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# NOW THEY SAY IT WILL BE MONDAY

Before Any Report From the Naval Board Reaches Washington.

## PREPARATIONS FOR WAR CONTINUE

In the Mean Time, and the President Emphatically Denies That He Contemplated Stopping Them.

#### OFFICIAL REPORT OF BOARD EXPECTED DAILY

Several Additional War Vessels, Most Formidable in the Navy, Ordered to Key West to Protect Southern Coast-Sub-Marine Mines Being planted in the Savannah River-Troops Arrive at Tybee Island, 6a-Ducking for Cots Ordered and Enquiries Made Looking to Purchase of Immense Quantities of Flour and Other Breadstuff-Big Orders for Meat Being Placed by the Government in Chicago-Evidence Piled Up That Uncle Sain is About to Fight Somebody, or at Least Thinks He Is, and Spain is the Only Enemy in Sight.

a spatch to The Morning Post, a consideration of the problem of how Washing- more ships are to be obtained. I have dent McKinley and Secall the interipation of the probable tion to the five now under construction. hands of the administration today.

despatches, and today steamed over to next week. the navy yard. But if any report or Secretary Long from the Board of Enquity was brought by that vessel, or If the expected report has reached the administration officials, through the mails or otherwise today, then the fact Martin." has been guarded with impenetrable sector, for at this hour nothing has been beand of it by outsiders.

It is now reported that the Board of themany has so nearly completed its official report that it was decided by the members thereof at the last mo-Justif for to send the advance report which they had prepared and intended to despatch to the President for his Euclidean in the immediate future.

It is also stated that the final relead wall much Washington in a very short the possibly on Monday or in the carry part of the coming week. This body is said to be shared by the stration, which, it is stated, is he many about as restless as the gen-The pale on the delay in its submis-

and marssary to add that it is and the the most intense interest and the fact that it is now exil-but daily, but contributes to the de-1 stless anticipation which oband the public

design brought the watch the "Maine" at the time of however, and they have with the President is Long. [An account of the found in another this page .- Post.

### THAT ALL-IMPORTANT REPORT.

it is Probably on its Way to Washington by This Time, and a Cipher Despatch May Have Been Sent the President Yesterd y ernment in the Chicago market. Board Held no Meeting for First Time.

The Morning Post. hea West March 19,-In spite of the the descriptions in the newspapers " at a religion of the "Maine" Board of was to be delivered to the President today, it is certain that the hard held metings on the "lowa" their day saler its return from Havana What they did not even the ship were allowed to

and Judge Advocate Marix was on state that he would not say a word. re posted outside of the is of the report may have now planting them. -thed in eigher to Wash-

### WARSHIPS-MORE WARSHIPS.

Stable to The Morning Post. Whitelester, March 19.—The scarcity beautiful late brought the government to Island, where it will camp.

It is out of the question to contract for more battleships or armored in the Navy Long down to the cruisers, because none would be finish-Apprican patriot, has stood ed in time. But Congress will probably of excited expectation provide for three battleships, in addi-

The Navy Department is now conthe special advance report of sidering the advisability of applying a the trivel Loard of Enquiry which the part of the emergency appropriation at appropriately at Key West had tele-lonce to the construction of a number graphed would probably be in the of torpedo-boat destroyers and torpedo-

These crafts can be built in from two The "Vesuvius" arrived here from to four months, and the government Key West last night as stated in these may arrange for a half-dozen early

Meanwhile attempts to buy war craft other document for the President or abroad have not lessened. Chili is still holding off in regard to the "O'Higgins," and Argentina appears to be waiting for Chili's action before determining whether to let go of the "Can

> The Brazilian torpedogunboat "Tuby will probably be secured by the United States and brought to this country from England without delay.

### PROVISIONING ARMY AND NAVY.

If the U. S. Government Did Not Anticipate war it would Hardly be Making Such Arrangements as These,

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. New York, March 19 .- The govern-

ment orders for cannon, shot, shell and powder are being varied by other orders which have a very close association with war, and tend to show how near we are to it.

