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THE SPANISH SITUATION

Discussion of the Forthcoming Report of the Maine Inquiry.

CONCERNING INTERVENTION

Unanimity on Part of President and Cabinet.

The Battleship Massachusetts Has Sailed from Key West--President McKinley Has Entered No Protest Against the Spanish Flotilla--The Question of Arbitration No Longer Under Consideration--The Naval Appropriation Bill Is Reported, Admiral Seward's Illness.

Washington, March 22--The cabinet meeting today lasted something over an hour and was devoted exclusively to the Spanish situation in general and to the forthcoming report of the Maine court of inquiry in particular.

Secretary Long authorized the statement that the understanding before the cabinet was that the report would reach Washington next Thursday or Friday; that it was very voluminous, and that its publication and transmission to congress would not occur until next Monday or Tuesday, as the president would require that much time to give the document the mature consideration its momentous character requires.

Other cabinet officers stated that the general plan included the sending of a presidential message along with the report, stating that Spain had been called upon to make suitable response to the case as presented by the court of inquiry.

It is believed that the discussion proceeded on the theory that the coming report would show that the Maine explosion was not the result of an accident, but was due to an external cause.

It is the hope of the administration that Spain herself will so far realize the situation as to see the necessity for such radical action on her part with respect to Cuba as shall command the approbation of this country and thus at once put an end to all differences.

CABINET MEETING QUIET.

Washington, March 22--Outside of the cabinet meeting the day was exceptionally quiet. The battleship Massachusetts has sailed from Key West for Hampton Roads following the Texas, which left yesterday.

The navy department continues to keep informed as to the Spanish torpedo flotilla, now stationed at the Canaries. Word of its departure has not yet reached the department.

MEASURE FOR BANKING REFORM

The House Sub-Committee to Report Today.

BEARING ON THE GREENBACKS

Measure Framed to Meet the President's Wishes--The Banking System Deal With, to the Exclusion of the Gold and Silver Question--A Gradual Retirement of Greenbacks Proposed.

Washington, March 22--The report of the sub-committee appointed to frame a measure of currency reform will be made to the full house committee on banking and currency tomorrow.

CUBA'S CONDITION.

It Is Now Comprehended by Administration--Maine Disaster to Be an Incident in Settlement.

Washington, March 22--While no one having knowledge of the matter is willing to speak for the president, it is believed that the question of arbitration in connection with the disaster to the Maine is no longer under consideration.

The naval appropriation bill, as reported to the house today, carries a total of \$5,583,068, an increase over last year of \$2,754,022, and over the current estimates of \$2,514,824.

For the increase of the navy the bill allows to be constructed by contract three seagoing coast line battleships designed to carry the heaviest armor and most powerful ordnance.

TO LOCATE MEMORIALS.

Pennsylvania Monument Commission Meets at Gettysburg.

Gettysburg, Pa., March 22--The Pennsylvania monument commission to locate memorials on this battlefield met today to fix the position for the state monument to General John F. Reynolds.

They have selected July 1, next as the time for the exercises but the exact location is not yet decided, though it is understood the monument will be placed near where Reynolds was killed in the first day's engagement.

San Francisco, March 22--Jim Jeffries, of Los Angeles, early departed Peter Jackson in the third round tonight at Woodward's pavilion.

Washington, March 22--The naval appropriation bill was reported to the house today but as it had not been printed, the contested election case of Thorpe vs. Epps from the Fourth Virginia district, was taken up an debated until 4 o'clock when the house adjourned until tomorrow.

CAN TURN OUT 1,000 RIFLES A DAY.

Capacity of the Remington Arms Factory in the Event of War.

Hill, N. Y., March 22--Two Government inspectors, one from the War Department and the other from the Navy Department, are here to inspect the Remington Arms Company's factory and to ascertain the capacity of the factory to turn out rifles for volunteers in the event of war.

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FIRE IN COLORADO SPRINGS.

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ANOTHER STRIKE AT HAZLETON

Trouble at the Lehigh Valley Yorktown Colliery.

THREE HUNDRED MEN ARE OUT

Hazleton, Pa., March 22--The three hundred men employed at the Yorktown colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal company failed to report for duty this morning when the colliery whistle called the employes to work, and a strike is now on.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Showers; Clearing by Afternoon.

