.

By Telegram to The Morning Post.
Washington, March 5.—President McKinley is looking suggestions and even proposals for placing the country in a position of meeting any warlike emergency that may arise.

It is said that he hopes there will be no war, but what he has said to his advisers makes it plain that he will take extreme measures to protect the country from Spain if the National Government is in any danger.

He has held frequent conferences with officials of the Navy and War Departments of the Government, the subject of arranging for defensive measures.

His staff and forces will have an important part in the hostilities, should they come. It is on the navy that the principal dependence will be placed, according to the view of the administration.

Secretary Long has had frequent conferences with the President on the subject of increasing the navy's efficiency.

They are at present considering the advisability of arranging for the purchase of armored ships from foreign governments. Several offers have been received from shipbuilders who have vessels to spare, and some governments are believed to have expressed their willingness to have the United States take over of their hands several formidable war ships.

The money only is lacking. Options can be obtained, but options cost money, and there is none at hand available.

The Government is believed to have an eye on two ships, both armored, which the Austrians are building for Sweden and Norway. Two protected cruisers now under construction by the Austrians for Japan, are also on the Department's list.

The question of securing transportation for powder, coal and other munitions of war is giving the Navy Department considerable worry. Merchant vessels cannot be induced to carry the explosives, on account of the high rates of insurance which they would be obliged to pay and the risks thus taken.

It is an account of this, and because of the lack of funds, that the "Mohican" will take a cargo of powder to Honolulu, to be transferred to the "Baltimore," which will carry it to Hong Kong, where vessels of the Asiatic Squadron are concentrated. The "Baltimore's" assignment to Asiatic waters is not only to augment Dewey's squadron, but also, and principally to convey a sufficient supply of ammunition to the ships composing it, in preparation for any emergency which may cause them to make an offensive movement at the Philippines.

A floating marine machine shop is also desired, such vessel to stay with the squadron, so as to be within call if any ship should suffer a breakdown.

GREAT SPANISH DEMONSTRATION IN HAVANA

By Cable to The Morning Post.
Havana, March 5.—The Spanish fleet "Oquendo" arrived here this morning. A good many of the crowd gathered with fireworks and flags.

She is the third Spanish warship in the harbor now. Before the "Oquendo" was anchored fifteen minutes she was surrounded on all sides by a fleet of boats conveying from the docks the crews of Spaniards, who vehemently welcomed their welcome.

Relations have been made for a demonstration to greet the "Oquendo." Tugs, bearing the authorized delegations from clubs, put out to meet the warship. Flags are gaily flying all over the city, and the steam whistles in the city keep up an incessant din of whistles.

Parades are going up tonight, and the shouting crowds are parading the

streets. The "Oquendo" left the Canary Islands February 15th, the day the "Maine" blew up, and nothing was known on board of the disaster to the American battleship.

The officers and men could be seen gazing curiously over the side of their vessel at the wreck.

The United States tender "Mangrove" came into port soon after the "Oquendo." The "Mangrove" had on board the members of the "Maine's" Board of Enquiry. The wrecking tug "Merritt" is now at work by the side of the "Maine."

Three more unidentified bodies were brought up by the divers this morning. They were placed in hermetically sealed coffins, to be taken to Key West by the "Bache."

MOVEMENTS U. S. WAR VESSELS.
By Telegram to The Morning Post.
Norfolk, Va., March 5.—The "Puritan" was docked at 1 o'clock today and a large force put to work cleaning the bottom. The steam engineering department is working over time on both the "Puritan" and the "Foote." Nothing has been heard from the tug "Underwriter," which left Tuesday with the derrick "Chief" for Havana. It is known she is not gone ashore between Cape Henry and Hatteras, and a confidence was expressed that she had outridden the storm. The torpedo boat "Winslow," cast off moorings this morning and steamed out to Hampton Roads. She is on her way to Key West.

