

SPAIN PREPARES FOR THE WORST

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THE ANTI-SAGAISTA PRESS.

Remarks Against His Pacific Attitude to the Government. Madrid, Feb. 17.—Fierce indignation characterizes the Spanish papers that are not supporters of the government at its weakness in replying in gentle terms to the American demand for extradition of the Deputy de Lome.

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Washington, March 3.—During almost the entire session today the senate had under consideration the Alaskan homestead and railway riot of way bill. One of the features of the discussion was a speech delivered by Mr. Vest (Mo.), in which he ridiculed the idea of homesteading any part of Alaska or constructing railroads in that district. His motion to eliminate the homestead feature of the bill by striking out the first section was defeated.

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AN INTERNATIONAL BANK.

Plan for the Creation of an Institution of National Importance. Chicago, March 3.—The Daily News today says: A financial corporation to be known as the International American bank, with branches throughout this country, Cuba and South America, and with offices in London and possibly Paris, will soon be doing business on a capital stock of \$25,000,000.

SCHOONER SPEEDWELL CAPSIZED IN A SQUALL

Nine Persons Drowned Out of Thirteen on Board—Three Small Children Among the Victims. Key West, Fla., March 3.—The schooner Speedwell, Captain Collier, from Marco, Florida Key West, was struck by a squall today while off Marquesa, eighteen miles from here, and capsized.

CAMPAIGN MANAGERS.

Republican Congressional Executive Committee Announced Yesterday. Washington, March 3.—The executive committee of the Republican congressional committee was announced today as follows: Representatives J. A. T. Hull, of Iowa; J. G. Cannon, of Illinois; D. H. Mercer, of Nebraska; Senators Redfield Proctor, of Vermont; J. H. Gallinger, of New Hampshire; John L. Wilson, of Washington, and Representative J. T. McCleary, of Minnesota; H. D. Loudenslager, of New Jersey, and Richmond Pearson, of North Carolina, were named as the executive committee. It was also announced that Representative McCleary, of Minnesota, will have charge of the literary department of the congressional committee. This is an important post, as a large amount of the campaign literature will be put out through this committee, and related throughout the country. Chairman Babcock, of the congressional committee, said today: "The coming campaign will be fought out on the lines of the platform adopted at St. Louis. That will be the only guide. save as new issues are created as contingencies arise and new policies made in congress. No committee has a right to make a platform for the party and so we will be governed by that adopted in 1896."

JAPAN'S EVE ON PHILIPPINES.

The Mikado Requests a List of His Subjects Killed on the Maine. Washington, March 3.—The Japanese minister today requested the state department to furnish him with a list of the names of the Mikado's subjects lost in the Maine. Nine Japanese were in the ship, and only two of them were saved.

VETERANS STAND BY M'KINLEY.

His Course in Connection With the Maine Disaster Approved. Atlanta, Ga., March 3.—The tenth annual encampment of the Georgia department of the Grand Army of the Republic was held here yesterday, the guest of honor being Commander-in-Chief General J. P. S. Gobin, of Pennsylvania. A business meeting was held in the morning, at which General Gobin made a brief speech. In referring to the Maine disaster, he said it was to be deplored greatly. He complimented President McKinley on the policy he had pursued in connection with the investigation, and said no matter what further course the president adopted he would have the American people with him.

THE MAINE RELIEF FUND.

President Dole Hawaii Sends Five Hundred Dollars. Washington, March 3.—The battleship Maine relief committee, of which Mrs. Long, wife of the secretary of the navy, is chairman, received through Minister Hatch, of Hawaii, a check for \$500, the contribution of President Dole. This is by far the largest amount yet received. The amount of the fund so far is only a little over \$3,000.

Pure Food Congress.

Washington, March 3.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson addressed the pure food and drug congress today, indorsing its objects, and discussion of the proposed pure food bill followed. While the speakers generally endorsed the bill it was urged by the reports of many industries that it needed amendment in some particulars, especially so as to make the penalties for food adulteration more severe.

MORE RELIEF FOR STARVING CUBANS

Tons of Provisions Have Been Donated About the Country. THE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION. Difficulty in Carrying Provisions on the War Vessels—Large Quantities of Quinine Will Be Distributed. Japan Desires a List of Subjects Killed on the Maine.

Washington, March 3.—Secretary Long said at the close of his day at the navy department that no word had been received from the court of inquiry and that no orders had been issued as to the movements of the court from Key West, as the court was fully authorized to share its own movements. The original orders to the court to Cuba could be made before the return of the court to Key West and this was done. With these arrangements concluded, it is said at the navy department, that the court will proceed without consulting officials here.

TROLLEY CAR WRECK.

Six Persons Injured in a Collision Near Sea View. Atlantic City, N. J., March 3.—Six persons were injured today near Sea View, Chelsea, by a passenger trolley car colliding with a gravel train ahead. All the injured were taken to the local hospital and cared for. They were: SAMUEL STETZER, bruised leg; MRS. STETZER, bruised ear; ANTHONY A. OSTROM, bruised legs; JOSEPH SMITH, injured leg; JOHN B. MINNICK, injured internally; JAMES REIDY, bruised ear.

