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Presence of the Key West Fleet a Subject of Protest.

NO CHANGE OF POLICY

The Approach of the Elections Is the Reason Advanced for the Sending Away of the Ships—The Opinion in Congress Is Against Any Change in the President's Policy.

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., says "dedicated representations have been submitted by the Spanish Government to the State Department concerning the assembling of a large fleet of American warships at Key West, the war preparations, and the influence which they have had on the approaching elections in Cuba.

It is stated in detail, the representations proposed that if the United States fleet was withdrawn from Key West, the Spanish troops would be sent home from Cuba, and that an opportunity would be afforded to all the citizens of the island to participate in the approaching elections, when the plan of autonomy would be put to a test.

It is stated that the presence of the fleet was considered a valuable aid by the insurgents, who would not lay down their arms as long as there was a possibility of a demonstration in their favor by this government.

The suggestion of the Spanish government caused much talk in all official circles. This was especially true in Congress, where for several hours it was not believed that Spain had seriously put forward such a proposition.

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HOLD MOVE BY SPAIN.

Her Torpedo Boat Destroyers sent to Cuba Threaten the American Navy.

The United States naval court of inquiry left Havana for Key West. A member of the court expressed the opinion that the findings of the court will be received by the President this week.

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FIRE VICTIMS.

Lodgers in a Bowery Building Lose Their Lives.

UPPER FLOORS BURNED.

The Building Was Run By the Bowery Mission, With Rooms At 15, 20 Or 25 Cents a Night—Those Who Escaped Lost Most of Their Clothing And Some Lost All.

A dispatch from New York says: Fire early Sunday morning destroyed the Bowery Mission House, at 105 Bowery, and burned to death eleven men, who were among those lodging there.

The Bowery Mission House was one of the best-known cheap lodging houses on the thoroughfare and was conducted by the Christian Herald.

When the inmates were aroused a wild scene of panic resulted. Many lodgers, morning a lodger discovered smoking in the hallway and found each other in their efforts to reach the street.

Three alarms of fire had been sent in, and in a few minutes the flames were being deluged by the building with water. They succeeded in confining the fire to the three upper stories.

Many of the naked and injured were carried for by persons in the vicinity, and about 50 were accommodated at the Everett street police station, about three blocks away.

Several of the most destitute were brought to the station house, where they were partially clothed by members of the force and kind-hearted neighbors.

Of the seven bodies found some were discovered in the upper rooms they had occupied, while others were found in the hallways and on the stairs of the fourth and fifth floors.

All were without clothing, and most of them were burned and charred beyond recognition.

The loss on the building by fire is estimated at \$7,000 and the contents damaged to the extent of \$5,000 more.

LOOKS PEACEFUL.

Both Governments Holding Back the Dogs of War.

NEW MINISTER PRESENTED.

President McKinley and Senator Polo y Bernabe Exchange Greetings.

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., says:—Senator Polo y Bernabe, the new Spanish minister, who succeeds Senor de Loma as the representative of Spain at Washington, was formally presented to President McKinley.

Mr. McKinley said: "I have the honor to present to your excellency the credentials letters which accredit me to the capacity of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of His Majesty the King of Spain in the United States of America."

President McKinley's reply was as follows: "Mr. Minister, I am happy to receive from your hands the royal letters whereby His Majesty the Queen Regent, in the name of His Majesty, the King of Spain, accredits you in the capacity of his Majesty's envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary in the United States of America."

There was an available air of constraint during the entire progress of the interview. Both the President and the minister breathed a sigh of relief when it was over, and the hurried and anxious manner of the reception, where he could calm himself without being observed. It was a particularly trying occasion for the minister, and his performance and training as a diplomat stood him in good stead.

ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

The contributions to the James Russell Lowell memorial fund in Boston now amount to \$22,075.

Eliza W. Kyles, who has been appointed postmaster of Matteson, Wis., served in the same capacity under Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Grant and Hayes.

Dr. Pagano, the young Italian doctor, whose part in the unpleasant episode between George Sand and Alfred de Musset at Venice was made public in several books two years ago, died recently at Bellone at the age of 93 years.

Count Tolstoy is preparing what will be his most widely read book. "I do not feel at present an instant when I feel that I have not yet said to an interviewer, but I hope before I die to say a good deal about women. Before my death I shall say everything that I have at heart about them."

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

Senator Hoar introduced a bill prohibiting the importation into the United States of birds or their feathers for ornamental purposes, and imposing a fine of \$50 for each offense.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones was before the House Committee on Appropriations and urged the adoption of a provision in the general deficiency bill vesting discretionary authority in the Commissioner to ship Indian supplies throughout the country either by contract or direct shipment at current commodity railroad tariff rates.

Representative Henderson, of Iowa, has introduced a bill to prevent the use of the United States flag as a business advertisement or the use of any government publication as advertising medium.

Senator Lodge gave notice of an amendment he will offer to the naval appropriation bill appropriating \$25,000 for making soundings for a cable from the Hawaiian Islands to Japan and also to Australia.

Senator Foraker introduced a bill providing for the awarding of public lands in the United States to individuals or corporations which may provide for their reclamation by irrigation, not more than 100,000 acres to be patented to any one person or company.

Representative Newlands, of Nevada, introduced a bill creating a public and open mission to consist of the Commissioner of the Geological Survey, and three other persons whose appointments are made subject to confirmation by the Senate. Its duties are to construct a contour topographic map of public land areas.

The Secretary of the Treasury sent to the House a report on the reforms needed to check smuggling in the Mexican free zone. Among other things he says: "No doubt there is opportunity for the perpetration of frauds on the revenue by the continuance of the free zone of Mexico, and the privilege pertaining to the zone are abolished by the Mexican government the danger to our revenue will continue to exist."

COURT LEAVES HAVANA.

Starts for Key West on the Mangrove—Members Make No Prophecy.

The Mangrove with the United States naval court of inquiry on board, sailed Tuesday night for Key West.

The court will continue to the decision to leave Havana was not reached until after a long consultation of the members. It was decided that, while further testimony might be obtained in Havana, this was not absolutely necessary to justify a longer stay. The court can return if the divers or wreckers make discoveries that add to the stock of knowledge already gained.

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