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SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 8, 1898.

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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.

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.

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 Spain is seriously considering the purchase of a number of modern warships from the United States.

THE MONTGOMERY FOR HAVANA. The decision of the navy department concerning the sending of the ship to Matanzas and Sagua in Grande was made known at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

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.

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.

London, March 8.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Hong Kong says that a fresh rebellion has broken out in the Philippines and that fifty-three Spanish soldiers have been killed.

Peking, March 7.—Much uneasiness is felt in Chinese circles, in consequence of the Russian demands. The Russian minister of finance, moreover, is reported to have urged these demands peremptorily and to have complained that the Chinese loan was settled in spite of the disapproval of Russia.

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.

RESCUED BY THE DELAWARE. Seventy-five Steerage Passengers from the Catalonia Picked Up. Halifax, N. S., March 7.—The superior court here today with twenty-eight cases on the list for argument.

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.

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 SUPERIOR COURT. Harrisburg, March 7.—The Superior court convened here this afternoon and will continue in session three weeks.

DEATH OF GENERAL SWITZER. Washington, March 7.—General Nelson B. Switzer, United States army, retired, died here today.

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

Spain's Withdrawal of the Demands for Consul General Lee's Recall. New Insurrection in the Philippines. Congress Lends a Helping Hand.

Local—Klondike Cadets Ready for the Start to the Klondike. A Night at the Theaters.

Local—Last Day for Remonstrances. Testimony in the Richmond Mine Controversy.

Editorial of the Press. Comment of the Press.

Local—Board of Control Committee Named. Insurance Agents in a Libel Suit. Railway Track Extensions.

Local—West Side and Suburban. Vicinity News.

General—Arguments in the Martin Case. Financial and Commercial.

HONORS FOR EDITOR HART. 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.

PENNSYLVANIA'S PART. In Case of War Our Steel Mills Would Be Employed.

Washington, March 7.—The naval committee of both houses of congress are considering the project, in case of war with Spain, of building 100 torpedo boats for harbor defense.

SUPERIOR COURT. Dr. Swallow Must Await His Turn. No Decisions Handed Down.

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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 SENSATIONISM.—The Opposition Is Confined to Three Members, Messrs. Cox, Jones and Todd.—Fears of Permanently Increasing the Standing Army of the United States.

Washington, March 7.—Today's session of the senate was devoted entirely to consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill.

The spirit of patriotism was rampant in the house today and by an almost unanimous vote the Hawley bill providing for two additional regiments of artillery was passed under suspension of the rules.

No effort was made to obstruct action, but Mr. Bailey, the Democratic leader, pleaded for more time than the forty minutes allowed under the rule and because it was refused after the bill had been passed, he inaugurated a filibuster against District of Columbia legislation that continued all day.

Mr. Bailey desired to speak in favor of the bill, but could not get time. 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. Mr. Hull and the Republicans refrained from referring to any emergency, but some of the Democrats who spoke did, and Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, referred directly to probable war with Spain.

Every expression construed into a reference to the support of the government in a possible crisis was received with applause.

The debate on the bill was devoid of sensationalism, and was significant mainly for the fact that the opposition to the bill was confined as shown by the vote, to three members, two of whom spoke against it on the floor.

Mr. Cox (Dem., Tenn.), the ranking Democratic member of the military affairs committee, opposed the measure and he controlled the time on his side of the house, he yielded half of it to Mr. Jones (Dem., Va.), who also antagonized it.

The Democrats who spoke in support of it got the floor by the courtesy of Mr. Hull, the chairman of the military affairs committee, Mr. Bailey, the Democratic leader, was shut out and when he asked unanimous consent to address the house for three minutes it was refused.

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. These guns required 18 men each to handle them and in time of war 60. There were but 4,625 artillery men all told in the service.

The guns replaced July 1 would require 7,900 regardless of any exigency that might arise. Even if no exigency arose these men, he insisted, would be necessary to care for the fortifications and guns upon which we were expending millions of dollars.

The charge that this bill was an attempt to increase the standing army to be used possibly to overawe the cities, he said he considered too frivolous to discuss.

Mr. Cox, in opposing the bill, said he would vote as cheerfully as any man in the house for this bill if it were needed for the national defense as a war measure, but he insisted that the president as commander in chief of the army had authority to detail men.

From the other branch of the service, the cavalry and infantry, and that such details could man and care for the coast defenses without increasing permanently the standing army.

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, war ought to be averted, if possible, but we ought to prepare at once, he said, for every emergency.

The bill was passed without division. The great chorus of ayes was offset by three voices from the minority side, Messrs. Cox (Dem., Tenn.), Jones (Dem., Va.) and Todd (Fusionist, Mich.)

PENNSYLVANIA PENSIONERS. Washington, March 7.—These Pennsylvania pensions have been issued—Original widows, etc.—Ellen Fogarty, Nanticoke, Pa.

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.

On Wednesday, in both of these sections, fair weather will prevail, with slowly rising temperature and light to fresh southerly winds.

SOME OF THE SPANISH PROVINCIAL PARS REFERRED TO THE MATTER YESTERDAY BUT THE NEWSPAPERS OF MADRID HAD NOT MADE ANY REFERENCE TO IT.