The Report of the Naval Board of Enquiry Reaches Washington.

CONSIDERATION THE CABINET

Will Begin Today and Probably Continue for Several Days -- To be Transmitted to Congress Monday, May Be.

WHAT WILL THE HARVEST BE, FOR CUBANS? Hawley, Cockrell, Stewart, Chilton

The Tension is Greater Than at Any Moment Since the Wreck of the Maine-Post Commanders Out West Ordered to Ship Army Parapher nalia to Atlantic Seaboard at Once-Preparations for War More Active Yesterday Than Ever, and Suppressed Excitement at Washington Something Extraordinary-Marlx and Companions Arrived at Washington at Exactly 9:35 and Report Rested Under Its Custodian's Pillow Last Night-All About It.

1. The light to The Morning Post. Was matter March 24.—The report

Many reach of Enquiry reachget a land on the possession of Marix, the officer we would be until tomorrow, when it Secretary Long.

the still enclosed West in the will almost literally spend the next makes the pillow of its watch-

in accordance with the programme. the report will be transmitted to both houses of Congress on next Monday, and there is no possibility of the public bend distributed of its contents before

Marix and party arrived " Web aton at exactly 9:35 o'clock, det the Southern Railway from Jack-

The parties apprompanying it were all the long journey, and by in he wonts which preceded it,

-ked careworn as they step-The Paris received only by Ensign Was Assistant in the Bureau of Navi- By Cable to The Morning Post.

h an immense crowd of had gathered outside of

v discornable. to drawn to the Ebbitt House almost immediately,

THE SITUATION AT WASHINGTON.

Aspect of Affairs More Serious Than at Any Time Since the Blowing Up of the Maine" Extraordinary Developments and Activity in Army and Navy Circles.

The Morning Post. March 24.—Midnight. and point of view, the Mediation tonight iscriti-

demselves to all callers.

they more threatening since the "Maine"

the Board of Enquiry's speech today in of the general Government.

Enquiry, which was biary Long tonight.

know tomorrow what the court are, and the

information was disto port to the commit- tomorrow. when the findings the made known.

make the inference but for him.

plain that the ship was placed there by

The President's attitude on the Cuban question will depend much on the reat Warmington at 30% o'clock tonight, sult of the correspondence with the Sagasta ministry, with the idea of securing the practical, if not the actual, independence of th eCuban people.

It is understood that no reply has yet seen received from Spain that can be accepted as definite, but President Mcwhich it left Key Kinley is still hopeful that Spain will bow to the inevitable and accept the chance of escaping a disastrous war by relinquishing control of Cuba, retaining only a nominal sovereignty.

It is said that Judge Day, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, is not so hopeful as the President of the acquiescence of Spain in this proposed policy, and that he is inclined to believe direct intervention is the only course that can

effectually free Cuba and meet the endorsement of the people. The President, however, is of a more sanguine temperament, and still thinks

it well to make a last effort to avert the horrors of war. DIVER SAYS IT WAS A SUBMA-

RINE MINE.

Dresden, March 24.-A newspaper here has received a letter from a nathe party accompanied the re- tive of Dresden, who was one of the from and their weapons divers employed in examining the wreck of the "Maine." The letter is dated March 7th, and in it the writer declares it to be beyond doubt that the explosion was caused by a submarine mine.

> The largest torpedo made, he says, could not have caused such devastation as was wrought by the explosion which wrecked the "Maine."

NAVAL RESERVES CALLED OUT.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Washington, March 24.-The necessity of securing more men for the smeatherst of new naval navy, on account of the prospect of ordering of more war, compelled the Navy Department and the orders to in- today to call on the naval militia oronspired to keep ganizations of New England and other the highest pitch, coast States, and Ohio and Illinois, to and went in Senator prepare for service under the direction

This action is prompted by the issue submet meeting the presented in the departure of the Saldmit the report of the Spanish torpedo flotilla for Porto Rico. Organizations at New York, Brooklyn, Baltimore, Boston and Philadelto for saying that the phia have been called on to furnish Tauals know now as crews for the war-time monitors assigned to those cities.

