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THE STORY IS CONTINUED

Yesterday's Developments in Maine and Cuban Matters.

THE REPORT STILL ON ITS WAY

Lat Night But May Reach Washington Late This Evening—Cannot Be Considered by the President and Cabinet Before Today in All Probability—McKinley Said to Be Undecided as to His Course After Sending It to Congress.—He is Determined to Stop the Murders. Called War in Cuba However.

By Telegram to The Morning Post. Washington, March 23.—Judge Advocate General Clegg has passed through here tonight on a special train. Enquiry's "Maine" report is expected to arrive here tonight. A reported interview sent to the President in which he was said to be "satisfied" to a correspondent that it "looks like war."

THE PRESIDENT'S COURSE.

After the Report is Considered, Probably Today, and Sent to Congress Monday, He is Undecided as to the Next Move.

Washington, March 23.—Today's developments have not materially changed the Cuban situation, so far as President McKinley is concerned. The President seems to be hesitating as to the course to be followed by him after the "Maine" Court of Enquiry report is received tomorrow, has been submitted to Congress.

He has decided to end the barbaric slaughter in Cuba. That much appears to be certain, but he is undecided as to how to do it.

AMERICAN EXODUS FROM HAVANA

Steamers Laden With American and Cuban Families Who Think Time Has Come to Move

By Cable to The Morning Post. Havana, March 23.—Reports that war is impending between the United States and Spain have spread alarm among the American residents here and many Cuban families also, who are hurrying to leave the island.

CUBANS GREATLY ENTHUSED.

Those in Tampa Wild With Joy Over the Prospect of Recognition by the United States

By Telegram to The Morning Post. Tampa, Fla., March 23.—Ten thousand Cubans in Tampa are wild with enthusiasm because of the despatch received from the members of the Cuban Junta now in New York regarding the recognition of Cuban independence by the United States.

Large quantities of arms are being sent to the patriots for the purpose of preparing for the young and old, and the women and children are preparing to leave in companies to Cuba as soon as the United States recognizes Cuban independence is sent to them.

DOPE WASHINGTON OF N. C.

A Cadet Survivor of the "Maine," on the Way to Annapolis to Prepare for Final Examination.

By Telegram to The Morning Post. Washington, March 23.—Another Maine survivor turned up today in the person of Dope Washington, an engineering cadet who was detained at the wreck of the "Maine" two years ago.

SPANISH ENQUIRY NOT OVER.

Divers to Again Be Put to Work on the Wreck. Before the Board's Report is Sent In.

By Cable to The Morning Post. Havana, March 23.—Referring to the despatches from New York, to the effect that the report of the Spanish Board of Enquiry is already in the hands of the government, the naval authorities here reply by saying that the board has not finished its investigation, and that the Spanish divers will soon resume work on the wreck.

TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC CREDIT.

Important Financial Measure Agreed on by Republican Members House Banking Committee.

By Telegram to The Morning Post. Washington, March 23.—The Republican sub-committee of the House Committee on Banking and Currency has prepared a bill to strengthen the public credit, by substituting for greenbacks legal tender notes which the banks are required to redeem in gold. The effect of this measure will be to throw upon the national banks the entire burden of finding gold for the notes of the country.

The system proposed provides for an easy and adequate method of obtaining gold for exports from banks, without exposing the country or the treasury to the alarm and the convulsions which have attended the gold exports during the last five years.

TWENTY-ODD LIVES LOST

In a Railroad Accident in Indiana—Train Went Through a Bridge.

By Telegram to The Morning Post. Cincinnati, Ohio, March 23.—A special train from Columbus, Ind., says that a wrecking train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, near there, went through a bridge tonight with thirty men aboard. About a half-dozen were rescued. The rest were drowned.

BASEBALL AT CHAPEL HILL.

The University Team Defeats the Trinity College Club by the Score of 6 to 0.

Special Telegram to The Morning Post. Chapel Hill, N. C., March 23.—The ball game pulled off here today between the Carolina's (university team) and the Trinity College team, resulted in a victory for the former by the score of 6 to 0.

SOUTHERN COAST DEFENCES.

Gen. Graham, Commander of Dep't of South, Begins a Tour of Inspection.

By Telegram to The Morning Post. Atlanta, Ga., March 23.—Gen. Graham, the commander of the Department of the South, accompanied by Lieut. Barney and chief of the signal corps Lieut. S. Rober, left here this morning for Charleston, where he will begin an inspection of the defenses under his jurisdiction. The tour will include South Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Alabama and Louisiana. Gen. Graham expects to be absent from Atlanta about two weeks.

GEORGIA'S FAMOUS MURDERESS

Will Not Be Hanged Friday as Contemplated—Respite of One Week Granted.

