

# AGAIN TALKING WAR

The Spanish Trouble the Principal Topic at Washington.

## NOTHING SERIOUS IS APPREHENDED

Generally Believed, However, That Some Positive Action Will Soon Be Taken Looking to the Freeing of Cuba.

Washington, March 3.—War talk is again absorbing the attention of our national lawmakers to the exclusion of almost every other subject, and in the hotel lobbies nothing else is heard but discussion of the trouble with Spain. Of course, no one seriously believes that nothing more than talk will result in our relations with Spain, but that it is the intention of this government to take some step looking to the freeing of the Cubans, and that speedily, too, is the general belief here. No significance can be attached to Spain's prompt action in disavowing and offering to make amends to the United States for the outbreak of mob violence at Barcelona. Nevertheless, this action, and especially the fact that it was taken immediately after news of the affair reached the Spanish government, without waiting for any suggestion from the United States, will tend greatly to relieve the situation and prevent a serious outcome of the mob's attack on our consulate. It is perhaps in part owing to these official advices that the excitement in Spain over the action of the United States senate, leading up to the insult to the United States consulate at Barcelona, fails to find a corresponding reflex in Washington, at least in official circles, and almost everywhere the feeling is that the affair is not one which necessarily must lead to hostilities. A good indication that no serious trouble is expected is afforded by the course of affairs in the navy and war departments, which ran along this morning in the usual quiet manner.

### Authority To Enlarge Our Navy.

In view of the war talk, the action of the senate yesterday in passing a bill to enlarge the navy is significant. It was agreed to without a dissenting voice, and through it there is placed in the hands of the president a restricted power with which to deal with the Spanish-Cuban situation should the emergency arise. The bill provides for the enlistment this fall of 1,000 men for the new ships now in commission, and appropriates \$350,000 for their compensation; it also gives the president power, in the event such authority becomes necessary, to enlist such part of the naval militia (about 5,000 men) for a period of two years, giving full complements for such vessels that do not have full crews, and authorizes him to charter steamers as transports for troops.

### House Cuban Resolutions.

The Cuban resolutions passed by the house yesterday just before adjournment are now in the hands of the committee on foreign affairs of the senate and a report is expected to-morrow. They were passed by the house after two hours' spirited debate, under the limitations of a suspension of the rules, by a vote of 362 to 17. They are the concurrent resolutions reported last week by the house committee on foreign affairs declaring that in the opinion of congress a state of public war exists in Cuba, the parties to which are entitled to belligerent rights and between which the United States should use its good offices and influences to that end; and that the United States should be prepared to protect the legitimate interests of its citizens in Cuba by intervention if necessary. The last of the series of resolutions reported by the committee, pledging the support of congress to the president in carrying out the foregoing, was stricken out, it being thought unnecessary, being covered in the others.

### TURNED AWAY BY WEYLER.

He Has No Time To Listen to a Delegation of Poor Women.

Havana, Feb. 29, via Tampa Fla., March 3.—Inhabitants of Punta Brava, Guatano and other small towns west of Mariano, and under the jurisdiction of the volunteers and soldiers stationed at the latter place, are fleeing from Havana in terror. They say they have less fear of the insurgents than of the troops. Twenty-two women from Guatano, wives and mothers of the men slain there on the 23, or made prisoners at the time, are in this city. They called at the palace to see Gen. Weyler and beg for the freedom of the men in Moro castle, as well as to tell of the outrages committed by Capt. Calvo and the men sent out by the Marquis de Cervera. Their visit to the palace was on the same day the captain-general received a delegation of women who were dressed in gay costumes and wore the red and yellow colors of Spain on their breasts. They had been throwing flowers, bonbons and live pigeons to the newly arrived troops, and shouting "Vive Espana!" until their voices were gone. Gen. Weyler received them and thanked them for their demonstrations of loyalty.

### Declined To Receive Them.

They cheered him and departed. Then came the poor women of Guatano. They were nearly all white women. Children clung to their skirts and two babes were carried in arms. Instead of gay colors most of them were in mourning. One of Gen. Weyler's aids talked with the one man who accompanied them and told him that the general could not receive them. Then they the left palace sad at heart and are still in the city.

### Complaint Against Consul Williams.

American residents of Havana, who are all well informed, claim that Consul Williams' reports to the state de-

partment have not given the administration a correct understanding of the situation in Cuba. Mr. Williams has been in Havana so long and in such close touch with the officials at the palace that it is claimed his views are colored by Spanish representations. The consul cannot be accused of inattention to duty. He is at his office from morning until night, but this close application to duties of minor importance may have prevented him from fully realizing the state of affairs on the island. He is also well advanced in years, and dislikes incidents which mar the quiet routine of office work. His attitude has not satisfied all of the American colony, and a petition is now in circulation asking the government for his recall. On top of this comes the rumor that he has sent his resignation to Washington.

