

PLAN TO FREE CUBA

President and Cabinet
Fear Congress May
Take Initiative.

HOPE FOR CALHOUN'S REPORT

POSSIBILITY OF A WARSHIP BE-
ING SENT TO HAVANA.

Prompt Relief to Be Given the Desti-
tute American Citizens in Cuba—

President Beginning to Get in
Shape for Decisive Action.

Washington, May 20.—There are many reasons for believing that the third step in President McKinley's Cuban policy will be taken within sixty days, and that it will be interference of a decided character.

Help for the Cubans seem approaching from both the White House and the Capitol. The President is contemplating action on account of the pressure of the interests trading with Cuba and the American property owners there. Congress is being pushed towards the same end by the aroused sentiment of the country and the machinations of politicians.

The commercial interests, which have been so potent in restraining the government from intervention in the past, are now demanding prompt interference, and there is every indication that they are as powerful for action at this time as they were to prevent it a year ago.

The President has had compiled all the propositions that have ever been made whereby the United States might seek to end the constant strifes that have broken out between Cuba and the mother country. He has considered the enforced sale of the island to the Cubans upon the guarantee of the United States, this country assuming charge of the custom houses as security, to be the best plan of all, except in the guarantee feature, which did not seem likely to be favored by the people or by Congress, the reason being that in almost every instance where a country has guaranteed the bonds of another it has had to take the country and pay the debt.

Certain business men have suggested to the President a modification of this plan which does away with the guarantee of the bonds and simply provides that the United States shall act as an assignee and take charge of all the revenues of the island. Its only promise would be to honestly collect and account for the money obtained and turn it over to the seller. If the revenues, after paying the expenses of the United States, did not meet the principal and interest as they fell due, it would be no affair of the United States, but the fault of the two contracting parties, who should have so arranged the purchase price as to make such a failure impossible. The President is said to be greatly pleased with the plan thus suggested.

The cabinet concluded today that definite action could be decided upon regarding the Cuban question until Special Commissioner Calhoun's full report had been submitted. The President and his advisors are in great favor, however, that action may be taken by Congress before this report can be received. There was hope that the tariff bill, which is slated to come up Monday next, would shove Mr. Morgan's belligerency resolution aside in the Senate, but Senators Lodge, Cullom, Davis, Foraker, Mason, and other Republicans have formed a combination to side-track the tariff bill until the belligerency resolution has been disposed of. Informal notice of this intention was served today upon the President and quickened his interest in his Cuban policy. This Senatorial combination appears strong enough to carry out its intentions. The belligerency resolution has the right of way, and the tariff bill cannot be considered by vote. It has not been made an order of business. Mr. Aldrich having merely given notice that on Monday he would begin the discussion. When the belligerency resolution comes to a vote it will be adopted by a large majority. This cannot be long delayed.

In the House the resolution is approved by three-fourths of the members, but Speaker Reed's iron rule and Republican discipline may prevent its consideration. The party whip, Grosvenor, sent out notices today to all absent Republicans to return. This is to get a quorum if the Democrats attempt to prevent the passage of the relief appropriation resolution unless the belligerency resolution is included.

It is likely that with the Republican campaign on hand in force, the Speaker and Mr. Dingley may prevent the passage of the resolution granting belligerency as an amendment to the resolution. But it is also possible that the Cuban sentiment may be so strong that it will break party bounds and put the resolution through.

This situation, with the House to meet on Thursday, with Bailey full of resolution and the unfinished business of the Senate and a powerful combination of Republican Senators determined to push it to adoption makes the President fearful that Congress, and not he, may announce the Cuban policy of the administration.

If the belligerency resolution goes to the White House it will be signed. Much depends, if the President is to have the initiative, upon Speaker Reed, and to add to the President's discomfiture, there are rumors that the Speaker has had his ear to the ground and will not long oppose the popular demand for the recognition of Cuban belligerency.

There is talk today of a grave crisis in Spain. It is said that that government has been trying in vain to borrow money on the new loan in London and Paris. The failure, it is predicted, will lead to a change of ministers and perhaps to more serious trouble.

Minister de Lome exhibits no concern over the situation at home or here. He said to a World correspondent today that he was going to call upon the President "to express my gratitude for his splendid action and kindly consideration shown in the wording of his message." He added:

"Notwithstanding the activity of the New York World and other papers that are hostile and unjust to Spain, our cause has again triumphed. We are stronger today with President McKinley and Secretary Sherman than we ever were with the Cleveland-Olney administration."

As to the distribution of the proposed relief in Cuba, the Spanish minister used these words: "Spain has no

objection whatever to the United States helping her own citizens now resident in Cuba. The way that the charity is distributed is entirely the affairs of the United States and not of Spain. This government specifically states that only Americans are to be relieved. Spain does not care if the United States laps her citizens in luxury, so long as she distributes her bounty through the consular agents and only in the towns."