THREE MORE BODIES—SURVIVORS OF CREW DIVIDED UP.
By Telegram to The Morning Post.
Key West, March 5.—The steamer "Bache" left for Havana this morning, on receipts of a cable from Capt. Sigbee, saying that three more bodies had been recovered from the "Maine" wreck, of whom one has been recognized as Robert White, a mess attendant.

The "Bache" is expected back tomorrow or Monday morning, when the three bodies from the "Maine" will be interred in graves awaiting them in the city cemetery here. The surviving blue jackets of the "Maine" were divided up among the ships of the fleet today. There was a good deal of grumbling, because they had been disappointed in their wish to go north.

Among the bellicose population of Key West, this strengthening of the crew of the fleet is looked upon as a sure indication that the Navy Department expects a fight with Spain.

AMMUNITION SENT SOUTH.
By Telegram to The Morning Post.
New York, March 5.—The Navy Yard tugs "Narketta" and "Traffic" have left here for the South, loaded with ammunition and stores. These will be transferred at the forts, and thence forwarded to their destinations. Work was continued today on the cruisers "Chicago" and "Atlanta," and on the torpedo boat "Stiletto." The "Dolphin" was receiving a fresh coat of white paint and was being prepared for sea. One hundred and fifty men were at work on the wooden dry dock No. 3, and hope was expressed that the dock would be ready by March 25, nearly a week earlier than the date fixed by Naval Constructor Bowles in his report to the Navy Department.

INSPECTION OF FORTIFICATIONS
—PROJECTILES FOR SOUTHERN FORTS.
By Telegram to The Morning Post.
New York, March 5.—General Merritt, commanding the Department of the East, will leave Tuesday on a tour of inspection of fortifications and army posts on the east coast of Florida, including Key West.

He will not visit Dry Tortugas unless he receives further orders.

The Ordnance Department made another shipment today of projectiles for new guns at Southern forts. Two other shipments will be made in a few days, one to Fort Washington, Md., and one to Sullivan's Island, S. C.

TORPEDO BOAT LAUNCHED.
By Telegram to The Morning Post.
Baltimore, Md., March 5.—The torpedo boat "McKee" was successfully launched this afternoon at the Columbian Iron Works. The "McKee" is 98 feet long, and will have a displacement of 65 tons. It is expected that she will be ready for her trial trip by July 1st.

POWERFUL SPANISH SQUADRON.
Madrid, March 5.—A powerful Spanish squadron is being assembled in the harbor of Cadiz Nucluse. The fleet is the "flying squadron" and consists of three torpedo boats and three torpedo boat destroyers under command of Capt. Villamil.

BOARD'S WORK NEARLY COMPLETED.
By Telegram to The Morning Post.
Washington, March 5.—Admiral Sigsbee's telegram yesterday, stating the date when the report may be expected from the naval board is indefinitely understood to mean that the board's work is now nearly completed. Several weeks may elapse before the verdict of the court is known. Meantime the work of putting the army in complete condition is going on. When the board reports each member will give his official opinion.

ESSEX SAILS.
Washington, March 5.—The training ship Essex sailed this morning from Hampton Roads for New York.

SPAIN HASN'T THE SHIPS YET

Negotiations for Their Purchase Still Pending.

UNCLE SAM HAS NOT MADE OFFER

For Any Foreign Ships as Yet, But His Representative Is in London Collecting Accurate Information in Regard to the Marketability of Those For Sale.—Spain Has Not Secured the Chilean Warships Wanted and It Is Not Now Likely That She Will.—How After Brazilian Coast Defense Vessels.

By Cable to The Morning Post.
London, March 5.—It is scarcely an exaggeration to say that the first turn in the tide in the struggle which threatens between Spain and the United States is involved in the negotiations now pending between the Spanish representatives and the ship owners.

No foreign warship is yet actually within Spanish control, but more than one will be in less than a week, unless the United States comes into the market.

Spain has offered Chile prices so large that the Chilean representative was confident his government would accept, but today he received a cable saying that it was impossible to relinquish any warships, so long as the strained relations with the Argentine Republic continue.

