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SCRANTON, PA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 16, 1898.

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THE CRISIS NEAR

Court of Inquiry Leaves Havana and Sails for Key West.

TESTIMONY OF THE DIVERS

Said to Be Very Full and Complete.

Remainder of the sittings of the Court will be devoted to a study of the submerged wreck...

Havana, March 15.—The Mangrove, with the court of inquiry on board, sailed tonight for Key West...

The court has no prospect of making as to the further duration of its sitting...

WAITING AT WASHINGTON. Time of Cabinet Occupied in Considering National Defense.

AUSTRIA'S ANXIETY.

Efforts of Franz Josef to Rally Europe to Spain's Standard Become More Marked.

New York, March 15.—A copyrighted London cablegram to the Evening Post says:

San Francisco Leaves Lisbon. Has Been Ordered to England to Offend the Amazons.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, March 15.—Sailed: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, Bremen; Clearcut, Kensington, Antwerp; Britannic, Liverpool; La Normandie, Havre; St. Louis, Southampton; Southampton—Arrived: Havol, New York for Bremen.

LIEUT. SOBRAL FREES HIS MIND

The Talkative Officer Again Expresses Himself.

SCORES MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

He Believes That the Thoughtful People of the United States Want Peace -- The Jingo Campaign Fomented Chiefly by Two American Newspapers--Opinions of the Imparcial.

Madrid, March 15.—Lieutenant Commander Sobral, the former naval attaché of the Spanish legation at Washington, in an interview with the Imparcial, on his arrival there, is quoted as saying he is convinced President McKinley and the government of the United States did not wish for war...

A dispatch to the Imparcial from Lisbon says that a score of sailors deserted from the United States warships while they were there...

The Imparcial says: "Yesterday we received two telegrams from New York which have not been published. They deal with war preparations, and concern not only the United States, but high officials of the American government...

THE IMPARCIAL. The Imparcial follows with a truculent denunciation of Americans, who, it says, "are trying to frighten Spaniards by invoking the phantom of war, of which they are more afraid than the Spaniards."

"The United States is a country," says the Imparcial, "of bellicose self-advertisement. By moving vessels to sea and fro he is trying to make believe that her forces are greater than they really are. We sincerely advise those boys not to waste their time and money."

It is asserted in well informed circles that the negotiations in New York as to the commercial treaty are paving the way for an understanding between the Cuban provinces and insurgents on grounds to be submitted for approval to the home government.

MOVEMENTS OF BOATS. War Department Disappointed at the Dilatoriness of Contractors.

Washington, March 15.—The torpedo boat Foote, which was wrecked at Jacksonville, Fla., on the 10th inst., is being towed from Norfolk to Boston, where she will undergo some repairs...

Judge Advocate General Lemly received a telegram this afternoon from Havana announcing the arrival there of the Derrick Chief in tow of the tug Underwriter. It is expected that this derrick, which will greatly facilitate the work of wrecking the mine...

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ABDUCTED LIKE CHARLEY ROSS. Earl Stevenson, Little Son of a Rich Vermonter, Spirited Away.

Burlington, Vt., March 15.—An abduction here like that of Charlie Ross for a few days, and—just before the cabinet meeting today called on President McKinley. The interview lasted only a few minutes and as he left the White House Mr. Stevenson said that he called simply to pay his respects to the president.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Rain; Warmer.

- 1 General-Cabinet Eagerly Awaits the Maine Inquiry Report. Self-Confident Attitude of the Spanish Press. Day's Congressional Doings. Warm Politics in Wayne. 2 The Tribune's Popular Want Columns. Financed by an Commercial... 3 Annual Message of Burgess Langan to Archbald Councils. 4 Editorial. Comment of the Press. 5 Local-Unprecedented Work of the License Court. Much Business Transacted by Councils. 6 Local-Detective Moir's Prisoner Tries to Jump from a Train. Opposition to the Traction Company's Viaduct Scheme. 7 Local-Effect of Recent Decision on School Boards. Workmen Plunges to Death from a Scaffolding. 8 Local-West Scranton and Suburban. 9 Lackawanna County News. 10 General-Alaska and Her Golden Secrets. Whitney's News Budget.

