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CABINET OFFICIALS CONFER

With the President on the Resources of the Country.

PRESIDENT FEELS MORE HOPEFUL

And Says He Thinks Spain Will be Careful to Avoid Such "Incidents" as Attempted Recall of Gen. Lee Hereafter—Commander Brown Sails for London Today to Look After Purchase of Warships.

Washington, March 8.—The latest despatches bearing on the trouble with Spain.

Washington, March 8.—For two hours the President and the cabinet considered the situation assumed since the Spanish ultimatum, and was devoted to the consideration of the available resources of the country.

The Secretary of War, Gen. Miles, and the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Long, were present.

The President received the approval of the cabinet and the other cabinet members.

The President's hopeful feeling expressed to the cabinet by Gen. Miles that the situation is not serious.

There is more embarrassing incident connected between Spain and the United States since the Lee incident, but he felt sure that Spain would do everything it could to prevent any repetition of the irritation of the past.

GEN. MILES AND SECRETARY OF WAR CONFER

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Washington, March 8.—Secretary Miles and Gen. Miles had a long conference this afternoon about the condition of the present regular and volunteer forces and their availability for service.

Full and complete explanations were made by Gen. Miles of the plans prepared for mobilizing the troops on the seaboard. No further ordnance supplies of the army are to be shipped by sea.

An order was issued this afternoon that future transportation should be made by rail. This is unusual and is intended to mean that perhaps the Government fears that the guns, powder and shells might fall into hostile hands.

At the same time from Gen. Miles, the military authorities have made arrangements for purchasing 100,000 new Remington rifles for volunteers, and the disposition of the guns will begin to-day.

OFF TO LONDON TO PURCHASE WARSHIPS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Washington, March 8.—The conference of the Navy Department officials this morning was taken up chiefly with the question of securing options on foreign warships now in course of construction.

It was decided that Commander W. B. Smith should go abroad immediately with authority to open negotiations for the purchase of warships.

He will leave for New York, whence he will sail tomorrow. He will first proceed to London where he may receive additional instructions from this Government.

BROOKLYN ORDERED TO COME HOME.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Washington, March 8.—The armored cruiser Brooklyn left La Guayra, Venezuela, for Hampton Roads today under the command of the Secretary of the Navy.

It is believed to have the "Brooklyn" from La Guayra to Colon, and is expected to arrive here after yesterday's home conference, that the ship will be sent at once to Captain Schervish's programme there.

The ship is rightly understood this morning to come home, and no further action is expected for this country.

SPAIN WILL GET NO BRAZILIAN SHIPS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Washington, March 8.—It is officially announced that the Brazilian Legation today has refused to sell any of the regular warships. This includes the "Brooklyn" and the regularly commissioned vessels of Rio Janeiro, for the "Brooklyn" has been negotiated.

The ship, however, to be sent to the United States in course of construction, is now making a sufficient progress to be sent to sea.

March 8.—Hardly an hour has elapsed since the report of the "Brooklyn" was received.

tradictory, the latest and most positive coming from the Central News, to the effect that the United States has bought and paid a deposit on two warships in the Tyne yard, presumably Armstrong's. The Central News insists that this assertion is correct, in the face of a denial at the American Embassy. A despatch from Sheffield says that the United States has placed large contracts for Maxim and Nordenfeldt rapid-fire guns there, and that the factories are running day and night in consequence.

WRECKERS HAVE IMPORTANT NEWS.

For Secretary Long—Naval Officers Theory as to Return of Right Arm. By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Key West, Fla., March 8.—The wrecking tug "Right-Arm" arrived here from Havana this morning, en route to Norfolk. Captain McKee said he was under orders to make a personal report to the Secretary of the Navy.

It is common talk here that the return of the "Right-Arm" means that all hope of saving any material part of the "Maine" has been abandoned. It is supposed that she has sunk so deep into the mud that she could be raised only by building a coffer-dam, thus incurring expense greater than her value.

One prominent naval officer, however, is confident that the wreckers have facts of such importance to communicate that a personal interview with Secretary Long must be had at once.

Another theory is that the sending of the "Right-Arm" to Norfolk is a move to gain more time in which to prepare for the war, which is deemed inevitable.

FLEET READY AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.