By Telegram to The Morning Post. Atlanta, Ga., March 23.—Elizabeth Nobles will not be hanged day after tomorrow according to sentence. The pardon board has been at work some time on her case, but the evidence is so voluminous that it became apparent a fair review of the case could not be concluded within the time, so the Governor has been prevailed on to grant a respite of seven days.

GOV. ATKINSON SAYS WAR, SURE POP.

By Telegram to The Morning Post. Charleston, W. Va., March 23.—Governor and Mrs. Atkinson returned home today from a trip to Richmond and Washington. Governor Atkinson said that he had several conferences with officials at Washington, and that the general opinion is that it is scarcely possible to avoid war with Spain. Everything points to war, he added.

PREPARING FOR HOSTILITIES A HEARTRENDING PICTURE

Presented to the U. S. Senate Yesterday.

COUNTRY SOON BE ON WAR FOOTING

Even the Old Monitors to be Repaired—The Terror Ordered to Key West and the Puritan to Also Go to That Point Eventually—Unusually Early Notice to Naval Cadets to Select Their Stations and How They Regard It—Powerful Torpedo Destroyer Secured From Italy—Revenue Cutters Transferred to the Navy.

By Telegram to The Morning Post. Washington, March 23.—Secretary Long today ordered the monitors "Catskill" and "Lehigh" to Boston, and the "Nahant" and "Jason" to New York, where they will be repaired and put in the best condition possible for craft of their age. These monitors are at present at League Island navy yard.

The Navy Department believes that they may be effective as harbor defenders, and all four will be used in the defense of Philadelphia.

NAVAL CADETS WARNED TO BE PREPARED.

By Telegram to The Morning Post. Annapolis, March 23.—Cadets of the graduating class have been ordered to advise the Navy Department as to what station they prefer. This is about two months earlier than the order is usually given, and is accepted by the cadets as a warning to be prepared for emergencies.

BUSINESS FROM THE WORD "GO."

Warship Navy Departments Straining Every Muscle to Get the Country on a War Footing.

By Telegram to The Morning Post. Washington, March 23.—Both the Navy and War Departments were especially active today in arranging for the anticipated trouble with Spain.

Some of the things done by the Secretary of the Navy were the arrangements for the transfer of the revenue cutter fleet to the Navy Department; the selection of an ambulance ship and water tug; the practical promise of an unnamed torpedo boat destroyer from Italy; the recall of the "Cincinnati," the "Castine" and the "Wilmington" to home waters, and directions to prepare a number of old monitors for service.

MANY SLICES OF PIE.

Long List of Storekeepers and Gaugers Appointed Yesterday.

Special Telegram to The Morning Post. Washington, D. C., March 23.—The following appointments of storekeepers and gaugers for the Fifth District of North Carolina are announced: William D. Jones, Jas. W. Anderson, William B. Getty, Horace W. McAlister, Jas. W. Peilham, Hunter Arnold, David V. Nichols, Thos. W. Lambeth, Miles Parker, William E. Lawrence, George T. Smith, Robert H. Brisker, Elisha D. Stanford, Leonidas O. Mack, Peter M. Rhine, William J. McDaniel, T. Hamilton Slagle, Joseph G. Waiser, Daniel G. Wagoner, Samuel M. King, William D. Walker, Elihu P. Mendenhall, Edw. O. Masten, Wylie P. Jones, Sidney T. Shore, Chas. H. Tubert, Franklin B. Benbow, Edmund T. Wakefield, Samuel H. Hudgins, Thomas N. Henry, Albert S. Brown, James T. Britt, William R. Hndro.

THE EWART INVESTIGATION.

Numerous Witnesses Testify Before Senate Sub-Committee and Return to North Carolina.

Special Telegram to The Morning Post. Washington, March 23.—Carter and Bostick completed their testimony today before the sub-committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Messrs. Aiken and Pegram were also examined. All of them left for their homes tonight. There is no indication when the hearing will come to a close.

STRUNG UP FOR AN INFAMOUS CRIME.

By Telegram to The Morning Post. Moultrie, Ga., March 23.—James Allen, a negro notorious in this vicinity, was taken from here this afternoon by a mob and his body riddled with bullets and sunk in Okapillo creek, in the dense swamps.

Last night the negro had attempted to assault the wife of Professor Ingalls. She successfully resisted him and fired six shots at him. When captured he admitted the crime.

THOUSANDS MADE HOMELESS

And Millions in Property is Destroyed

WITH A GREAT LOSS OF LIVES

By Reason of the Unprecedented Overflow of the Ohio River—Railroads the Principal Sufferers in Loss of Property and Operation of Trains Suspended in Some Instances—At Wheeling Street Traffic is Suspended and Thousands of the Inhabitants of the City Driven Out of Their Homes by the Flood—About as Bad in Portions of Ohio.