In order to secure harmony and and unanimity in the current war preparis undoubtedly due tions, the President today directed the formation of a board of defense, to the administration consist of one naval officer and one about \$2,500, none of which was on the wentual Senators last army officer. The naval representa- hotel. tive will be Capt. Alfred S. Barker, - that the arrangements and the army member will be selected

What the British Press Think.

What the report will By Cable to The Morning Post.

was wrecked by London, March 24.-The British and that, while newspapers are daily giving greater directly implicate prominence to the Spanish-American of the findings is crisis, and nearly all express reliance with regard to testi- on President McKinley, who they say the "Maine" hap- will do his utmost to check any hastiat the particular ness to rush into war. They display a where the explosion tendency to regard a war as inevitable

CAPT. SAMPSON IN COMMAND.

Admiral Sicard Relieved as Predicted by The Post, Notwithstanding the "Denial" Issued by the Associated Press

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Washington, March 24.-The Navy Department today relieved Rear Admiral Sicard from command of the squadron at Key West and appointed Capt. Sampson in his place, as predicted in these despatches several

Capt. Robley D. Evans is ordered to the command of the battleship "Iowa,"

to succeed Capt. Sampson. It is expected that Commodore Schley will be assigned to the command of the squadron at Hampton roads. Another high ranking officer will also be assigned to the squadrons,

operating jointly. Admiral Sicard has been found incapacitated for active service, and the leave of absence now granted him is due solely to that fact.

Washington, March 24.-Resolutions expressive of sorrow for the death of the late Senator Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee, were offered by Senator Bate, of Tennessee, in the Senate this afternoon, and adopted. Eulogies were pronounced by Senators Bate, Morrill, Morgan, Hoar, Walthall, and Turley, and then, as a further mark of respect to the dead Senator, the Senate adjourned until Monday

PLAN OF CAMPAIGN MAPPED OUT.

and Army Can Be Moved at Instant Notice | present unknown. By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

New York, March 24.-At Governor's Island today a grey-haired army of ficer said that the war preparations have gone so far as to map out a complete plan of campaign.

In five minutes, said he, after the orders of the Major General were received at the different department headquarters, should war come, the commanders would be issuing orders for the movement of troops, in accordance with the general plan, with the details of which they have already been

The office of the Quartermaster of the Department of the East is filed with complete information relating to all the methods of transportation.

HOW SPAIN WILL RAISE FUNDS

To Carry on the War-To Issue Treasury Bonds Redee To b'e By Bank of Spain,

By Cable to The Morning Post. Madrid, March 24.-It is reported that the Cabinet, at its meeting yesterday; decided to create treasury bonds to the mount of 200,000,000 pesetas, upon a guarantee of redemption by the Bank of Spain.

A semi-official note says that "Sagasta read at the meeting of the Cabinet a telegram from Gen. Blanco, ing at 11:35 Miss Bradley christened By Cable to The Morning Post. saying that he had refused the re-ithis ship by breaking a bottle of quest of Capt. Sigsbee for permission to blow up the wreck of the 'Maine' with dynamite."

WHY CLAMA BARTON LEFT CUBA.

Obstacles Placed in the Way of Red Cross Society's Work by Spaniards-Will In form the President. By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Key West, March 24.-It is learned that Miss Clara Barton left Havana because of the obstacles put in the way of her Cuban relief work by the Spanish authorities.

It has been shown that the Spanish officers have stolen large quantities of the provisions sent for the reconcentrados, and that much food has been spoiled by its wilful detention, while en route, by the same agency. Miss Barton is now going to Washington to The Need of More Men for the Navy Prompts | explain to the President the impossithe President to Call on the Naval Militia | bility of relieving the reconcentrados if such a state of things is to con-

FIRE AT ELKIN.

Destroys the Postoffice and Mail Matter, and Residences.