The ships composing the fleet here are kept constantly in condition for instant use, even to the carrying of loaded torpedoes in the tubes, and with fixed ammunition at hand. An order to clear ships for action could be executed as quickly and effectively as if the Spanish ships were expected to come at any hour.

ACTIVITY AT NEWPORT NEWS SHIPYARD.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Newport News, Va., March 8.—Despite the persistent denials on the part of officials at the shipyard, it is apparent that there is unusual activity in the work on the battleships "Kentucky," "Keokuk" and "Illinois." A double shift of men is being worked and the immense shipbuilding plant is being operated day and night.

INSPECTION OF GOVERNMENT WORKS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Key West, Fla., March 8.—Gen. J. M. Wilson, chief of the engineer corps, arrived here from Tampa this afternoon, and inspected the Government works on West End Island. He will go to Dry Tortugas tomorrow, to determine the value of the works there for use in case a naval rendezvous and depot of supplies.

RUSH TO ENLIST IN NAVY.

Brooklyn, March 8.—Preparations for war are now greatest about the navy. They have orders from Washington to prepare two detachments of marines, one for the cruiser Columbia and the other for the Minneapolis. There is considerable excitement among the marines. All want to go into active service. There was another big rush of men to enlist to-day.

WORKING DAY AND NIGHT.

Washington, March 8.—At the navy yard where the large establishment is maintained by the government for the manufacture of guns, ordnance and material three shifts of men are working night and day on the big guns.

THE "MAINE'S" GUNS.

Key West, March 8.—The tug Right Arm arrived from Havana and is taking coal preparatory to sailing for Norfolk. The Captain says that it remains to be seen whether the big guns of the Maine can be raised. The idea of sending big wrecking derricks to Havana has been given up. Two large wrecking tugs will remain with the Maine.

A Terror in the Tolls.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Greenville, S. C., March 8.—Luther Trammell, who has been a terror for several years in the up-country, is now in the hands of the law to be adjudged insane. Three years ago he shot and killed an inoffensive negro in a saloon in the city. Six weeks ago he made a murderous attack on a white tenant on his farm, and, when released from jail ten days ago, beat a man nearly to death here in the city. Sheriff Gilreath received notice tonight that Trammell's neighbors had arrested him and would lodge him in jail tonight, and he would be examined by a board of physicians tomorrow to ascertain his mental condition. He is considered too dangerous to be at large.

Rev. John G. Williams Paralyzed.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Allendale, S. C., March 8.—The Rev. John G. Williams, of "Parson Cotney" fame, had a stroke of paralysis a few days ago. He is in a critical condition, and his physicians fear the worst.

FIFTY MILLION FOR DEFENSE KEEP WATCH OVER GEN. LEE

House Passes Emergency Appropriation Bill.

SPEECHES OF SOUTHERN PATRIOTS

A Feature of the Day—Our Romulus Z. Linney One of Them—Jones of Virginia Arouses Enthusiasm in Calling Over Names of Patriots His State Has Furnished in the Past, and Characterizes Fitzhugh Most Happily, Whereby He Gains Great Applause—Not a Vote in the Negative.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Washington, March 8.—Party lines were obliterated in the House today, and the bill appropriating \$50,000,000 to be expended under the direction of the President for the national defense was passed by the vote of 311 to 0.

This result was reached after a four-hour debate, in which the Democrats and Populists vied with the Republicans in expressing confidence in the President, and a determination to uphold the administration in its efforts to put the country in a state of proper defense.

The only discordant notes came in a speech from the Republican side delivered by Bingham, of Philadelphia, and an objection made by Barrett, of Massachusetts (afterwards withdrawn), to the request for unanimous consent to an arrangement for consideration, because he could not secure the promise that an amendment he wanted passed would be considered. Both of them were roundly hissed.

The occasion was a notable one, and as Gen. Henderson said, the lesson of the day was a beautiful one for the country.

Nearly a hundred members of the House seized the opportunity to express their loyalty and devotion and pledge the patriotic support of their people to the administration.

When the vote was reached every Representative present recorded his name in the affirmative, amid great enthusiasm that has not been equalled since the days of 1861; and better than then—for today the whole people are united.

The galleries were crowded, and joined in the applause that greeted the patriotic sentiments expressed on the floor.