RELIEF MEASURES SUCCESSFUL.

The relief measures are proving unexpectedly successful, the supplies running into the carloads and hundreds of tons. The state department has had notice from the Cuban relief committee at New York that the goods shipped from March 1 from New York to Santiago, 100,000 pounds of relief supplies; on the second, to Havana, 75,000 pounds; today, to Matanzas, 100,000 pounds; and to Sagua la Grande, 100,000 pounds. In these shipments are 500,000 grains of quinine consigned to each of the ports except Havana.

HALF A YEAR BEYOND A CENTURY.

Robert Elder Was Strong and Healthy Up to His Death. Hammonont, N. J., March 3.—Robert Elder, aged 100 years and 6 months, died at his son's residence last night after a short illness. Mr. Elder was born in Ireland and came to America during Buchanan's presidency, settling in this vicinity.

GULF COAST FORTIFIED WELL.

Gen. Merritt Satisfied With the Result of His Inspection. Atlanta, Ga., March 3.—General Wesley Merritt, of the United States Army, Lieutenant Strother, his aide, and Major James R. Quinn, of the United States engineers' service, passed through Atlanta yesterday on their way to Washington. General Merritt said that he was on his annual tour of inspection and that he came here to investigate the fortifications and report upon any needed improvements.

REVOLUTION IN VENEZUELA.

Trouble is Reported at Valencia, 200 Miles from Caracas. Washington, March 3.—The state department has been informed that a small revolution has broken out at Valencia, about two hundred miles from Caracas, capital of Venezuela. No details are given. This is evidently directed against President Andrade, who was only a few days ago inaugurated as the successor to President Crespo.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather Indications Today: Fair; Northwesterly Winds. 1 General—Spain's Attitude. More Relief for Starving Cuban. Canadian Flag Fleets Over Klondike. Day's Work of Our Lawmakers. 2 State—William A. Stone to Be Dropped from the Gubernatorial Race. 3 Local—Gossip of the Play-House, Vital Statistics of Scranton. 4 Editorial. Comment of the Press. 5 Previously Averted War with Spain. 6 Local—Seventeenth Anniversary of Grace Reformed Episcopal Church. Mine Inspector, Roderick, Prevents Work at Richmond No. 2. 7 Local—Judicial District Boomers Sanguine of Success. Busy Session of Councils. 8 Local—West Side and Suburban. 9 Lackawanna County News. Social Changes in Sixty Years. 10 Defense Closes in the Martin Trial. Financial and Commercial Reports.

GOLD LANDS ARE SEIZED

Canada's Flag is Hoisted on Territory That We Claim. MORTALITY IN KLONDIKE. The Climate is Anything But Healthy.

Fortune Hunters Perishing at the Rate of Fifteen a Day—Two Men Found Frozen to Death with \$100,000 in Their Pockets—The Dyea Trail Strewed with the Bodies of Dead Mules—Chilkoot Pass Railroad Opened.

TONS OF MERCHANDISE.

Portland, Ore., March 3.—The steamship George W. Elder has sailed for Skagway and Dyea with four hundred passengers. Her deck space was occupied by miners' outfit. Several hundred tons of merchandise had to be held over until another vessel. Seattle, Wash., March 3.—A letter has been received by the owners of the ill-fated steamship Clara Nevada, from Sanderson Reed, of Portland, Ore., sent north to search for the body of his friend, Purser George Foster Beck, and for the bodies of other members of the crew and passengers. Reed says in his letter that he has visited the scene of the wreck in the steamship Richler and has made a careful examination. The wreck has slipped off the rock and at high tide is about twenty-four feet under water. The masts of the steamship are still standing. As far as Reed could ascertain, there is a big hole in the vessel's side. The boilers are intact apparently. Reed learns that a terrible gale was blowing at the time the fire on the Clara Nevada was observed. Suddenly there was a flash and all was dark. Hereafter it has been supposed that the flash marked the explosion of the boilers. Reed says that it probably came from the oil stores. His theory is that the boilers did not explode, but that the vessel was blown on Eldred Rock and that the fire was caused by the lamps being upset by the shock. Many of the bodies of those who went down with the vessel are, it is thought, likely to be found near the wreck. Divers will be sent north to search for them.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, March 3.—Sailed: Friedrich der Grosse, Bremen via Southampton, Queenstown-Sailed: Britannic, Liverpool for New York. Rotterdam-Sailed: Spaarndam, New York.

THE HERALD'S WEATHER FORECAST.

New York, March 4.—In the midwest and New England, today, partly cloudy weather, nearly stationary temperature and fresh northerly to easterly winds will prevail, preceded by fair conditions and followed in the eastern districts of this section by rain or snow, and by a dangerous increase of wind force later in the evening of the 5th as far as Long Island and Cape Cod, with the approach of the southern cyclone.