

SPAIN WITHDRAWS DEMANDS FOR LEE'S RECALL

Senor du Bose Insists That Misapprehension Has Occurred—The Important Events of Yesterday—Wholesale Purchases of Warships Will Not Take Place—The Montgomery Has Been Ordered to Havana.



CONSUL-GENERAL FITZHUGH LEE, The American Who Will Stay at Havana and Do His Duty.

Washington, March 7.—There were no less than five important events today having a bearing more or less direct upon the troubled relations between the United States and Spain, viz: The introduction in congress by Mr. Cannon, of a resolution carrying \$50,000,000 for the public defence; the withdrawal by the Spanish government of its intimated objection to the continuance in office of Consul General Lee; the order of the cruiser Montgomery to proceed to Havana in place of the Fern; the passage through the house of the bill increasing the artillery army by two regiments; and the institution of negotiations looking to purchase of warships for our navy.

to order generally and could not be procured in this manner in less than six months from the date of contract even in Europe, unless special prices were paid. There is no disposition on the part of the navy department to lumber the navy with a lot of unseaworthy craft in a spasm of fear, but rather to get a few of the best vessels to be had.

NO BARGAIN COUNTER SHIPS. Those who look for a wholesale purchase of warships from the bargain counters of European builders are likely to be disappointed. The navy department at present is inclined to make but one purchase of this kind, at first at least in the shape of a substantial ironclad.

orders. It is said that the capacity of one firm in turning out the brown prismatic powder required by the navy is five million pounds a month, which would more than meet the demands of a conflict.

EQUIPMENT FOR THE FLEET. While no exact estimate has been made of the share of the \$50,000,000 appropriation to be allotted to ammunition, it is roughly estimated that at least \$10,000,000 would be so assigned, owing to the enormous cost of retooling the ammunition chests of the warships now in service.

THE ARTILLERY REGIMENTS. Without delay the officers of the adjutant general's department today gave the necessary orders for recruiting of two new artillery regiments authorized by congress. The purpose is to enlist such men as have had service in the artillery wherever possible, and no doubt is entertained that plenty of material of the right kind will offer.

IS FRANCE HELPING SPAIN? Rumors Concerning the Ship-Buying on Part of Spain. New York, March 7.—A copyrighted cablegram from London to the Evening Post says: Special inquiries in official and financial circles today have disclosed that the Spanish government is negotiating with the French government for the purchase of a number of ironclad cruisers.

THE MONTGOMERY FOR HAVANA. The decision of the navy department concerning the sending of ships to Cuba was made known at 2 o'clock this afternoon, when the following brief statement was posted by the bureau of navigation: "Montgomery will relieve the Fern at Havana. Fern will carry provisions to Matanzas and Sagua in Grande."

WAR BREAKS OUT IN PHILIPPINES. Fifty-three Spanish Soldiers Have Been Killed.

Unrest in the Far East. Unbusiness is felt in Chinese circles on account of the demands of Russia—England Also Troubled at the Aspect—Speculators Flock to Peking.

MR. CRAMP EXPLAINS. He intimates that the ship-purchase scare has been raised by dealers. Philadelphia, March 7.—Charles H. Cramp, head of the ship-building firm, today declared that the widespread talk of Spain buying warships abroad and the securing of options on these ships by the United States is part of a scheme instigated by a syndicate of adventurers.

Supreme Court Decisions. Philadelphia, March 7.—The Supreme court today rendered these decisions: Per curiam—Brennan vs. Prudential Insurance company of America; petition for appeal from the Superior to the Supreme court; application for allowance refused.

Reason Assigned by Spain for Asking for General Lee's Recall. Madrid, March 7.—The details of Spain's request that United States government recall General Fitzhugh Lee from his post as consul general of the United States at Havana, are as follows: The United States minister, General Stewart L. Woodford, had a conference on Thursday last, with Senor Guillou, the minister for foreign affairs, and an official of the ministry for foreign affairs, who acted as interpreter.

APPLAUSE FOR SHAFROTH. Mr. Shaforth (Colo.) caused a round of applause when he expressed his regret that a single voice should be raised against such a bill at such a time. There was no denying the fact that our relations with Spain were on the eve of a rupture.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING. Weather Indications Today: Fair; Warmer; Southerly Winds.

Will Probably Be Appointed Postmaster of Pittston. Washington, D. C., March 7.—Representative Williams has decided to recommend Theodore Hart for postmaster at Pittston.

POWDER OVER THE D. L. AND W. Fifty Thousand Tons of Explosives Shipped From Dover. New York, March 7.—The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad last week shipped 50,000 tons of gun powder and ammunition from the government store houses at Dover, N. J.

RESCUED BY THE DELAWARE. Seventy-five Steerage Passengers from the Catalonia Picked Up. Halifax, N. S., March 7.—The superior court here up today the Cunard liner Catalonia on Friday, 800 miles from Halifax, bound from Liverpool to Boston with 11 intermediate and 75 steerage passengers and a general cargo.

WORK FOR THREE HUNDRED. Portage Company's Nail Plant Nearing Completion. Hollidaysburg, Pa., March 7.—The Portage Iron company, at Duncansville, is rapidly pushing work on their new nail plant. The building will cover about two acres of ground and will be of iron and wood.

THE HERALD'S WEATHER FORECAST. New York, March 8.—In the middle states and New England, today, fair, warmer weather will prevail, with light to fresh southerly to southeasterly winds, followed by haze on the coast.

PATRIOTISM IN THE HOUSE. Artillery Bill Is Passed by an Almost Unanimous Vote.

BAILEY PLEADS FOR TIME. Reference to War with Spain Received with Applause. The Debate on the Bill Is Devoid of Sensationalism—The Opposition Is Confined to Three Members, Messrs. Cox, Jones and Todd—Fears of Permanently Increasing the Standing Army of the United States.

SENATOR COX'S SPEECH. Mr. Cox, of Tennessee, and Mr. Jones, of Virginia, both antagonized the bill on the ground that it made a permanent increase of the standing army. Most of the time in favor of the bill was consumed in one minute speeches.

NECESSITY OF MEN. Mr. Hull, in opening the debate, explained briefly the necessity for these men to man the coast defenses of the country. By July 1, he said, 240 big guns and 225 mortars would be mounted, 475 in all.

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THE GREAT CHORUS OF AYES WAS OFFERT BY THREE VOICES FROM THE OPPOSITE SIDE. Messrs. Cox (Dem., Tenn.), Jones (Dem., Va.) and Todd (Fusionist, Mich.)