### TO INTERCEPT FILIBUSTERS.

Orders Sent to Revenue Cutter Commanders in Florida Waters.

Washington, March 3.—The treasury department has sent instructions to the commanders of revenue cutters in Florida waters directing them to use every effort to intercept an alleged filibustering expedition bound for Cuba which the Spanish authorities have reported to the state department as about to leave Alligator Key, between Key West and Tampa. The report says that two schooners, one from Tampa bearing Collazo and fifty men and the other from a point north of Tampa laden with arms and ammunition, left port last night for Alligator Key, where they are to meet the steamer Three Friends, recently purchased by Cubans in this country and cleared from Jacksonville in ballast several days ago. At the rendezvous the men and arms are to be transferred to the steamer which will at once sail for the northeast coast of Cuba. This expedition has been closely watched by the Spanish agents and all the arrangements for its departure and reception in Cuba have been well known for some time past.

### DENIED BY MINISTER DE LOME.

Says Gen. Weyler Never Threatened To Exterminate the Cubans.

Washington, March 3.—Senator Dupuy de Lome has been authorized to state that Gen. Weyler never said in any interview or conversation, as published in the Madrid Liberal, that he would exterminate the Cuban insurgents. What he did say in that paper on Jan. 29 was that he would clear out the filibusters from the western provinces of Cuba and could then proceed to exterminate the small bands of bandits who remained. The alleged quotation from the Liberal was made much of in Senator Lodge's speech last week, and led to assertions which, it is claimed, were not warranted by the facts. It is explained that Gen. Weyler was only following the example of commanders in all civilized warfare in ordering the extermination of sporadic bushwhackers preying upon sections which had been passed by organized armies.

### ALL QUIET AT MADRID.

American Legation and Public Buildings Still Guarded, However.

Madrid, March 3.—There is somewhat of a lessening in the popular feeling against the United States, but there is still a strong undercurrent of animosity which shows itself in various ways. The authorities have not relaxed their precautions to prevent an outbreak, and the guards are still maintained about the public buildings and the American legation. The more turbulent spirits among the students made repeated attempts last night to start demonstrations from the university, but the gendarmes were alert and prevented them. Fourteen of the ringleaders were arrested.

### Jersey Assembly Favors the Cuban Cause.

Trenton, March 3.—The house last night passed unanimously the following resolution: "That the house of assembly of the state of New Jersey (the senate concurring) has heard with satisfaction of the adoption by the senate of the United States of resolutions according belligerent rights to the Cuban people and respectfully requests the members of the national house of representatives from this state to give their earnest support to these or other resolutions of similar tenor."

### Big Safe Combine.

Providence, March 3.—President Joseph Hinigan and other big capitalists in this state have entered into a safe manufacturing combine, which will control the output, under the direction of the Mosler people. The Herring & Hall and Marvin concerns are in the consolidation.

### Raines' Liquor Bill.

Albany, March 3.—The senate committee on taxation and retrenchment will to-day report favorably to the senate Senator Raines' liquor tax bill with the amendments agreed upon in the republican senatorial caucus on Thursday night last.

### Wires Down in Maine.

Portland, Me., March 3.—Payson Tucker, of the Maine Central railroad says that the main line between here and Bangor is broken by numerous washouts. The wires are all down between Bath and Rockland east of Bangor.

### Standard Silver Dollars Redeemed.

Washington, March 3.—Since the treasury began the issue of what are called Sherman notes or treasury notes \$19,211,723 have been redeemed in standard silver dollars.

### Placed on Short Time.

Susquehanna, Pa., March 3.—The workmen in the extensive locomotive shops of the Erie railroad have been placed on twenty-four hours per week.

### FLOODS IN NEW ENGLAND.

Bridges Washed Away, Railroad Traffic Impeded and Factories Closed.

Boston, March 3.—The floods throughout New England, which have carried away bridges and washed out railway tracks, have badly delayed the mails due in this city. Reports from many parts of Massachusetts this morning tell of great destruction being wrought by the high waters. At Haverhill the damage will be very great. The entire river front is submerged, and several factories have been compelled to close down, rendering fully 4,000 people idle.