The representative of a firm in this city dealing largely in cotton duck said today that his firm had sold to the government recently enough hammock duck to last the navy five years.

it was reported here today that inquiries from the government had been made at the New York Produce Exchange looking to large provision and By Telegraph to The Morning Post, flour contracts.

Few of the members of the Exchange know anything about the matter than that such inquiries were reported. One member is authority, however, for the statement that he knew of the government having placed an order for 1,000 tierces of "family beef," packed in barrels for use on board ship.

These produce exchange rumors included reports that heavy Spanish government orders for provisions have been placed here, also.

There is no doubt that unusual quanties of bacon and some other kinds of provisions have been shipped to Cuba

### TROOPS ARRIVE IN GEORGIA.

And Fifty Sub-Marine Mines Are Being Placed in the Savannah River.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Savannah, Ga., March 19.-Orders and do not believe the re- have been received here directing the fresh dismay in England. the forward yet, though it placing of submarine mines in the

> Fifty such mines were received here, Manchuria. If France has taken this several days ago, to be placed in the

Those Uncle Sam Can Not Buy He Will Build Monroe arrived here last night and almost certain casus belli. as har as Practicable-Three Foreigners proceeded to Tybee Island, where it will rived this afternoon from Fort Riley, probably be a long diplomatic struggle, is certain that the Spanish Board of

Minuma

nex Cuba to United States.

## DEMAND GEN. LEE'S DEPORTATION ASSURED IT WAS FROM THE OUTSIDE TO CONFER WITH INSURGENT CHIEFS RALEIGH

From the Island on Account of His Alleged Connection With the Imaginary Scheme -Two New Yorkers' Dinner to Gen. Lee, Capt. Sigsbee and American Newspaper Correspondents Sets the "Patriots" in Cuba by the Ears-They Denounce Lee and the Conservative Organ Publishes an illustrated Edition Representing American Navy Threatening Cuba Etc

By Cable to The Morning Post.

Havana, March 19 .- All the talk of Havana today is the editorial published in the La Lucha denouncing the alleged plot in which several Americans, including Consul General Lee, are charged with being concerned to bring about the annexation of the island of Cuba to the United States.

According to La Lucha Lispenard, of the suspence is telling on everybody. New York, and Dudley G. Gautier, of Hempstead, L. I., are the representatives in this city just now of what is called the "Annexation Trust."

by the Spaniards that the dinner had a design. political character.

his exclusion from the island is strongly citement here was printed this evening in the The El Correo, the conser-

The article referred to is illustrated were true, however. by a map in which is shown the position of the American navy in a threatening attitude toward Cuba.

about the war and full of "patriotic"

held at the cemetery here in honor of the catastrophe, which they did. the "Maine's" dead sailors buried there.

### WANTED TO REPEL IT.

Remark Up in Congress. By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Washington, March 19.-When the House opened Mr. Henry, of Mississippi, rising to a question of privilege, sent to the clerk's desk a despatch, in which the Spanish Ambassador at Vienna is reported to have said that "If during a war the United States should incite the Phillipines to revolt against Spain, the latter could revenge herself by 'raising revolts' in the American Southern States," which the clerk began to

presented no question of privilege, and was sustained by the Speaker.

Mr. Henry said the despatch contained a reflection against the people of his section, and that he wanted to repel it. It was not read, however, and the routine of the House was continued

### "WAR IN FIFTEEN MINUTES."

What Secretary Gage Sald if Report Shows Spanish complicity in Wiecking the "Maine"-Not so Expected, However.

Pittsburg, March 19.-Secretary Gage who spoke tonight at the dinner of the Chaber of Commerce, said in an interview: "If the Board's report shows that the "Maine" was blown up at the instigation of the Spanish government, was will follow in fifteen minutes.

"The report will arrive early next He had also information of large week. I believe that a majority of the WINSTON'S BIG TOBACCO SALES meat orders being placed by the gov- American people are now convinced hand in the loss of the 'Maine.'

contrary, it is not likely that war will result from that cause."

### OUR COUSINS' TROUBLES

Them at Home.