READY FOR WORK.

Mr. Wanamaker's Committee Officially Announced--Will Open Campaign at Lancaster.

Philadelphia, March 15.—After a conference this afternoon between John Wanamaker, Elias Deemer, of Wilkes-Barre, and General W. H. Koontz, the following executive committee was appointed to conduct Mr. Wanamaker's campaign: Mr. George W. Merrick, of Tioga; Charles Heber Clark, of Monticome; Judge Nathaniel Ewing, of Fayette; General Charles Leiper, of Philadelphia; Elias Deemer, of Lycoming; Thomas A. Hay, of Northampton; Colonel E. A. Irvin, of Clearfield; Dr. James A. Dale, of York; Andrew J. Kauffman, of Lancaster; General W. H. Koontz, a member ex-officio. Headquarters will be selected tomorrow, and the committee will be called together within a few days for organization.

General Koontz presided over the Bourse meeting of the Republican Business Men's league, at which Mr. Wanamaker was chosen candidate, and Mr. Deemer is president of the league. Mr. Wanamaker will open his campaign tomorrow in Lancaster. He will be accompanied there by Rudolph Blankenburg, William T. Tilden, Theodore Justice, William Sellers, James Butterworth and John G. Croton.

KILLED HIS RIVAL.

John Peterson, the Ren Captain, Also Shoots Mrs. Faulkner, Inflicting Fatal Wounds.

New York, March 15.—John A. Peterson shot Henry Pohl, a crayon artist, and Mrs. Leonora Faulkner this afternoon in his home in Brooklyn. He fired one bullet into Pohl's neck and then turned the weapon on the woman shot her five times. Neither can survive.

Peterston lived with Mrs. Faulkner, who is said to be the widow of an English sea captain.

Peterston, who had been out, returned and found Pohl in the house with Mrs. Faulkner. Without waiting for an explanation he shot the man and woman.

Peterston, who is a retired sea captain, was arrested.

PIG IRON POOL.

Bessemer Iron Producers Band Together in a Combine.

Cleveland, O., March 15.—An evening paper says: One of the biggest pools the country has ever known was formed in Cleveland today. All Bessemer pig iron producers in the Cleveland, Mahoning valley and Shenango iron districts were bound together by the combine. The only firm in these districts, it is officially stated, not included in the pool, is the Cleveland Rolling Mill; any of this city.

Samuel G. Mather, a prominent iron man said today: "The object of the meeting is not to form a trust. The manufacturers are in conference for the purpose of regulating the output of pig iron and influencing the prices of iron as far as possible for the better. All Bessemer pig iron manufacturers out of the Pittsburgh district are members of the association, the Cleveland Rolling Mill company being the only exception."

Another local iron manufacturer who attended the meeting said: "The pool will control the Bessemer market of the United States. A number of furnaces will be closed and at the end of the year profits will be divided. Prices will be advanced 10 cents per ton immediately."

PASSED A DISMASTED VESSEL.

A Ship's Rough Passage from Manila to Port Townsend.

Port Townsend, Wash., March 15.—The British ship Conway has arrived, seventy-three days from Manila, Philippine Islands. Captain Humes reported an extremely rough voyage and strong head winds. On two occasions all her sails were carried away.

On February 15 the Conway passed a large ship dismasted, with only her bowsprit and foremast standing. It was in latitude 46-47 N, and longitude 134 E. Her ensigns were still flying from the broken mast, but could not be made out.

A volcano on Suwa Island, which has long been supposed to be extinct, is reported by Captain Humes to be in a state of activity, lighting up the sea at night for many miles.

Confirmed by Senate. Washington, March 15.—The senate today confirmed the nomination of Dr. Edward Hedlow, of Philadelphia, to be consul at Canton, China, and leader Sobol to be postmaster at Erie, Pa.