### Floods Receding.

Boston, March 3.—Reports from places along the Connecticut river in New Hampshire and Vermont this morning indicate that the height of the flood has probably been reached and that the water is slowly receding. The Merrimack river has also reached its height. The weather has grown much colder and in most places a thick snowstorm, accompanied by high wind, prevailed last night. No loss of life has been reported.

### Dropped Dead While Watching the Flood.

Winsted, Conn., March 3.—Twenty-four bridges in the county have been swept away by the flood. Mrs. J. B. Eggleston of Pleasant Valley, while watching Farmington river rise, dropped dead of heart disease. Word from New Boston, Mass., states that the big dam of Gladwin's birch mill has been partly swept away and the traffic on railroads is still impeded. The loss in the county will exceed \$100,000.

### Wild Night at Nashua.

Nashua, N. H., March 3.—Last night was one of the wildest ever witnessed here. A snow storm raged furiously, the city was in darkness, and swollen waters of the Nashua and Merrimack rivers had reached the highest point on record. The Merrimack has reached to Hobbs street and has overflowed its banks in the vicinity of Taylor Falls bridge. All railroad connections are severed, except in an irregular manner. The damage in this vicinity will be very large.

### Eighteen Bridges Swept Away.

North Berwick, Me., March 3.—Out of twenty-one bridges in town eighteen have been washed away. Business is paralyzed.

### SALVATION ARMY FUNDS.

Baltimore Booth Will Probably Surrender the Money This Evening.

Montclair, N. J., March 3.—Staff Captain Crafts, the acting financial secretary attached to the Salvation Army headquarters, came to Montclair last night for the purpose of having the money deposited by Commander Ballington Booth to the credit of the Salvation Army transferred to Commissioner Booth. The transfer was not made, however, because Commander Booth's notaries failed to appear, and Captain Crafts left with his mission unfulfilled. He promised to return to-night. The amount involved is about \$30,000. Commander Booth expressed his entire readiness to turn the money over to the commissioner. Commander Booth's mail is daily increasing in volume. Hundreds of letters are received by him every day, all of a commendatory character.

### HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Demand for Seats at Its New York Meeting Exceeds the Supply.

New York, March 3.—At the Home Mission society meeting, to be held in Carnegie Music hall to-night, at which President Cleveland is to preside, applications for seats have so far exceeded the capacity of the hall that an overflow meeting will be held at the Central Presbyterian church. Dr. DeWitt Talmage, Bocker T. Washington and Dr. Sheldon Jackson, who are to speak at Carnegie hall, will address the overflow meeting, which will be free and open to all.

### B. & O. Receivers.

New York, March 3.—Judge Lacombe, in the United States circuit court, has appointed John A. Cowen and Oscar G. Murray receivers of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company in this district.

### Chicago Team at Galveston.

Galveston, Tex., March 3.—The Chicago baseball team has arrived here for five weeks' spring practice. Daily games will be played.

### NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat—Spot dull, prices unsettled. March, 75½c; April, 75½c; May, 73½c.

Corn—Spot dull; prices doubtful. March, 37c; May, 36½c.

Oats—Spot steady, but rather dull. March, 25½c; April, 25½c; May, 25½c.

Pork—Spot steady at easy prices. Extra prime nominal, short clear, \$11.50@12.50; family, \$10.75@11.00; mess, \$10.25@10.75.

Lard—Contracts steady, but dull. May, 85.77.

Butter—Jobbers are showing no disposition to operate beyond their wants. Recent advance sustained. Creamery, western extras, 22c. State and Pennsylvania, seconds to best, 16@21½c; creamery, western, seconds to firsts, 16@20½c; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, fancy, 18c; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, seconds to firsts, 15½@13c.

Cheese—High grades are now held firmly with demand good. State, full cream, large size, September colored, choice, 10½c; September white fancy, 9@10½c; large common to choice, 7¼@10c.

Eggs—Spot weaker; liberal receipts. State and Pennsylvania, 11@11½c; southern, 10@10½c; ice house (case), \$1.75@2.75; western, fresh, 10½@11c; duck, 23@30c.

Potatoes—Offers liberal for choice grade; demand slow; fair supply; market quiet. State Burbank, per 180 pounds, 80¢@80c; and state rose and Hebron, per 180 pounds, 85¢@91.10.

### DRIFTON ITEMS.

William Gillespie is the proudest man in town, and is receiving congratulations from his numerous friends upon the arrival of a boy at his home.

John Curran, one of Hazle township's school directors, is confined to his home with a severe spell of sickness.

Mrs. John O'Donnell is lying very ill at her home.

Daniel McCole left on Friday to spend a few weeks with friends at Wilkesbarre.

