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SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 24, 1898.

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THE CRISIS VERY NEAR

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SPECULATION AS TO RESULT

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FORECAST OF THE CUBAN MESSAGE

Great Efforts Are Being Made to Prevent Hasty Action.

CONSERVATIVE SENATORS AT WORK

They Urge That the President Be Allowed to Carry Out His Policy.

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APPLAUSE GREET HIS EFFORTS

The Speaker's Utterances were in Substance Corroborative of Those of Senator Proctor in His Recent Word Picture of Cuban Distress.

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Doctors Williams and Paine, together with Doctors Reynolds and Roberts, consulted after the patient was put to bed and gave it out as the opinion of the hospital staff that while the wounds were serious, they were not necessarily fatal.

The wound in the trunk was the one deepest. How serious it is can not be told at once. The third wound referred

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