Lumber merchant Dies. Chicago, March 15.—Jacob Belder, the millionaire lumber merchant and real estate owner, died today. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1815.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

House Will Consider a Bill for Relief of Heirs of Maine Victims.

FIVE NEW DRY DOCKS

Naval Committee Will Provide for This Number.

Republican Leaders of the House Are Pressing an Early Adjournment. This Course Meets the Approval of the President -- Congress Will Probably Remain in Session Until the Cuban Question is Adjusted.

Washington, March 15.—After the passage today of numerous bills from the general calendar, the senate began the consideration of the measure providing for a national system of quarantine. Little beyond the reading of the bill was accomplished, some essential details of an amendment offered by the committee, but no progress being made on the general bill. Among the bills passed was one authorizing the president to appoint and retire David McMurtre Gregg, late captain of the Sixth United States cavalry, with the rank and grade of captain.

The house agreed today to consider the bill for the relief of the legal heirs of the victims and survivors of the Maine disaster as soon as the postoffice appropriation bill, which was taken up in the house today, is out of the way.

During the general debate on the postoffice bill, members generally took advantage of the latitude allowed in committee of the whole on the state of the Union to discuss various political questions and debate accordingly covered a wide range. Messrs. Gray (Dem., Ga.) and Walker (Rep., Mass.) discussed the condition of the cotton industry. Mr. Alexander (Rep., N. Y.) argued that congress should commit the country to the gold standard; Mr. Mahony (Rep., N. Y.) commented on the membership of congress; Mr. Crain (Rep., Ind.) made some time ago against the advisability of annexing the Hawaiian Islands.

Representative Dingley, of Maine, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house, introduced a joint resolution today providing for the temporary admission free of duty of new bills and congressional bills. Mr. Tawney (Rep., Minn.), a member of the ways and means committee, replied to the speech of Mr. Johnson (Rep., Ind.) made some time ago against the advisability of annexing the Hawaiian Islands.

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The naval committee of the house has agreed to provide for the construction of five dry docks. The docks are to be located at Boston, Portsmouth, N. H.; Algiers, La.; Mare Island, Cal., and League Island, Pa.

The Republican leaders in the house are pressing for an early adjournment, and it is said that their course meets the full approval of the president. All save three of the appropriation bills have gone to the senate. The postoffice bill was taken up in the house today and will be reported to the committee on the ways and means today.

May 1 has been fixed by several prominent house Republicans as the date beyond which the session probably will not be prolonged. The Democrats of the house generally favor an early adjournment, although there is not unanimity among them on this point. Neither is there complete harmony on the Republican side of the house. Many of the Republicans believe congress should remain in session until the Cuban question is finally and effectually cleared up, but they would hardly go to extent of opposing the wish of the leaders and the administration. It is admitted on the house side that the question of carrying out this programme will depend entirely upon the attitude of the senate.

SAWS IN DESPERADO'S CELL.

With Fire of Them Mitchell Had Removed His Shackles.

New Castle, Del., March 15.—This morning it was discovered that James Mitchell, the desperate prisoner in New Castle jail who attempted to escape on his own terms, was still there, and was put in irons on Saturday night, had secured five saws and sawed the irons off his legs. How he got the saws is a mystery, and a rigid investigation will be made.

The authorities think that the saws were smuggled in to Mitchell by some visitors, and fear that a plot for a wholesale jail delivery was on foot.

POWDERLY STRIKES A SNAG.

Nomination to Be Commissioner of Immigration Reported Adversely.

Washington, March 15.—The nomination of T. V. Powderly to be commissioner of immigration, which was adversely reported, was considered in executive session for an hour and a half today.

The nomination was not disposed of and the effort to secure confirmation will be resumed tomorrow.

The Herald's Weather Forecast. New York, March 15.—In the middle states and New England, foggy, fair to partly cloudy, warmer weather and fresh to brisk northeasterly to southerly winds will prevail, followed by light rain in the northern districts and by haze or fog on the coast.