Only a few attaches of the foreign legations sat in the diplomatic galleries, but they witnessed the demonstration that, in face of danger from a foreign foe, there are no divisions among the American people or their Representatives in the Congress.

MR. LINNEY'S REMARKS.

A noticeable feature today was the patriotic speeches of Southerners. Linney, of North Carolina, said:

"Mr. Speaker: Yesterday was a day of discord and strife in this body. (Laughter.) We had nine roll calls; today we stand as one man. Why? Because as American citizens we may be partisan, but, emulating the example of the great Douglass, when in a great emergency like this, we must be patriots. (Applause.)"

"Therefore we stand as a unit today. Every possible phase of political opinion is represented upon this floor, and yet when the roll call comes, something will happen that probably has not happened in a quarter of a century before—and every man will answer 'Aye.'"

"Some gentlemen have said they vote on this measure exclusively as a peace measure. I would to God that I could see it that way! For an old Confederate soldier, suffering from the wounds received in 1863, does not like war."

"But I fear the booming of cannon is not in the far distant future. Not that we are to blame, but that the foreign power is to blame."

Mr. Hay, Democrat, of Virginia, aroused great enthusiasm by reviewing the list of great names his State had given to the country's history, including Fitzhugh Lee—who stood for American courage, fidelity and patriotism in Cuba today.

Mr. Jones, Democrat, of Virginia, regretted that the appropriation was not twice the amount named in the bill.

MOVEMENT SPANISH TORPEDO SQUADRON.

By Cable to The Morning Post.

Madrid, March 8.—The new torpedo squadron will probably leave Cadiz March 11th. It is said that Captain-General Blanco will judge it inappropriate to have the squadron in Havana harbor at present, in which case the vessels will probably remain at Porto Rico.

IN THE SENATE YESTERDAY.

Bill to Pay M. E. Church South \$286,000 Passed—Other Business Transacted.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Washington, March 8.—The District of Columbia Appropriation bill passed the Senate this afternoon. The House bill appropriating \$286,000 for book agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the use of its printing house, books, etc., destroyed by the army during the civil war was taken up and passed. Cannon's bill providing fifty millions for defense brought in, but not acted upon.

That is the Main Mission of the "Montgomery."

OPTIONS ON FOREIGN WARSHIPS

An Agent of the Navy Department Sent to Europe to Secure Them—The Policy Probably Only to Prevent Spain From Obtaining Them—Spain's Hostility to Gen. Lee Cleared Up—Silence of Havana Press on President's Determined and Unhesitating Support of Gen. Lee's Administration of Affairs at Havana.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post.

Washington, March 8.—Consul General Fitzhugh Lee will remain at Havana as the representative of the United States government; but while that is so, and while the Spanish government has withdrawn its official request for his removal, it is the fact that he will remain there as an unwelcome guest.

That his life is in more or less danger—not from any harm that could come to him from Spain officially, but from the stiletto of treacherous Spaniards in their private capacity—is very evident. This fact has been made manifest within the last two or three days particularly. He is thoroughly hated and feared by the average Spaniard and by the Spanish government.

To this fact is largely due the sending of the cruiser "Montgomery" to Havana. "To keep watch over General Lee," as an official here expressed it today, is the chief mission of the "Montgomery" just now, and he will be closely looked after from now on, lest he should meet with a physical attack from some Spanish hotheads, inspired by the incendiary utterances against him by the Spanish and Cuban press, the La Lucha particularly.

PERSONNEL OF "MONTGOMERY."

In going to Havana, it is not thought that the "Montgomery" is taking any particular risks at this time, for even should hostilities break out, it is a rule of honorable warfare that they be given safe convey out of the water of the hostile country. Of course, Gen. Lee and the members of the court of enquiry at Havana would be equally exempt from molestation.

The personnel of the "Montgomery" is Commander Converse; Lieutenant Commander and executive officer, Beld; navigator, Lieut. Hutchins; watch officers, Lieut. Fields and Ensigns, Steiguer, Spear, and Osborne; surgeon, Dr. Curtis; paymaster, Ramsey; chief engineer, Reeves, and assistant engineer, Allen. The ship carries a crew of 228 men of all classes.

SILENCE OF THE HAVANA PRESS.