By Telegram to The Morning Post. Wheeling, W. Va., March 23.—There is an unprecedented rise in the Ohio river, which has sent thousands of families in this city and vicinity out of their homes and caused great damage to the factories and other property. Railroads running out of the city are under water, and street traffic is suspended. This evening the water is rising at the rate of four inches an hour.

PRESIDENT AND SENATOR GORMAN

The Democratic Leader in the Senate Called in Conference with the President, Who Asked for His Counsel and Advice—Cuba Must Be Relieved.

Washington, March 23.—The request of President McKinley made of Senator Gorman, of Maryland, the recognized Democratic leader in the Senate, yesterday for a conference at the White House was immediately complied with by the noted Marylander, and the President candidly told him that he had sent for him to secure the benefit of his counsel and advice on the troubles with Spain which are now engrossing the attention of the administration.

The two held a long conference, together with Senator Allison, lasting several hours.

CUBA MUST BE RELIEVED.

The President said little himself, but listened attentively to the statements of his visitors. Although differing in politics, both Mr. Allison and Mr. Gorman agreed in their opinion as to the course to be pursued. They believed that it was the President's duty to keep the country moving steadily toward relieving the conditions in Cuba. It was pointed that the Monroe doctrine would not allow any European power to interfere in the island, and it was quite evident that Spain would do nothing toward feeding the starving multitudes.

As Europe could not and Spain would not, it was the unavoidable duty of the United States to perform the humane task. While this might be interference, it would be an act worthy of a Christian nation, and if it was resented by Spain, the United States could afford to meet the consequence of that resentment.

The President listened with close attention to this presentation of the case. The explosion of the "Maine" was referred to only in the most incidental fashion, because the Senators were not acquainted with the nature of the report and they asked no questions concerning it. In fact, the Cuban problem seemed to be uppermost in the President's mind. When the Senators left him he had not disclosed the policy which he intended to pursue, but they departed impressed with the belief that he would undertake in some fashion the relief of the starving Cubans.

Having formulated no plan to solve the problem and being anxious to gain all the time possible, the President will not immediately make any suggestion to Congress. The message which he will send in Monday will treat alone of the "Maine," and Congress will be informed that the President will at a later date communicate with it on the Cuban situation.

Senator Allison is naturally close to Mr. McKinley, and could have been a member of the Cabinet if he had so desired. Senator Gorman, although of opposite party, is much esteemed by the President, not only for his personal character, but also because of his remarkably acute foresight and accurate judgment. The two Senators last night were in the Capitol to the White House where they were conducted to the President's private library, and remained for a considerable length of time. The President did not disguise the seriousness of the situation, but stated frankly that he wished their counsel, telling Senator Gorman that the point had been reached where party lines must be forgotten and the nation stand united. He referred feelingly to the unanimous support given him by the Democrats in the passage of the emergency appropriation, and hoped that he might continue to merit the same approbation and confidence. On this point Senator Gorman was assuring, saying that patriotism was above partisanship and that the President's hands would be upheld in all matters that pertained to the nation's honor or to the exercise of humane considerations for the dying thousands in Cuba.

SPREADS TO PENNSYLVANIA.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 23.—The three great rivers Monongahela, Allegheny, and Ohio, are now in a flooded condition, and there is every indication that the loss to coal operators, manufacturers and property-holders in general, will eclipse that of the freshet of 1894.

Already the river coal interests have suffered losses aggregating \$750,000, while the manufacturing interests are so severely crippled that great loss and inconvenience must follow.

Reports received from the towns on each side of the three great valleys show great damage to property on the lowlands, and with the water still rising, grave fears are entertained of even heavier losses.

TRAIN ROBBERS' BIG HAUL.

A California Train Held Up and \$30,000 of Express Money and Registered Matter Stolen.

By Telegram to The Morning Post. San Francisco, March 23.—One of the most expert cases of train robbery in California occurred late last night on the Southern Pacific Railroad near Joaze, in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley.

Two men stopped the north-bound Los Angeles express, blew up the express safe, and obtained \$30,000 in treasure which had been shipped from the Randsburg mines, as well as considerable money from the registered mail.

The train was stopped on a high trestle. The express messenger refused to open the car, whereupon the robbers blew the door off its hinges and compelled him to surrender. They then blew up the safes with dynamite, compelling the fireman to touch off the fuse.

The explosion was a terrific one and was heard for 20 miles.

Having secured the cash and taken the registered mail the robbers made off for the mountains. Passengers in the Pullman cars were scared by the explosion, but were not molested by the desperadoes.

Lord Salisbury to Retire?

By Cable to The Morning Post. London, March 23.—The Chronicle this morning makes a spread on the statement, which it admits it is unable to guarantee, that Lord Salisbury has been compelled to inform his colleagues that it is desirable for him to retire from the Premiership, and the foreign office.

The paper predicts that the Duke of Devonshire will become the Prime Minister.