Special Telegram to The Morning Post. Elkin, N. C., March 24.-This town was visited by a destructive fire early \$20,000 worth of property.

hours' time had burned the Gwyn river, and Col. Hall, of Louisville, and adopted the following resolution: hotel, the postoffice and its contents hoisted the colors on the vessel. of mail matter, Click's residence and another building.

and four other business houses were ployed. badly damaged. Total loss over \$20,-000, with insurance aggregating only many floral gifts.

Harry Skinner's Speech Predicting War. Special Telegram to The Morning Post.

Washington, March 24.-Congressman Skinner made a strong speech today on the Naval Appropriation bill, favoring that measure, with the extra appropriation, and stating that he did not see how this Government could now avoid war with Spain.

ship "Texas," the first of the fleet Governor today. He says he has Washington, March 24.—Pensions forming the new squadron of coast defence to reach the place of rendezvous, arrived at Hampton Roads to-

Preparations of the War and Navy Continue.

Interests Uncle Sam-Secretary Day Enquires of the Spanish Minister What His Government Means by Ordering Such Cangerous Craft to Waters so Near the Coast of the United States-Wash ington Startled by the News of the Salling of the Flotilia, But President in clined to be Conservative and Will Not Sanction Counter Movement of II. S Etc.-Extensive Naval and War Prepar ations of Yesterday.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Washington, March 24.-In sending

the torpedo-boat flotilla to waters near the United States coast, Spain has gone beyond the policy of caution which has characterized the Sagasta Ministry.

There are good rasons to believe that the Government took steps today to learn the meaning of the flotilla's

Spanish Minister Bernabe had a conference with Assistant Secretary Day this afternoon, at which the subject, Department Commanders Familiar With it was discussed, with what result it as

Spain has, by allowing them to start, committed the first act of aggression. The news of the flotilla's sailing startled Washington, but President McKinley is inclined to be conservative, and is not inclined to regard the act as a casus belli.

Therefore he would not sanction a counter movement of hostile meaning by the United States, but the defiance thus expressed by Spain has caused him to order additional war preparations to be made at once.

CHRISTENING BATTLESHIPS

With Spring Water and Champagne-The "Kentucky" Receives a Side Volley of

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Newport News, Va., March 24.-The twin battleships "Kearsarge" and "Kentuck," were successfully launched here the jorning, full 30,000 people cheering the vessels as they entered the

It was 10:30 o'clock when the "Kearsarge" moved down the was. Mrs Herbert Winslow christened the ship by breaking a bottle of champane against her prow as she named the

Then 'Kentucky's" turn came, startspring water against her, but several Kentuckian present hurled a number of bottles of "Old Bourbon" against her side, in honor of the old State for which she is named.

A banquet at Old Point concluded the ceremonies.

Lieut. Winslow, of the Navy, hoisted the colors on the "Kearsarge." She was towed to one of the ship yard docks and made fast.

The "Kentucky" was to have gone off exactly one hour after the "Kearsarge," but on account of some hitch it was 11:35 o'clock when she began to move slowly down the ways. The vessel started slowly, as did her

sister, but gained in speech much more rapidly. As soon as the "Kentucky" began to slip Miss Bradley dashed a cut-glass bottle of water against the side and exclaimed: "I christen thee, 'Kentucky.' "

When Miss Bradley threw her bottle against the "Kentucky" there was a mighty sound of the crashing of glass caused by the breaking of fifteen or MUST SWALLOW POP. PLATFORM twenty bottles of "Old Bourbon" whiskey, and two bottles of water taken Gwyn's Hotel and Other Business Houses from a spring on Jefferson Davis, old homestead

The dissatisfied Kentuckians who By Telegraph to The Morning Post. brought from their native State the New York, March 24 .- A special to bottles of whiskey, were stationed all the Commercial Advertiser from Portthis morning, which consumed over along the the ways, and it seemed that land, Ore., says: the breaking ceremony was performed

Mrs. Winstow received a handsome model in flowers of the "Kearsarge," The brick storehouse of Bell & Co. which was presented by the men em-

The launching luncheon, held at the Chamberlin hotel, followed the ceremonies in the yard.

toast "Kentucky," and Governor Tyler if successful will result in the nomto the toast "The Old Dominion."