The silence of the Havana newspapers on the attempted Lee recall incident is something remarkable. Not a single editorial comment was made in any of yesterday's papers, though brief despatches giving the simple fact that the President of the United States "was not inclined to recall General Lee" were printed, with the additional statement, wired them from Washington, that "the President approves of the administration of affairs at Havana by General Lee and he will not substitute any one else in the present stage of diplomatic negotiations."

PURCHASE OF WARSHIPS ABROAD.

A naval officer, representing the Navy Department, will start for Europe this evening for the purpose of inspecting some of the warships there, which are understood to be for sale.

As has already been stated in The Post, for some time the officials of the Navy Department have been quietly securing information through our naval attaches abroad regarding the ships which can be purchased. There are quite a number of cruisers and armored vessels to be obtained, three in Germany, on which the Chinese government has defaulted payment; several at the Armstrong yards in England, some in Italy and two at Cramps' yards in this country, which are just being completed for the Japanese government. It is expected that when our representatives announce that they are able to pay cash for any ships, they will be enabled to command reasonable prices. The chief concern is to obtain options on these vessels before they are secured by Spain, thus frustrating any attempt which the latter may make to add to its naval fleet.

SPAIN'S HOSTILITY TO LEE MADE CLEAR.

When the request for General Lee's recall was first received here there was some uncertainty as to the attitude of the Spanish government towards that official. But this has now been cleared up.

It can now be stated authoritatively that Spain made its unofficial intimation to the State Department last Saturday, suggesting that Lee be recalled as a means of assuring the continuation of friendly relations and the abandonment of the policy of sending warships, as also recommended. As is now well known, both requests were refused, but the incident was closed yesterday, so far as Gen. Lee was concerned by Spain's withdrawal of her suggestion, claiming that she had made it under a misapprehension.

It is believed that this misapprehension was due to the belief that General Lee's opinion that the disaster of the "Maine" was the result of a deliberate explosion was officially expressed. This, it is said, was not the case, but was merely an unofficial letter. It is still recognized, of course, that Spain represents many of Gen. Lee's actions, notably his sympathy with the insurgent cause, but no formal complaint has been laid before the State Department, so that the dissatisfaction has not reached a stage where it would result in the suspension of diplomatic relations.

WEYLER'S ALLEGED PURCHASE OF EXPLOSIVES.

The New York Journal of today contains a sensational story to the effect that General Weyler, the former Captain General of Cuba, bought a large amount of powder four months ago of a New York firm, whose name is given. The powder it is stated, was shipped to Havana last November. Lieutenant White, of the Twenty-third regiment, N. G. of New York, is given as an authority for this statement. The claim is made that this powder and a large quantity of other explosives were shipped to Havana on the steamer Conchal about November 20.

It is asserted that the two National Guardsmen who had charge of the explosives on behalf of the company, were Capt. G. F. Hamlin and Lieutenant White. Hamlin is the manager of the company, while White is the bookkeeper. On account of the large quantity of powerful explosives and cable recoils purchased, it is inferred that Capt. General Weyler wished to use the articles in the construction of a dynamite mine.

SITUATION IN HAVANA. LAST NIGHT.

By Cable to The Morning Post.

Havana, March 8, via Key West, Fla., March 8.—Fierce fighting is going on around Havana and in Pinar del Rio Province; wild excitement against the United States among the Spanish residents and volunteers, and terror among the Cuban families over the renewal of Weyler's cruelties and his methods of persecution, are the leading features of today's news.

There is no doubt that the Americans here now are in great danger, and that Blanco has thrown off the mask of meekness, with which he tried to impress himself in the favor of public opinion in the United States, and is now fully satisfying the bloody instincts of the most rabid partisans of Weyler. The Spaniards here are showing the greatest enthusiasm for war against the United States.

One of the causes of complaint against the United States, publicly expressed from Blanco down to the last volunteer, is that the United States is sending war supplies to insurgents in cases said to contain food for starving reconcentrados.

In less than three days over eighty well known persons in Havana have been thrown in the dungeons at La Cabana and Morro Castle with the same harshness and cruelty as in the time of Weyler.

The police declare that they have discovered and seized four large cases containing dynamite with which the conspirators intended to blow up the buildings of the Spanish government in Havana.

HERE'S A CHANCE TO ENLIST.

