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From our Regular Correspondent.
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The statement by Senator Hale The statement by Senator Hale
that the time is at hand when cond-
tions will grow worse and insurrection tions will grow worse and insurrection
prove more widespread in the Philip. pines, when, irrespective of party
lines, Congress will be compelled to consider means of gettug rid of the
islands, struck dismay in the ranks of islands, struck dismay in the ranks of
the republican members of the Senate on Monday afternoon. The warn-
ings of the democrats have been listenings of the democrats have been listen-
ed to with little respect and when
noted bave been regarded as actuated by solely partisan reasons, but this dire prediction by the venerable Sena-
tor from Maine proved the means of tor from Maine proved the means of
starting his complacent colleagues
from their self.satsfied lethargy and from their self-satisfied lethargg and
hereatter they will be more suscept1ble to argument and less sosely to
credulously accept every statement emanating fr
Department. It is also rumored that, despite the
assurances which Senator Lodge is ever ready to furnish to the country,
Senator Hoar's resolution callig for
an investigation into the actual condi. an investigation into the actual cond-
tions of affars in the Phtipplnes has
already disclosed a state of affairs by no means reassuing to the administra
tion. There has been a decided effort
upon the past of upon the pare of the war Department
to put off Congress with a few comforung generalities and fear of expo
sure by the democrats sas prompted
the majority to content these vague reports. Actuated by a
more intumate knowledge of the real
situation Senator Hoar demanded an situation Senator Hoar demanded an
investigation and while the Phulip-
pines Committee has not had the tume to go far it has already found
that there has been tendency on the part of Secretary Root and his sub-
ordinates to suppress garding the less fortunate aspect of
Philippine condtitions and unduly emSenator Money, speaking for him-
self rather than for his party, announced during the progress of this
week's debate that he believed the only course open to the administra.
tion was to retrace its steps, to recall the civil commission and to retain in
Philippine terntory only a sufficient military force to prevent foreign
aggression. The Senator believes then aggression. The Senator believes that
in ume the people of the islands will hemselves be able to formulate a
system of government best suited to their needs and the less this govern-
ment interferes the sooner that end will be accomplished. When Senator
Money had finished the statement his views Senator Hale virtually en-
dorsed them. Senator Jones, leader of the demo
cratic minorty, said yesterday that he believed that an isthmian canal bill
would be passed at this would be passed at this session of
Congress and that he thought the Nicaraguan route would be chosen.
"Ihe mere fact that the senators who are supporting the Panama proposi-
tion," he said, "are admittedly opposed to a canal on general principles will resuit in all the senators who are in favor of a canal getting logether
and passing the Hepburn bill. That
is is the trend of sentiment in the Sen-
ate at the present time." standing Senator Jones' view the at tempt of Senator Morgan to commit
his committee to a report favorable to the Nicaraguan route failed and there until the diplomatic features of the Panama proposition have been more
extensively investigated. The fact that Admiral Walker continues his negombian Minister, would indicate that interest in the Panama route is not flagging.
1 am told, on excellent authority,
that Senators assured the President that his views In regard to Cuban reciprocity will be
carned into effect the Senate that the Honse should formulate and pass a bit providing concessions on imports from Cuba
and a strong fight tor that end will be made by Reprefentative Hopkins, of
Illinois, in the Ways and Means Com mittee. Mr. Hopkins is an influential member or the committee and he will
be ably seconded in the effort by Representative McCall while it is be heved that General Grosvenor, who the House does not, desires such ac tion if only to preserve the dignity of
the House. If the House should fai to enact such a measure the Stat Department will nego.iate a reciproca treaty with Cuba and the Senate will ratity it, irrespectuver
the lower chamber

The action, or rather lack of action of the democrats in the House is causing considerable worry on the
part of the republican leaders. partor the republican leaders. The
minorty realizes that its views will be received with little consideration ex-
cept in instances where the is loth to accept the onus which is ioth to accept the onus which may
attach to any measure. They are,
therefore, refusing to express their