By Cable to The Morning Post. London, March 19.-The far Eastern crisis still overshadows the Spanish-American situation in European estimation and the latest steps toward the dismemberment of China has caused

The sweeping demands made by tonight. They say that Savannah river channel, near Fort France apparently constitute a more time it is admitted Pulaska, and the tug-boat "Atlas" is serious attack upon British interests By Cable to The Morning Post. than Russia's virtual annexation of

ion of the spoils.

stroyed the "Maine."

#### Lieutenants Blow and Holden, the Officers of the Watch at the Time of the Wreck, and Lieut. Catlin, Commander of the Marine Guard, Refate Their Experience

to President Mckinley and Secretary

Long-They Hold Firmly to the Outside

Explosion Theory and Feel Sure the Ni -

val Board's Report will do So When the

Final Findings Have Been Formulated

and Sent to Washington. By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Washington, March 19 .- The President and cabinet are trying to be patient, in the face of the prospect of an

There was not a great deal of interest happening in Washington today, but

almost immediate ending of the uncer

tainty involving the destruction of the

'Maine."

President McKinley, howevr perturbed he may be inwardly, is certain y preserving an outward calm. He doesn't indicate what will be his future course Last night these gentlemen gave a although the character of questions he private dinner to Gen. Lee, Capt. Sigs- asks, in seeking advice, shows that he bee, Capt. Cowles, of the "Fern," and is contemplating a demand for both dependence. some American newspaper correspond- punitive and compensatory indemnity of Spain, if the board's report declares above, and says that this conference is pointment, and that he had endorsed It is asserted and generally believed that the 'Maine" disaster was due to the last card of the autonomist govern- no candidate, as a Republican would

The arival here of Lieuts. Blow and Gen. Lee is severely criticised and Holden, the watch officers of the "Maine" at the timeof the explosion. and Lieut. Catlin, who commanded the and sensational reports, none of which in Eastern Cuba.

They had a pleasant interview with Blanco. Secretary Long, and later went to the White House to narrate to the Presi-Tomorrow religious services will be dent their experience on the night of capture.

came from the outside of the battleship, ing has taken place there. and they are firm in the belief th

The Spanish Ambassador at Vienna's Foc I Court of Enquiry will support the outside explosion theory.

### FIFTY MILLIONS FOR THE NAVY.

Chief Features. By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Washington, March 19.-The subcommittee of the House Committee on Naval Affairs this evening completed the draft of the appropriation bill,

which the House may take up Tuesday. The bill carries \$40,000,000, and authorizes the ultimate expenditure of \$10,000,000 more. The more important provisions in

Mr. Dingley raised the point that that clude the building of three battleships, five dry docks, six torpedo-boats and six torpedo-boat destroyers, and an increase of 20,000 in the enlisted force

### BASEBALL AT CHAPEL HILL.

#### University Defeats Oak Ridge by the Score of Eight to Two.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post. Chapel Hill, N. C., March 19 .- The University of North Carolina baseball team today defeated the Oak Ridge club here by the score of eight to two. Rogers' home run for the University DURHAM AND HENDERSON P. MS was the feature of the game. Batteries: University-Lawson and Graves; Oak Ridge, Barker and Brake. Struck out by Lawson, seven; by Barker three. Hits: Carolina, twelve; Oak Ridge,

Bond Suit. "Unless the report should prove to the Special Despatch to The Morning Post.

Winston, N. C., March 19.-This has been the biggest week in the history of the Winston tobacco market. Over one million pounds of leaf tobacco were sold for nearly one hundred thousand Across the Atlantic Sufficient to Interest dollars in the last six days.

Judge McIver was too busy to hear the Stoneville railroad bond case at Lexington yesterday. It is to be heard By Telegraph to The Morning Post. before Judge Starbuck in Winston, the exact date to be yet fixed.

### HERE'S ANOTHER EXPLANATION.

Newport"-The Basis for the Statement.

Havana, March 19, via Key West-A fact which is said to be causing much step on the heels of the Russian de-concern to the Spanish authorities in mand, without any understanding with Havana is that Wrecker Hickman and The battery of artillery from Fort Great Britain, it would constitute an Diver Olson, wroking under the in- Old Confeds Greet the Blue Coated Soldiers structions of Ensign Powelson, have By Telegraph to The Morning Post. The British government, however, secured evidence to show that the this effect.