Spain has also made an offer for the Brazilian coast defense vessels "Deodora" and "Floriana," now building at the French yard, and for another Brazilian vessel, the sister ship of the "Amazonis," now building at Armstrong's.

The report that the "Amazonis" has been secured by Spain is premature. The United States has not yet made a single offer to purchase warships in Europe, but this representative of the United States has been actively collecting exact information in regard to the marketability of every warship now building in Europe.

Geo. B. Scates Arrested For Bigamy.
By Telegram to The Morning Post.

Norfolk, Va., March 5.—George B. Scates, a well-known Portsmouth man, was arrested at an early hour this morning, charged with bigamy. The warrant charges that Scates feloniously married and took to wife one Caroline V. Powell, of this city, in September, 1895, having before married Antonia Stager in Newark, N. J. It is said that the first wife left Scates eight years ago on account of cruel treatment. A few days ago some one wrote to her that Scates was ill in Portsmouth, and his wife relented and came here to nurse him, and found that he was married to another woman. Scates was arraigned in the Portsmouth Mayor's Court this morning with Mr. W. H. Parker as counsel, but as a material witness was absent, the Commonwealth asked for a continuance until tomorrow, which was granted. It is said that the first Mrs. Scates does not wish to testify against her husband.

MURDERED IN PRISON.
A Convict's Wife Takes Delicacies to Her Fleeting Husband Who Fatally Slays His Neighbor.

By Telegram to The Morning Post.
Sing Sing, N. Y., March 5.—Adrian Braun, who is in the State prison here for one murderous assault, murdered his wife this afternoon, when she visited him at the prison with food and fruit to add to his comfort.

The murder was done in the presence of State Detective Jackson, and in sight of two of Braun's fellow convicts.

Braun is employed in the mess room. He was peeling potatoes when his wife came in. She gave him food, and they talked together half an hour, apparently happily. When the time was up both pleaded for permission for a longer visit. A few minutes later Braun whipped out a potato knife, stabbed his wife three times in the neck and breast, and the woman fell dead. Braun was cross-examined by the warden, but would assign no motive for the murder.

STONEVILLE TAKES THE STEP
Heretofore Forecasted and Will Try to Repudiate Its Railroad Indebtedness.
Special Despatch to The Morning Post.
Winston, N. C., March 5.—Judge Coble today issued a temporary injunction restraining the sheriff of Rockingham county from levying or collecting any tax to pay interest on the bonds for \$5,000 voted by the town of Stoneville for building the Roanoke Southern Railroad.

It is not known when the case will be argued asking for a permanent injunction, as Judge Coble, for good reasons, prefers that it should go before another judge.

Rouss Gives University Va. \$35,000;
By Telegram to The Morning Post.
Charlottesville, Va., March 5.—The University of Virginia received yesterday, through Prof. Francis H. Smith, a check for \$35,000 from Charles Broadway Rouss, the blind philanthropist of New York. Some time ago Mr. Rouss gave \$25,000 for the building and equipment of the physical laboratory, which has been recently erected south of the lawn, and which bears his name. As its cost exceeded that amount, Mr. Rouss accordingly increases his gift.

Wheat Corner Brings Distress in Spain.
By Cable to The Morning Post.
Madrid, March 5.—The domestic distress in Spain is daily increasing. The scarcity of grain and the manipulation of the market have produced a dangerous situation.

The market price of wheat is now equivalent to \$2.80 per bushel, including a profit of \$1 per bushel by the Barcelona syndicate, which cornered the supply. The import duties on wheat and flour have been lowered in consequence.

A Noted Ex-Confederate's Death.
By Telegram to The Morning Post.
Staunton, Va., March 5.—Judge John Newton Hender, ex-Treasurer of the Confederate States, a widely known lawyer, died at his home here today.