- 1 General--Court of Inquiry's Report on its Way to Washington. Cabinet Discusses the Forthcoming Report. Miners Strike at Hazleton. The Tribune's Popular Front Columns. Financial and Commercial. 2 Neighborhood County News. Whitney's Weekly News Budget. 3 Editorial. Comment of the Press. 4 Local--Deaths in the Federal Courts. Constables Win a Victory in the Courts. 5 Local--Lively Council Meeting. Intense Interest Aroused by the Board of Trade's Contemplated Legal Action Against the Constables. 6 Local--Reception by City Chautauquians. Address by Rev. Mr. Huntington. 7 Local--West Side and Suburban. 8 Lackawanna County News. 9 General--Witchcraft in Alaska.

ALASKA BARK LOST.

The Helen W. Almy Is Wrecked. Klondike Passengers Perish.

San Francisco, March 22--The bark Helen W. Almy, which sailed hence for Copper River on Sunday with twenty-seven passengers and a crew of thirteen, was wrecked off Point Bonita, at the mouth of the Golden Gate and it is believed all on board perished.

COWS STAMPEDE CITY CROWDS.

Dignified Men in Amusing Holes, One as a Tail Twister.

Wilmington, Del., March 22--Two angry cows created a big commotion on Wilmington street this afternoon. One bovine, being driven in Eighth street by a farmer, ran away and was pursued by a crowd of men and boys. "Catch that cow and twist its tail!" yelled the farmer, and ex-Member of the Board of Health Joseph Jenkins grabbed the cow by the tail. The cow turned up Market street, scattering the folks in all directions, but Jenkins holding on and twisting the tail, brought the cow to a standstill in front of the Opera House.

DEATH OF JOHN L. STAPLES.

He Was the Father of Abraham Lincoln's Substitute.

Stroudsburg, Pa., March 22--Rev. John L. Staples, aged 84 years, a well-known Methodist clergyman, died at his home here today. A son of the deceased acted as President Lincoln's substitute during the Rebellion. He lived at the time in Washington. He survived the war, and died here. His services achieved for him this epitaph: "J. Summerfield Staples, a private of Company C, One Hundred and Seventy-second Regiment P. V.; also a member of the second regiment D. C. Volunteers, a substitute for Abraham Lincoln."

CONFERENCE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Report of the Committee Is Rejected.

Chester, Pa., March 22--Bishop Goodsell presided at today's session of the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal conference. The only report that provoked any discussion was that of the temperance committee. The following clause was defeated: "Resolved, That it is the imperative duty of every Christian and especially every Methodist to ally himself with a party which is openly opposed to the sale of intoxicating liquors. The conference will adjourn tomorrow."

MOONSHINERS MURDERED HIM.

An Alleged Informer Found Dead in the Woods in Alabama.

Sylacauga, Ala., March 22--W. O. Thompson, a white farmer living near here, was found murdered in the woods three miles from his home today. A dozen leaden bullets were in his body, and it had been stoned almost beyond recognition. He had been unfriendly to the illicit distillers of his county and had testified against some of them. At the time of his murder he had in his pockets six subpoenas to appear in court in a few days and testify against others. His murderers had removed these from his pockets and placed them upon his breast, holding them in position by a stone.

NEW PHASE OF A TRAGEDY.

Mrs. John Cox May Have Been Murdered.

Texarkana, Ark., March 22--Several weeks ago Mrs. John Cox and one of her children were burned to death two miles east of here. It was reported as an accident, in which Mrs. Cox had fainted and fallen into the fireplace, where the embers set fire to her clothing and burned her up. The flames were supposed to have also ignited a cradle and burned the baby. Now, as the result of a story told by an older child of John Cox, the husband and father has been arrested and is confined in jail charged with the murder of the woman and her child.

FIVE PERSONS INJURED.

A Six-Story Building in Chicago Destroyed by Fire.

Chicago, March 22--The six-story building, 118 and 120 Monroe street, occupied by the Monroe Catering Company, and the Building Trades Club, was destroyed by fire today. Four women, employees of the Catering Company, who were on the top story asleep had a narrow escape. The following named were burned or otherwise injured during the fire, but none seriously: John F. Burns, fireman; George A. McAllister, fireman; Harry Smith, bartender; Joseph Steimers, porter; Jacob Buchanan, porter. The total loss is \$90,000.