This means that no Cubans in the towns or out of them will be allowed to receive any of the aid sent by the United States. Many of the American citizens in Cuba have Cuban relatives who are subjects of Spain starving with or near them. The action of the local authorities in such cases, under orders from the palace that only American shall receive the food, will result in interference with the Consuls who distribute it and promises to lead to a great deal of friction, which may strain the present friendly relations of the two governments.

President McKinley sent a cablegram to Consul-General Lee at Havana informing him that money for the relief of destitute American citizens in Cuba would be available on Thursday. He requested the Consul-General to make as complete a list as possible of those to whom relief should be extended.

The President also asked to be informed concerning the temper of the people of Havana as to the stationing of a United States warship in that harbor. This information is not sought with the intention of immediately sending a cruiser to Cuba, but is simply in anticipation of the possibility that the Morgan resolution may be passed. The question of sending a vessel to Havana has not been discussed by the cabinet, and this inquiry is directed solely to the future.

The President announced soon after his inauguration that he expected to eventually place a warship at Havana for the protection of American interests. He claimed that such a ship was perfectly proper and should not be antagonized by the Spanish authorities.

HOT TIMES IN KENTUCKY.

Two Bodies in Session—Each Claims They are the Senate.

Special to The Tribune.

Frankfort, Ky., May 19.—This State witnessed the spectacle yesterday of two separate bodies sitting in session in the same hall, and each claiming to be the Senate of Kentucky. The fight over the Stephenson fusion bill was renewed, and the advocates of the bill were confident of its passage. The silver Democrats, insisting that Lieut. Gov. Worthington vacate the chair pending an appeal from one of his decisions by Senator Bronson on the question of "indicating" members who are present but refuse to vote. Lieut. Gov. Worthington, backed by the Republicans and gold Democrats, refused to vacate the chair.

Senator Goebel, the president pro tem, who was presiding pending the appeal from Worthington's decision, demanded his right to the chair. The president refused to recognize him, and lifting a chair over the clerk's desk, Goebel took his seat beside the clerks and the two bodies were in session amid the wildest confusion. Bitter words passed between Senator Bronson, of the silver side, and Gov. Worthington, of the Worthington Senate. The Worthington Senate adjourned till 3 o'clock this afternoon, and the Goebel Senate, while in the minority, is backed by the clerks and all the other officers, adjourned till five minutes before 3 o'clock.

At that hour President pro tem Goebel intends to take the chair. What Worthington will do when he finds Goebel already in the chair with the clerks obeying his orders this afternoon, is causing all sorts of prophecies of serious trouble and even talk of troops.

The Worthington Senate, which has a majority when all the gold Democrats and Republicans are present, is now in secret caucus preparing to reorganize, elect new clerks, a new president pro tem, etc. Revolution is looked for from this time till Friday, when the session stands adjourned unless the gold Democrats and Republicans, in the majority in both Houses, should try to continue the session.

The Importance of Frugality.

From the Atlanta Constitution.
Frugality is the corner-stone of wealth. Unhappily, however, there are few who realize the truth of this maxim, or, at least, who exemplify it in the practical affairs of life. With the same prudent and economic habits which characterized the founders of some of our great American fortunes, there is no reason why thousands who are now struggling on the ragged edge of poverty should not be in prosperous circumstances, if not, indeed, rich.

The Biggest Bell.

For some time past there has been a sort of dead heat between the two biggest bells in the world, the one at the Cathedral in Moscow, and the other at the unfinished pagoda of Mengoon, a little north of Mandalay, across the river. If the former was the bigger of the two, it was cracked, and therefore useless as a bell, while the latter, though whole, had dragged its supports down all it rested on the ground, and would not emit any sound. Now, however, it has been reswung, and can claim attention as the biggest bell, in working order, in the world.

It averages over a foot in thickness. The bell itself is over twelve feet high, and the shackle, which was intended for logs of timber, about twelve feet. The pin in the shackle has a diameter of sixteen inches. The bell was cast about the beginning of the century by King Bodaw-paya as an accompaniment to the huge brick pagoda which he never finished. It is said to have been cast on an island and rafted across. No proper means yet exist for striking the bell, but when hit with a heavy piece of wood it gives a deep, vibration boom.

Charity in Judging Character.

Hasty judgment of the actions of others is dangerous and often unjust. We measure too much by some superficial appearance, and condemn hastily, when, if we but knew and understood the motives and reasons, we would warmly approve. We sometimes say of some one, "That pain, sorrow or loss has not deeply affected him." But we do not know. It is like the death of a few of the soldiers in front of a regiment. The broken ranks close up again into the solid phalanx and the loss is not apparent. There may be no disorganization, no surrender, no craving for pity, no display of despair. It is like the calm, dazzling play of the waves warmed by the morning's sun after a night of storm and disaster. There is no sign of the wreck; the tide has carried the debris away far out on the ocean; the treacherous water has swallowed all signs and tokens of the night's awful work. We see only the fairness of the morning, not the suffering of the night. Let us be charitable in our judgment, and condemn not when we do not know.—Ladies' Home Journal.

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