CONGRESSIONAL GOSSIP

Why the House on Friday Adjourned Until Monday—Afrail of the Jingoes and Their Cuban Belligerency Resolutions.
By Telegram to The Morning Post.
Washington, March 5.—Comparatively few members of the House of Representatives know any more about what is going on in the House or what is going to be done if they were private citizens, and it is therefore inexplicable to them why an adjournment was ordered from yesterday until Monday.

To those in the secret of the leaders, however, it is well known that the Committee on Naval Affairs instructed Boutelle to call up for action today the bill previously agreed upon providing for the relief fund for the dead officers and men of the "Maine." This would have been done today, but quietly, on motion of Chairman Dingley, of the Naval Committee, the House adjourned until Monday.

There is no real opposition on the part of Speaker Reed, Chairman Dingley and other House leaders to the relief bill, as a separate measure, but they fear that any reference to the "Maine" disaster would precipitate a general Cuban debate and give the "Jingo" administration an opportunity to arraign the administration for inactivity, and possibly to break through Speaker Reed's barrier, and pass the belligerency resolution, or some other Cuban measure.

It is for the same reason that the House Committee on Rules (which is really the Speaker) has not yet set a day for the consideration of the Hawley bill, which passed the Senate ten days ago, creating two additional regiments of artillery.

The Speaker admits that he is not opposed to this, as an abstract proposition, but deprecates and fears any attempt to revive the Cuban question in Congress at this time.

The Democrats, as a party, through their leader, Mr. Alley, have withdrawn their opposition to the bill, and as there is a strong popular demand in and out of the army for its passage, aside from any consideration of present necessity, it will undoubtedly be passed some day next week, probably on Thursday.

As for the relief bill, no time has been set for consideration, but there will be no opposition to it, and as there is no demand for haste, it will probably be called up in the interval of routine business next week.

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A Letter Writer From Whence.
The letter writing habit continues to manifest itself among the war inspired patriots. W. H. Keen, of Thomasville, offers the Governor his services, and in so doing he writes a letter, which eclipses anything of the kind yet received by our bellicose Governor. Mr. Keene writes:

"Believing the struggle of the Cubans to be the bravest in history, and appreciating the fact that humanity's call cannot be stilled, I hereby tender my services to America, if war with Spain comes, and in case our government swallows Spain's late outrage against us, then my service is offered to Cuba. Can you inform me how I can secure transportation to some rebel point in Cuba?"

"I have had three years' experience in army service in Company B 9th Infantry, stationed at Madison barracks, N. J. I am of Virginia family, famous for fearlessness and the blood of this brave lineage boils with indignation at the unpardonable delay and neglect of our government. To the outside world we must occupy the position of a big bully dodging the blows of a pigny. An object of scorn and derision."

Postmaster Gone Wrong.
R. B. Douglass, postmaster at Mohawk, Moore county, who was to have been given a hearing at Sanford Friday upon the charge of having violated the United States postal laws, made his escape Thursday night, says the Express of that place. "The Express" says the officer carried the prisoner to his home and permitted him to sleep in a room alone. Next morning when he went to work out and gone. At the trial it was found that business in the Mohawk office had been conducted in a very loose manner for five or six years; that Douglass had been exchanging stamps for merchandise at less than their value. Some time ago a moonshine outfit was destroyed near Mohawk, and it was believed by some of Mr. Douglass' neighbors that he was the man that had made the whereabouts of the still known to the officers. They decided to retaliate by telling on Douglass and letting Uncle Sam know how he had been conducting his business. Douglass is still at large and no efforts are being made to capture him.

HAWAIIAN TREATY IS LOST

And Resolution Providing for Annexation Substituted

THE ACTION TAKEN YESTERDAY

By the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Warrants the Above Announcement, Though Secrecy Was Observed by Committee—Treaty Could Not Secure Two-thirds Vote in the Senate, and Now It Is Doubtful If Resolution Can Command a Majority in the House—Speaker Reed Against It, as Are Other Leading Members.