Tom Watson Abandons Office Seeking, He

By Telegraph to The Press-Visitor.

Atlanta, Ga., March 24.-Tom Watson again, and this time formally, de-Norfolk, Va., March 24.—The battle- clined the Populist nomination for Special Telegram to The Morning Post. abandoned office seeking politics, his have been granted to Robert Harper, Vice-Presidential candidacy in 1896 of La Grange, \$6 per month; Mills ending only in his own humiliation. | Welch, of Jackson (reissued), \$14.

HOW EASY IT WOULD BE

To Capture Havana, According to a Letter Written by Gen. Grant Fifteen Years Ago. By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

New York, March 24.-Frank Les-

lie's Illustrated Weekly, in its issue of this week, publishes an important disclosure, to the effect that fifteen years ago, or on April 30, 1883, Gen. U. S. Grant wrote to Gen. Adam Badeau, telling him how easy it would be for the United States to capture Havana by a combined attack by our land and naval forces. In this letter, which is printed in fac-simile by Leslie's Weekly, Gen. Grant says that "the hostility of the native population to Spanish authority would make this (the capture of Havana) a comparatively easy task for any first class power, and especially easy for the United States, in case of war with Spain."

Socialist Municipal Ticket at Roanoke.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Roanoke, Va., March 24.-A full municipal ticket has been placed in the field here by the Socialist-Labor party. By this action they have created considerable of a consternation in the Democratic ranks, as some of the candidates in the primary fear that their prospects may be injured in this move. It is thought the Republicans will endorse the Socialist ticket or leave the members of the party to choose between them and the Democratic candidates.

IN CONTRESS YESTERDAY.

KI chen and Skinner Contribute to the Flow of Orstory on the Chban Question-Naval Appropriation Blii, Etc.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Washington, March 24-Nothing could keep the "Maine" and Cuba questions out of the debate on the Naval Appropriation bill, which began in the House today. Mr. Dayton (of West Virginia) de-

and Christian nation should put a stop to the tragedy of murder and starvation in Cuba, and that the administration intervene, with a declaration of war if necessary, and secure the freedom of the island Mr. Arnold (of Pennsylvania) said

manded that "this great, enlightened

the question of indemnity for the destruction of the "Maine" could not be submitted to arbitration.

Messrs. Kitchin and Skinner (of North Carolina) and Tate (of Georgia) also debate to seven hours, ending at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

MR. GLADSTONE SLOWLY DYING.

Cancerous Growth Beyond the Nasal Pasages the Nature of His Malady-Death Ex pected From Heart Failure.

London, March 24.-Mr. Gladstone, known as "the grand old man," is dying of a cancerous growth, involving the bone tissues back of the nasal passages.

This melancholy truth is now admitted privately by his son and other members of his family. A successful operation has been declared impossi-

The only relief he now receives is that afforded by the administration of opiates and other palliatives. The pain has continued for six months. and although it is somewhat less acute now than a few weeks ago, the strength and vitality of the patient's wonderful constitution is very greatly

The end, when it comes, and which s believed to not be far off, will be from failure of the heart's action rather than to the direct ravages of the malady, per se.

It is hardly probable that the end will be long delayed.

And Accept Populist Leadership If Demo crats Secure Fusion in the West-Resolution Adopted to That Effect.

Fifty-two delegates to the Populist It originated, from what cause is at a signal, as the water and whiskey State Convention, composing the Midpresent unknown, in a small store, mingled and ran down the great ship's die-of-the-Road element, which may soon after midnight, and within two side, as she rushed int othe James control the convention, met here today

"Resolved, That we demand that any union or fusion shall be on the People's party platform and under

Populist leadership." They say that if their demands are Miss Bradley was the recipient of not complied with they will nominate

a separate ticket. The Populist, Democratic and Silver Republican State Conventions all meet here today, and fusion between Governor Bradley responded to the these parties will be attempted, which ination of a State ticket with all the parties represented-unless the demand of the Middle-of-the-Roaders is accepted and the conventions endorse the Populist Convention nominees.