Mrs. Thomas Kessel, who fell on a Freeland sidewalk recently and sprained her back, is still confined to her home.

Miss Jennie Neary, a teacher in the Onida public schools, visited Miss Mary Sweeney last week.

### Not Disposed to Quibble.

While the two urechins who had adjourned to the alley in the rear of the barn to fight were stripping for action the larger one said:

"Kid, I'll let ye off if ye're 'frail. I can lick ye in two minutes. I'm ten pounds heavier'n ye be."

"That's all right," responded the other. "If you'd wash the dirt off'n that mug of your'n we'd weigh 'bout the same."

The fight that immediately followed was the fiercest one the neighborhood had seen for many a day, and it is with a melancholy satisfaction the historian records the fact that the smaller boy whipped—Chicago Tribune.

### Students of Human Nature.

Two pickpockets saw a gentleman receive a large sum at the bank, and followed him for some time to get a chance at it. Finally the watched turned into a lawyer's office, and one of the watchers aid: "That settles it. He's gone. Come along."

"No! no!" said the other. "Wait till the lawyer comes out. We'll tackle him."—Day City Chat.

### A Matter of Money.

A couple of Dallas gentlemen met, and one of them remarked:

"You look down in the mouth. What's the matter? Is it love or business that is troubling you?"

"Business. That rich girl to whom I have been engaged for the last six months has 'shook' me."—Dallas (Tex.) Sifter.

### Took Time to Make It.

"That was a very fine speech you made the other night," said one Pittsburgher to another.

"I didn't make it the other night," replied the latter. "I delivered it the other night, but it took me a month to make it."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

### Natural Resentment.

"Little boy," asked the sympathizing lady, "why do you cry so?"

"Is there anything in the manner of my expressing my grief, madam," responded the Boston boy, "that strikes you as being out or inappropriate? Boo-hoo! Boo-hoo!"—Chicago Tribune.

### A Remarkable Creature.

May—I must introduce you to Mr. Gayly. He is quite a noted character.

Pamela—Is he?

May—Yes. He made love to 12 girls last summer without causing them to become jealous of each other.—Town Topics.

### The Difference of a Word.

"There's nothing so bad," the optimist cries,

"But it might be worse;" while the pessimist sighs

And moans and groans, in prose and in verse.

"There's nothing so bad but it will be worse." —Puck.

### A Descriptive Alliment.

Jiggs—I hear old Bragg has the typhoid fever.

Briggs—You mean the typhoid fever, don't you?

Jiggs—No, I mean the typhoon. He centers everything in himself, and he's all wind.—N. Y. World.

### Twin Sisters.

Mosquitoes and summer girls, you know, are made of the self-same stuff.

They are terribly hard to catch, but, oh! You can mash 'em easy enough.

—L. A. W. Bulletin.

### A DELICATE INSINUATION.

Mrs. Pesterd—Well, what is it?

Hungry Hickey—Wotever you say, kind lady. It's leap year.—Judge.

### The Changeful Climate.

'Tis a time of insidious terror

When the strongest of men holds his breath;

You are dodging a sunstroke one moment

And the next you are freezing to death. —Washington Star.

### How He Got Even.

Miss Yellowleaf—I would not marry you if you were the last man to ever propose to me!

Mr. Costique—Ah, yes, of course. But how do you feel about it, seeing that I'm the first?—Town Topics.

### Its Value.

"Now that you've heard the poem tell me what you think? Oughtn't I to get ten dollars for it?"

"Ye-e-e-s. Ten dollars or 30 days." —N. Y. World.

### FLEASURE CALENDAR.

March 7.—Fair of Division 20, A. O. H.

March 17.—Annual ball of St. Patrick's Beneficial Society at Young Men's opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

# UNCLE SAM'S DEBTS

Interest Bearing Obligations Increased During February.

## NON-INTEREST DEBTS DECREASED

Government Receipts and Expenditures Statement of the Coinage Output at the Mints During Last Month.

Washington, March 2.—The debt statement just issued shows a net increase in the public debt less cash in the treasury during February of \$15,978,764.88. The interest bearing debt increased \$75,252,350. The non-interest bearing debt decreased \$115,886,500 and cash in the treasury increased \$1,115,228.35. The balances of the several classes of debt at the close of business February 29 were: Interest bearing debt \$822,615,170. Debt on which interest has ceased since maturity \$1,667,630.36. Debt bearing no interest \$375,491,579.14. Total \$1,199,774,479.41. The certificates and treasury notes offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury outstanding at the end of the month were \$558,851,373, a decrease of \$3,991,500. The total cash in the treasury was \$853,811,830.91. The gold reserve was \$100,000,000. Net cash balance \$102,707,006.65. In the month there was an increase in gold coin and bars of \$68,002,641.89, the total at the close being \$167,695,998.46. Of silver there was an increase of \$1,843,611.33. Of the surplus there was in national bank deposits \$24,394,556.83 against \$14,803,803.55 at the end of the preceding month.