By Telegram to The Morning Post.
Washington, March 5.—For two hours today the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discussed the advisability of abandoning the Hawaiian annexation treaty, in view of the fact that the sixty votes necessary for a two-thirds vote cannot be obtained for the ratification of the treaty. The members of the committee are sworn to secrecy, and therefore no official statement of their action is obtainable.

There is every reason to believe, however, that Chairman Davis was instructed to report to the Senate a joint resolution, providing for annexation, and to press it to a vote this session. A majority for the resolution is expected in the Senate, but in the House it is uncertain.

The joint resolution agreed upon is not the one introduced some time ago by Senator Morgan, but a new proposition, drawn so as to meet the existing conditions in the Senate.

The Morgan resolution contains the full text of the annexation treaty, while that ordered to be reported by Davis today does not. The subject matter of the treaty is contained in it, of course, but the form of the joint resolution is changed, so that the committee cannot be charged with having abandoned one draft only to bring in another.

Senator Davis has prepared a speech to accompany the introduction of the resolution, in which he goes over much of the ground of his able argument made in the executive session, eliminating such portions as would not be proper to deliver in an open session.

It will not be necessary for the Foreign Relations Committee to formally abandon the treaty. It will simply be allowed to lie on the table, while the joint resolution will be taken up and pressed to a vote as expeditiously as possible. The opponents of the treaty will oppose the joint resolution also; but unless they resort to filibustering tactics it is thought that, after a reasonable debate, the resolution can be passed in the Senate by a good sized majority.

Its fate in the House is very uncertain, as Reed and some of his Republican lieutenants are known to be opposed to annexation.

The resolution, it was said tonight, would not be reported until after a vote has been taken on the treaty direct, with the view of determining the exact strength of the annexationists in the Senate.

Proceedings Against Associated Press.
By Telegram to The Morning Post.
Springfield, Ill., March 5.—Proceedings have been started here by the publishers of The News and The Monitor, attacking the legality of the Associated Press, and petitioning the Attorney General to institute quo warranto proceedings to compel the Associated Press to obey the laws or forfeit its charter.

It is set forth that they desire to purchase a news service, and stand ready to pay the same price as other newspapers. They are willing to subscribe to all the legal and reasonable conditions, but do not want to surrender the right to purchase such other news as they may desire.

The B. C. and A. Given a Week's Grace.
By Telegram to The Morning Post.
Baltimore, Md., March 5.—Unless within a week counsel for the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Company and the Interstate Commerce Committee come to an agreement, Judge Morris will sign an injunction, requiring the road to file its report of business with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

U. S. Grant for U. S. Senate.
By Telegram to The Morning Post.
San Diego, Cal., March 5.—At a meeting here of prominent Republicans steps were taken to promote the candidacy of U. S. Grant for the United States Senate from California.

Hurry Orders Sent Norfolk Navy Yard.
By Telegram to The Morning Post.
Portsmouth, Va., March 5.—The commanding officer of the Norfolk Navy Yard received telegraphic instruction today from Secretary Long to concentrate all his energies and the facilities of the yard on the cruiser "Newark," and to have her ready for service within sixty days.

The reply was made that this was a physical impossibility, whereupon the Department asked for an estimate of what was needed, and the shortest possible time in which the cruiser could be made ready for service.

A REGULATION FRENCH "DUEL."

In Which Col. Picquart "Pinks" Col. Henry in the Arm.

By Cable to The Morning Post.
Paris, March 5.—Col. Picquart and Col. Henry, opposing witnesses in the Zola trial, fought a duel this morning. The duel took place in the Riding School of Ecole Militaire. Col. Henry was wounded in the wrist and arm. Swords were the weapons used.

At the conclusion of the duel Col. Henry refused to shake Col. Picquart's hand.

The duel occurred at 11 o'clock. Both of the combatants wore soft flannel shirts. They were perfectly calm, but the engagement was of the liveliest character from the outset.

