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POLICY OF M'KINLEY. FORAKER DEFINES THE PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD CUBA. Merrill and Caffery Against Morgan's Resolution—Merrill Asks Favorable House Passes the Sundry Civil Bill. Pearl Harbor Appropriation Rejected. Washington, May 12.—The Cuban question, which has attracted the attention of the senate, the debate taking wide range and at times becoming spirited when comparisons were made between the attitude of the former administration and the present one, was the subject of a speech by Senator Merrill of Vermont and Caffery of Louisiana spoke in opposition to the resolution. Senators Lodge of Massachusetts and Foraker of Ohio advocated deferring the question until further information could be secured from the state department, and Senators Mills of Texas and Allen of Nebraska urged the immediate passage of the resolutions.

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Washington, May 12.—The senate has agreed to an amendment to the sundry civil bill revoking the proclamation of President Cleveland made on Feb. 23 establishing forest reservations aggregating 17,000,000 acres in the far western states and territories. The debate brought out much criticism of Mr. Cleveland's order. After the adoption of the amendment the bill was adopted without division. It carries appropriations of \$53,900,000. The Republicans of the house followed up their recent endorsement of Speaker Reed's policy of postponing the appointment of committees by establishing the policy of bi-weekly meetings through the adoption of a resolution reported by the committee on rules providing that the house shall meet on Mondays and Thursdays until further action.

Washington, May 12.—The state department is in receipt of a report from Consul General Lee, dated the latter part of April, in which he deals with the general situation in Cuba and presents all the facts at his command without making any recommendations as to the policy to be pursued by this government. In the report General Lee states that the insurgents are not increasing in numbers, but that, according to the most trustworthy information at hand and to all appearances, there are more of them now than when he went to the island. He explains the apparent want of organization by the statement that it is against the Cuban policy to conduct the war after the accepted modern ideas on this point. The Cubans believe they can be most effective by pursuing their present tactics. General Lee also dwells upon the condition of affairs in the island.

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