### COINAGE AT THE MINTS.

The Output for February Amounted to \$2,778,180.

Washington, March 3.—The coinage at the United States mints for February was very light, being only 4,652,000 pieces of the value of \$2,778,180, as follows: Gold, \$1,240,000; silver dollars, \$1,500,000, and minor coin, \$33,180. The national bank circulation outstanding March 1 was \$217,923,465, an increase during the month of February of \$3,685,680. National bank circulation based on United States bonds aggregated \$195,048,951, an increase during February of \$1,053,317, and since February 28, 1895, of \$12,141,071.

### UNITED STATES FINANCES.

For Eight Months of the Present Year the Deficit Is \$18,000,000.

Washington, March 2.—The official treasury statement of receipts and expenditures was issued yesterday. For February, 1896, the receipts were \$26,059,228, against \$22,868,057 in February, 1895. The expenditures were \$26,749,956, against \$25,976,075 for February, 1895. The excess of expenditures for February, 1896, over the receipts is \$690,728. For the eight months of the current fiscal year the receipts aggregate \$224,560,690, and the expenditures \$242,085,548, leaving a deficit of \$18,000,000 in round figures.

### MANY ARABS DROWNED.

Thirty Thousand Head of Cattle Also Perish by Flood.

Constantinople, March 3.—Heavy rains have caused the Tigris river to overflow its banks, and an immense expanse of territory has been inundated. Six hundred thousand Arabs are known to have been drowned, and it is feared the loss of life will be much heavier. Thirty thousand head of cattle have perished. The damage is enormous.

### GOV. GREENHALGE'S ILLNESS.

His Condition Hopeless, Despite Temporary Improvement.

Boston, March 3.—Information concerning the condition of Gov. Greenhalge, which may be relied upon, is to the effect that in spite of the fact that he is more comfortable there is no hope for his recovery. He is doubtless suffering from Bright's disease, and his entire left side is paralyzed. Those well informed do not look for any genuine improvement.

### Indiana Joins the Squadron.

Washington, March 3.—The battleship Indiana went over from Norfolk to Hampton roads last evening and was attached to Admiral Bance's mysterious, North Atlantic squadron of evolution. Capt. Robley D. Evans, her commander, was at the navy department last evening. He will return to his ship this evening.

### Hudson Navigation Opened.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., March 3.—Navigation between this city and New York for the season of 1896 is open. Steamer J. L. Hasbrouck left her dock for the metropolis last night. The steamer fought ice for only a few miles, after which she had clear sailing to her destination.

### Lathrop Prison Investigation.

Albany, March 3.—The Lathrop prison investigation was resumed this morning. The witnesses called were all for the defense. The defense expects to put in all its evidence in a day or two, and it is thought that the case can be closed this week.

### Money Received for Bonds.

Washington, March 3.—Of the \$110,000,000 for which the recent \$100,000,000 issue of United States 4 per cent bonds sold \$95,804,772 have been paid in gold on account. The treasury gold at the opening of business to-day stood at \$123,667,999.

### Hospital Warden Dismissed.

New York, March 3.—The commissioners of charities held a meeting late yesterday afternoon and dismissed Warden O'Rourke of Bellevue hospital. The dismissal of O'Rourke is the first step towards reorganizing Bellevue hospital.

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Some special values worthy the closest attention.

Men's extra quality and weight Underwear, in both natural and white, all sizes, sold for 59c; this week's price, 39c.

Men's heavy flannel Shirts, large and well made, was considered good value at 69c; this week's price, 45c.

Boys' Waists in good quality of outing cloth and percale, never before sold under 30c; this week's price only 17c.

Ladies' best ribbed Vests, Egyptian yarn, fleeced, best values ever offered; the 39c quality will go at 29c; the 29c at 21c.

Ladies' best \$1 scarlet wool Vests, will go this week at 75c.

Children's black woolen hosiery, the 25c quality this week 15c.

Ladies' black woolen Hose, the 29c quality this week 21c.

Men's heavy Scotch wool Gloves, were 59c, this week only 43c.

## ANDREW J. HAIRE.

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