In the first assault Henry was lightly pinked in the forearm, and in the second he received a deeper cut in the right elbow, causing him to drop his sword. The duel was then stopped by the seconds.

Picquart was untouched.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COM'R
President Said to Have at Last Decided on Col. Morrison's Successor.

By Telegram to The Morning Post.
Washington, March 5.—It is reported that President McKinley has at last decided upon an Interstate Commerce Commissioner in the place of Wm. R. Morrison, whose term expired January 1st, and that Pennsylvania will furnish the man, notwithstanding that the President's first choice (Judge Paxson) was "withdrawn" from the field.

The man now determined upon is Chief Justice Sterrett, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. The statement is positively made that the selection is to be made from the members of that court, and as Judge Sterrett is the only one whose term will expire shortly, he is thought to be the man.

WILL SEND THEM TO RALEIGH.
Virg. via Judge Issues the Order Sentencing U. S. Prisoners to Our Penitentiary.

By Telegram to The Morning Post.
Norfolk, Va., March 5.—Judge Robert W. Hughes, of the United States District Court, arrived here today from Richmond. He thinks the President will send the nomination of Judge Edmund Waddill, of Richmond, as his successor to the Senate shortly. Although Judge Hughes' term of office expired yesterday at noon, he will continue to make orders and decrees as Judge de facto in those matters which have been before him and which require prompt attention. However, he will issue no orders or decrees in cases not requiring immediate attention.

No more Federal prisoners from Virginia will be imprisoned at Columbus. In pursuance of the request of the Department of Justice, District Attorney White today made application to Judge Hughes that the designation of the Columbus, Ohio, penitentiary as a place of confinement for United States prisoners from the Eastern District of Virginia, sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary, be changed to the North Carolina State prison at Raleigh. The order was issued.

STRIKERS LOSE THEIR FIGHT.
Operatives of Biddeford Cotton Mills Will Return to Work To-morrow at Reduced Wages.

By Telegram to The Morning Post.
Biddeford, Me., March 5.—The striking operatives of the Biddeford and Laconia cotton mills, who won out seven weeks ago against the 10 per cent. cut in wages, voted this afternoon to return to work next Monday. Robert McArthur, the agent of the two corporations, would make no promises, other than to assure the operatives that the Pepperell and Laconia mills would not be the last of the New England mills to restore old wages.

The strikers of the York mills in Saco voted this afternoon to continue the strike at that mill.

Negro Hand in Tobacco Manufacturer.
Special Despatch to The Morning Post.
Winston, N. C., March 5.—Papers were filed today in a suit against the Reynolds Tobacco Company for \$20,000 damages. It is brought by the administrator for William Hairston, colored, who was killed by the explosion of a boiler in the defendant's factory.

GOVERNOR WILL NOT BE THERE
To Attend the Investigation of the Charges Against Judge Ewart.

The charges preferred by Senator Butler against the confirmation of Judge H. G. Ewart as judge of the Western District, which were exclusively announced in The Post of Wednesday last, have caused widespread comment over the State.

It was expected that a special messenger from the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate would be sent here to serve a subpoena on Governor Russell to testify as to the charges. No subpoena has been served, and the Governor will not attend the investigation of the charges. The Asheville Citizen says: "George K. Pritchard, as special messenger from the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, was in Asheville to summon witnesses to attend the investigation. Mr. Pritchard had subpoenas for Judge James H. Merrimon, Judge Thomas A. Jones, H. T. Cobb, E. H. Fanning, J. P. Kerr, Alf. S. Bernard, Col. V. S. Lusk, W. H. Deaver, W. A. Hildebrand, J. H. Tucker, L. Maddux, J. G. Grant, J. C. Martin, Frank Carter, H. B. Stevens, M. M. Gudger, Jr., Fred Moore, J. S. Adams, Circuit Court Clerk W. H. Wilson, T. W. Patton, W. M. Davies, and Conductors Brunson, Frazier and Murphy, of the Southern Railroad."