THE INQUIRY COMPLETED

Report Will Soon Be in the Hands of the President.

Key West, Fla., March 22--Lieutenant Commander Marix, judge advocate of the United States naval court of inquiry into the loss of the battleship Maine, left Key West this afternoon, on his way to Washington, by the City of Key West, bound for Miami, taking with him the report of the court on the disaster. Commander Marix brought the report ashore from the Nashville today and Rear Admiral Seward, with Commander Marix, spent several hours in its further revision. All the officers of the Maine row here, except Paymaster's Clerk McCarthy, have received orders to leave for their homes, there to await orders, as in the case of the other officers who left here last week. This is considered to be evidence that the court will not require the corroboration of technical evidence as was thought a few days ago.

OFFICER MARIX IN CHARGE

He Is Now on His Way to Washington.

The majority of the officers of the Maine leave here this afternoon for Miami and the remainder leave tomorrow for Tampa. Before leaving Key West Commander Marix said nothing could be given out about the work of the court of inquiry or its findings. Personally, the commander said he was intensely relieved at completing his labors. If the train connections are made, he will arrive in Washington with the documents Thursday night. Within the last few days a minority sentiment has been steadily growing that the court has been unable to determine definitely the cause of the explosion.

FRANKLIN REPUBLICANS.

Nominate John Stewart for Judge and Quay Followers for Legislature.

Chambersburg, Pa., March 22--The Franklin county Republican convention completed its work today by making these nominations: President Judge, John Stewart; congress, T. M. Mahon; legislature, W. W. Britton, of Upper Strasburg, and W. C. Krepes, of Green Castle, both Quay followers; sheriff, John T. Pensing, of Chambersburg; district attorney, John W. Holden, of Chambersburg; director of the poor, Jerome Detrich, of Peters township; coroner, L. F. Surroth, of Chambersburg; county surveyor, Samuel V. Winegart, of Upper Strasburg; delegates to the state convention, County Chairman Alexander Stewart, County Treasurer David MacLay and Hon. Nevin Pomeroy. The resolutions endorsed President McKinley and congress in their course on Cuban affairs. The state delegates are unopposed, and will vote for W. A. Stone in the event of Judge Stewart's nomination for the Superior court.

IN THE OLD CAPITOL SHED.

A Slab Dedicated to the Memory of Sir Walter Scott.

Albany, March 22--A relic that conjures up memories of the old capitol was dug out of the pile of stone and rubbish littering the floor of the old capitol shed that was torn down last week. It is a marble slab containing these carved letters in gilt: "The Citizens of Albany to the Memory of Walter Scott, 1852." Superintendent of Public Works, Alexander Stewart, the historical worth of the slab, has turned it over to the care and safe keeping of the Albany Historical and Art society. The shed in which the relic was found was built over thirty years ago. The slab was probably laid in one of the walls of the old capitol, and removed, when that structure was torn down, to the shed. Sir Walter Scott, the novelist, died in 1832, and the slab bears the date of the following year. It is four feet long and two feet wide.

FRENCH FORCE REPULSED.

Six Officers and 100 Men Killed in Madagascar.

Paris, March 22--The Sicile today says a French expedition sent against Boahisiris, in the Island of Madagascar, has met with a serious reverse; six officers and 100 men having been killed. The insurgents, it is added, captured a number of rifles and 125,000 cartridges.

Lindsay President Judge.

Harrisburg, March 22--Wilton M. Lindsay, of Warren, was today appointed judge of the Thirty-seventh judicial district, composed of Warren and Forest counties, vice Charles H. Noyes, deceased.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, March 22--In the middle states and New England, today cloudy to partly cloudy, preceded by fog on the coast, rain and brisk northeasterly to southerly winds, high on the coast, shifting to westerly and followed by clearing and colder in this section.

Killed by Dynamite.

Pottsville, Pa., March 22--Alfred Duffy was killed and George Miller fatally wounded by an explosion of dynamite at the Kaska-William colliery.