# A SCARED SET OF SPANIARDS PRESIDENT HEARS THE STORY SPAIN PLAYS ANOTHER CARD DAILY WASHINGTON BUDGET

of Autonomists for Peace.

They Discover a "Plot" to An- Of the Explosion Which De- And Says it is the Last One North Carolina News From the National Capital.

And Make a Proposition Which "Will Practically insure the independence of Cuba"-But as it includes "Nominal Sovereignity,' by Spain it is Not Very Likely That the Cuban People Will Fall Over Each Other in an Effort to Accept It-The News Comes From Key west and is Confirmed by a Special From Havana-May Lead to Important Developments-Other "war News"

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. New York, March 19.-A special from Key West says that authoritative advices received there state that Gen. Pandos is to confer with Generals Gomez, Garcia and other insurgent chiefs upon the possibility of ending hostili ties on a basis of practical independence for Cuba.

The proposition is said to include nominal sovereignty by Spain, the payment of two million yearly, amnesty to all rebels, and Cuba's commercial in-

A special from Havana confirms the ment to secure peace.

#### CUBANS CAPTURE PANDO.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Key West, March 19.-Cuban flags An article that has caused intense ex- marine guard on that unfortunate ves- flying everywhere in Key West this sel, is cited as of considerable interest, morning over the report, which is conand their appearances at the Navy firmed from Spanish sources, that the vative organ. The whole edition is Department this morning was followed Spanish General Pando has been capby the circulation of many interesting tured by the Cubans under Gen. Garcia

Pando is the chief of staff under Gen.

The despatch was received here from Havana this morning telling of the

It is also said that the insurgents All of them stated that the destruc- have landed a big force on the Island of tive force which wrecked their vessel Porto Rico, and that a general uprising of the free silver question, and he had

Ex Congressman Nichols Presents Ral eigh's Claims, But Senator Pritchard Thinks We Should Unite on Asheville.

Washington, March 19.-Ex-Congressman John Nichols, of Raleigh, who arrived here last night, had a long talk with Senator Pritchard today regarding the securing of a permanent prison at

subject.

Senator Pritchard, however, favors Ashaville, and says that he fears that in the diversity of local interests North Carolina might lose the prison.

He has secured a favorable report for the \$100,000 appropriation amendment for a prison at Asheville and he thinks that if an attempt is made to divert this to the purchase of the penitentiary at Raleigh, which seems to be the plan, it will be confusing and Senator Pritchard announces he is opposed to

He also says that the climatic conditions at Asheville are more suitable for such a prison than at Raleigh.

Senator Pritchard Endorses Mr. O'Brien and Mrs. Garrett Who Will be Appointed. Special Despatch to The Morning Post.

Washington, March 19.-Senator Pritchard today practically settled the matter of who will be the new postmasters at Durham and Henderson by endorsing Mr. O'Brien and Mrs. Letitia that the authorities in Havana had no Still Another Postponement of Railroad Garrett, respectively. He will recommend these appointments to the President at once, and there is no doubt that they will be made by Mr. McKinley, and probably during the ensuing

### THE KILLING OF P. M. BAKER.

Coroner's Jury Report and Find That He Came to His Death at the Hands of Ur. Tuesday at 2 p.m. known Persons.

weeks of consideration the coroner's ored), Arden; Duff Merrick, Frank Carjury at Lake City today found that ter, W. P. Pegram, William Aiken, Jno. Postmaster Baker and child came to B. Bostic and A. C. Durham, of Ashetheir deaths by gunshot wounds in the ville. Maine Blown Up Ry "Torpedo Made in hands of persons unknown to the jury.

The reward of \$1,500 for each conviction, offered by the government, is of witnesses in Judge Ewart's behalf, said to be the largest of the kind on who will be announced next week. The record, and as the State also offered fight is getting extremely warm. \$500, it is probable that detectives are holding their evidence until the coronor's jury had disposed of the case.