War Department Issues Orders for Recruiting Two Artillery Regiments.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Washington, March 8.—Without delay the officers of the Adjutant General's Department yesterday gave the necessary orders for the recruiting of the two new artillery regiments authorized by Congress. The purpose is to enlist such men as have had service in the artillery wherever possible, and no doubt is entertained that plenty of material of the right kind will offer. The names of the officers of the new regiments are now being selected. As for the men, it is the plan to assign fifteen soldiers from existing artillery regiments to take hold of and break in the new men who are enlisted, and it is expected that in a very short time Uncle Sam will have two good regiments.

The headquarters of one of these regiments will be established at Fort Slocum, in Long Island Sound, commanding New York, as suitable quarters are available there. The destination of the other regiment has not been decided upon.

ANOTHER WAR NOW IN SIGHT

Britain About to Have a Mix-Up With Other Powers.

FOR ENGLISH-AMERICAN ALLIANCE

Sympathy of United States With England for Open Markets in the East to be Tested—England to Return Any Favors Shown in Event of War With Spain—France Has Already Overstepped the Limit Fixed by Britain in the Chinese Matter and England is Preparing for War—Other Nations Which Want Warships Besides Us.

By Cable to The Morning Post.

London, March 8.—European diplomats regard the international situation in the Old World at present far more critical than that between the United States and Spain.

There is no longer much doubt that Great Britain's declaration that she would go to war rather than be deprived of her markets in the Far East or suffer the dismemberment of China, will soon be put to the test.

Russia and France are apparently determined to disregard the recent British assertions of a limit, beyond which she would not allow her rivals to trespass.

These limits have now been overstepped, both in China and in West Africa, and Europe is waiting to know what Great Britain's answer will be.

Two years ago, in a less serious crisis, it was the sudden eruption of her flying squadron. It will require something more formidable today.

Victoria never ventures to interfere personally in Britain's foreign relations, unless a war is practically in sight.

She has done so now, by postponing her visit to Riviera under the convenient fiction of indisposition.

But England is preparing for war—war on even a more extensive scale than the United States.

AFTER WARSHIPS TOO.

Not only is there the greatest activity in the naval and war departments, but there is credible authority for stating that Great Britain is herself negotiating for half a dozen warships which Spain is trying to secure.

Russia also has been a persistent bidder for three ships now being constructed for Chile.

ENGLISH-AMERICAN ALLIANCE.

A despatch from Washington tonight interprets Ambassador Paunceforte's interview with President McKinley as having reference to the Cuban crisis. London gives a different significance to it.

It is well known that Great Britain values American sympathy with her policy of open markets in China and would like to put that sympathy to a practical test now.

Furthermore, the British government would be willing, under certain circumstances, to render quid pro quo to the United States in the Cuban-Spanish complications.

It is believed that the British Ambassador has been authorized to say as much to President McKinley.

QUEEN VIC. NOT ILL.

By Cable to The Morning Post.

London, March 8.—The departure of the Queen for Climez, which had been arranged to take place tomorrow, has been postponed. The reason given is that her Majesty was suffering from a slight indisposition.

This caused the afternoon newspapers to come out with alarming scare-heads and wild rumors were afloat this afternoon. Later it was found, however, that her Majesty's journey was postponed solely for political reasons, due to an intense desire to prevent war from growing out of the present grave crisis with France and Russia.

ORDERED TO SEA DUTY.

Officers Detached from Naval Academy for Service on Warships.

Annapolis, Md., March 8.—It is obvious from orders to naval officers at the Naval Academy that the Government is taking every possible precaution. It is never the custom to detach officers from the Academy in the middle of the scholastic year, but today Lieut. York Noel left for the "Miantonomah," and on Wednesday Lieut. David Daniels leaves for the "Katahdin," Lieut. Albert Norton for the "Minneapolis" and Lieut. Edward Underwood for the "Brooklyn." The despatch with which these officers have gone away makes it appear that they have received emergency orders.

WITH THE JURY.

Case of Sheriff Martin and Deputies Ended at Last.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 8.—The case against Sheriff Martin and his deputies for the shooting of striking foreigners was given to the jury tonight.

No verdict had been reached by 8 o'clock, and the judge ordered the jury locked up for the night.

This, the last day of the trial, was confined to the closing arguments of Attorneys Palmer for the defence, and Martin for the Commonwealth, and the judge's charge to the jury.