North Carolina Pensioners

BUTCHER OF HUMAN BEINGS

He Declares That Spain While Pretending to Be a Christian Nation, and Has Set Up More Crosses Under More Skies, Has **Butchered More People Than All Other** Civilized Nations-Says a War on Spain for its inhuman Crueities Will Be God's War and That the U.S. Should Intervene at Once-Affecting Allusion to His Dead

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Washington, March 24.-In the Senate today Mr. Thurston drew a harrowing picture of the misery in Cuba and pleaded for immediate action by

He said he went there to expose newspaper exagerations of the suffer-

exageration impossible. Senator Proctor, he said, had rather underrated the facts,

ing in Cuba, but that he had found

trol of every foot of the island not protected by its soldiers; that the Cubans had a complete government. The reconcentrados are starving

their condition is especially terrible. "These awful scenes will remain in

my mind forever. "Christ," he said, "died 1900 years ago, and Spain is an alleged Christian nation. She has set up more crosses in more lands, beneath more skiesand under them has butchered more people than all the other nations of

"Europe may tolerate her existence as long as the people of the old world

Continuing, Senator Thurston said: "The time for action has come. No greater reason could exist than those of today for intervention.

"That means the landing of our

Spain to leave the island of Cuba. "The money changers," he said, tries will be benefitted instead of in-

Thurston said that he opposed the

ing the President to act alone. "We are not," he said, "in session to hamper or cripple the President; we are here to advise and assist him. Congress alone can declare war. Congress alone can levy taxes, and to this Congress the united people of this broad land, from sea to sea, from lake to gulf, look to voice their wishes and execute their will."

In defending his plea for interven-

"The lowly Nazarene on the shores of Gallilee preached the divine doctrine of love, peace on earth, good will toward men. Not peace on earth at the expense of liberty and humanity. Not good will toward men who despoil enslave, degrade and starve to death, their fellow men.

"I believe in the doctrine of Christ. "I believe in the doctrine of peace, But, Mr. President, men must have iberty before there can come an abiding peace. "Intervention means force. Force

means war. War means blood. "But it will be God's force, and God's war. When has a battle for humanity and liberty ever been won

except by force? "What barricade of wrong, injustice and oppression has ever been carried except by force?" Mr. Thurston concluded his speech

in these words: "Mr. President, in the cable that moored me to life and hope, the strongest strand has been broken. "I have but little left to offer at the altar of freedom's sacrifice, but all I have I am glad to give. I am ready to serve my country as best I

can in the Senate chamber or in the "My dearest hope, my most earnest prayer to God is this: That when death comes to end all with me, I may meet it as calmly and fearlessly as did my wife, in the cause of humanity, under the American flag."

There was perfect stillness in the crowded hall when Mr. Thurston began to speak, and that stillness continued as he proceeded, but the applause was tremendous near the close. and Mr. Thurston was so overcome that

he had to be led away.

[The concluding sentence of Senator Thurston's speech will read all the more pathetic when it is remembered that his wife died while with him in Cuba, less than a month ago, her death resulting from heart failure, superinduced by the harrowing scenes of starvation and misery which she witnessed among the reconcentrados and which so greatly touched her sensitive and sympathetic heart.-Post.

Terrible Arraignment by the Nebraskan.

Wife.

the United States Government. what he at the time believed to be

He agreed that Spain had lost con-

everywhere, he said, but he instanced Matanzas as being the scene where

the earth combined.

wish. But God grant that before another Christmas dawns, the last vestige of Spanish tyranny and oppression will have vanished from this

"The United States must act. Our action should not be directed towards nnexation, but intervention should be

army in Cuba, and the placing of our fleet around Havana, and telling 'fear war, but the American indus-

jured by it, and as for the gambierslet them go! "If we do not act, it will be rank

"The force of intervention would be God's force. I am ready to act now, and for my action will answer to my conscience, my country and my God!" In the course of his speech Senator

adjournment of Congress today, leav-