Staunton, Va., March 19.-Nearly 2,000 take charge of the new fortifications. puts no such interpretation upon the "Maine" was blown up by a torpedo former Confederates and others, headed the House committee on military affairs Light Battery F, Fifth Artillery, ar- action of France and the outcome will made in Newport. Your correspondent by Stonewall Brigade Band " oninion that the committee would conband, the "Stonewall Brigade Band," greeted Company F, Fourth Artillery, greeted Company F, Foundation and Went at once to Tybee which may result in an amicable division to here today, while on the way from that the bill would be reported to the here today, while on the way from House by a unanimous vote. Fort Riley to Fort Monroe.

Congressman Stroud Says He Will Take no Part in the Selection of the Appointee, as a Republican is to be Appointed-Senator Pritchard Will Name the Man and He Will Probably be Nichols or Balley-Mr. Stroud Also Says the Pop. Congressmen, With Exception of Skinner. Favor Fusion With Democrats, and that a Proposition to that Effect Will be Made to the Latter

Special Despatch to The Morning Post. Washington, March 19.-The Raleigh postmastership and the selection of a candidate to be recommended to the Presdent, was a matter which today engaged much of the time and attention of Senator Pritchard, upon whom seems to rest the privilege and responsibility of naming the candidate.

Ail three of the avowed candidates for the position are here-Nichols, Shaffer and Bailey-and it is probable that a selection will be made and named by the President in a few days.

Congressman Strowd said today that he had not been consulted as to the apbe appointed. Either Nichols or Shaffer or Bailey would be agreeable to him, he added, with the additional comment that Senator Pritchard, he supposed, would name the appointee.

TO PROPOSE DEM.-POP. FUSION. Congressman Strowd also stated to The Morning Post's representative that a proposition will be made by the Populists looking to Democratic-Populist fusion in the Congressional districts of North Carolina at the next election, in November.

He saygs that the Populist Congressmen from North Carolina, with the exeption of Harry Skinner, all favor Democratic-Populist fusion in the election of Congressmen, this on account no doubt that a proposition to that ef-

THE PROPOSED FEDERAL PRISON. He also added that the Populist conference at Raleigh, as reported in The Post, was eagerly read by the Congressional delegation. Some of the strong-Naval Appropriation Bill Completed-Its Special Despatch to The Morning Post. est men in the party in the State were present, he said, and the outcome of the consultation and the exchange of views could not be other than beneficial to party cohesion and unity.

During the consideration of the Postoffice Appropriation bill in the House He was referred by the Senator to today, Mr. Shuford offered an amendthe Senate Appropriations Committee ment to use \$2,000,000 of the \$4,000,000 and he will see the committee on the appropriated for rent of postal cars to the purchase by the government of the cars. It was ruled fout of order.

Congressman Skinner made a vigorous speech in the House today on the section providing for the fast mail service in the South, while the rural districts received so little consideration in postal matters, he contended.

LATER ANENT POSTMASTERSHIP. Special Despatch to The Morning Post. Washington, March 19.-10 p. m .-The Raleigh postoffice fight waged

nearly all day this evening in Senator Pritchard's office in the Maltby building. Bailey, Nichols and Shaffer all had their innings, and each brought his papers. Senator Pritchard went over the papers with each candidate, while the others waited in an ante-room. Bailey

#### and Nichols ran the gauntlet today, but Shaffer did not get through, and he will have additional time accorded him Monday, when Senator Pritchard says he wil announce who he will endorse.

### EWART CASE RE-OPENED.

Numerous Witnesses YesterdaySummoned to Appear Before Senate Judiciary Com mittee Next Tuesday.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post. Washington, March 19.-The Ewart case has been practically reopened, and numerous witnesses have been summoned to Washington to appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee next

These have been, among others summoned: J. S. Edgerton and Dr. Allen, Columbia, S. C., March 19 .- After five of Hendersonville; Joseph Lance (col-

Senator Pritchard is preparing a list

### To Reorganiee the Army Line.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Washington, March 19 .- The bill providing for the reorganization of the line of the army was again considered by opinion that the committee would conclude its consideration by Monday, and

House by a unanimous vote.