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TWO ISSUES INVOKING WAR

Two Problems Impatient of Solution, and the Crisis Is But a Few Days Off.

FIRST COMES INDEMNITY FOR MAINE CRIME

This Will Be the Burden of Monday's Message—Next Will Be Intervention in Humanity's Name.

Not the Least Significant of the Events of the Day Is the Desire of the President to Learn the Opinions of Democratic Leaders On the Crisis—Cochran and Turpie Were at the White House Yesterday—Senate Inclined to Be Conservative and Await the Action of the President—Case of the Maine Is the First of Its Kind in Naval History If It Fails to Fix Responsibility—Interpretation of Sicard's Remark About "Peculiar Report"

Washington, March 23.—The feeling was universal throughout official circles today that the culmination of the Spanish crisis was near at hand. With the report of the Maine court of inquiry only a little while off, with the White House the center of four and earnest conferences between the president and the party leaders of congress, and with exceptional activity towards emergency preparations in the war and navy departments, there was abundant evidence that definite results regarding the Maine disaster and the Cuban position in general were about to be reached.

Among the president's callers were Senators Cochran, Turpie and Foraker; General Daniel Stecker, former United States minister to Madrid, and Representative William Alden Smith, Michigan, who has recently returned from a trip to Cuba. The call of Messrs. Cochran and Turpie was regarded as particularly significant, as they are representatives of the Democratic party in the senate, and their visit followed that of Senator German yesterday. It was generally understood that in the present emergency the president desires patriotic unity, without reference to party.

IN HAND TONIGHT. Secretaries Long and Alger also conferred with the president during the evening. Secretary Long later said that the Maine report would reach Washington tomorrow night. It is, however, it did not come before 8 o'clock Thursday evening. Mr. Long said he probably would not receive it until Friday morning, when it would be laid before the president immediately. The secretary did not think the president would give the message to the reporters until the document under consideration at a late hour. It was more probable, he thought, if Lieutenant Marix arrived at a late hour, that he would take the report to a late hour.

EXCLUSIVE MAINE SUBJECT. There has been no change in the plan of sending the Maine to congress early next week, probably Monday, accompanied by a message from the president. It is definitely settled, however, that the message to congress will be accompanied by a report on the Maine disaster. It will not take up the fearful condition of affairs in Cuba, as shown by the reports of United States consuls, these being reserved for subsequent action and a later message to congress.

ON HUMANE GROUNDS. The prevailing impression among the Republican leaders of the house, is that the president will not even touch on humane grounds, but it is positively stated by one of them, who is close to the president, that the intervention will not come until after the report of the board of inquiry into the Maine disaster goes to congress.

WAIVE MAINE QUESTION. The Cuban message, as forecasted by a prominent Republican, will waive the question of the Maine disaster and put aside the message to congress until the report of the board of inquiry into the Maine disaster is received.

ITS EFFECT. Mr. Deliver (Rep. Ia.) says that intervention on humane grounds will place our action upon a moral level that is beyond question. It is the sympathy of the world. We could afford, he says, to waive all questions as to the Maine, if the board does not fix the responsibility for the disaster on Spain. In order to make the receiver issue. A prominent member of the house, who has been several times in consultation with the president recently, and who was clearly indicating that the president's responsibility for the explosion cannot be placed. During the progress of the investigation the law officers of the government have been giving the legal side of the case their close attention, and the statement is made that the case of the Maine is indeed most peculiar. The records, it is said, do not show that ever

PEACE, IF HONORABLE

Joint Resolution Offered by Senator Bacon of Georgia.

THE MAINE RELIEF BILL

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BUT UN-OSTENTATIOUSLY.

Owing to the Importance of the Bacon Resolution, Its Consideration Was Deferred Until Today—In the House Thorpe Was Given Eppe's Sent By Strict Party Vote.

Washington, March 23.—Anticipated discussion of the Cuban question drew an unusually large crowd of spectators to the galleries of the senate today. The galleries were packed and long lines of people swayed through the corridors, vainly seeking admission. Every senator at the capitol was in his seat.

JOINT RESOLUTION. Mr. Bacon of Georgia presented the following resolution: "That the government and people of the United States, while avowing that at all times and to the utmost limit they will maintain their national honor and protect their material interests, and while they will count no cost of blood or treasure which may be necessary for the accomplishment of this high resolve, nevertheless declare that it is their desire to live at peace with all the nations and peoples of the earth."

DEPRECATING WAR. "That while unwavering in their purpose to fully protect the honor and the property of the nation, as well as the persons of its citizens, and while determined upon the performance of their duty to humanity and to a neighboring people struggling for liberty, the United States, desiring peace and deprecating war, will, in good faith, endeavor to accomplish this end consistently with national honor, through peaceful agencies, and without unnecessary resort to war and bloodshed."

MAINE RELIEF BILL. Very quietly and with no attempt to produce effect, the bill providing for the relief of the survivors of the Maine disaster was presented to the senate for consideration.

MAINE WILL BE ABANDONED. Its Complete Destruction By Dynamite Contemplated. Washington, March 23.—The navy department has arranged for the practical withdrawal of all its naval officers at Havana and the abandonment of the wreck of the ill-fated Maine.

DROWNED IN THE PORT NEUF. Pocatello, Ida., March 23.—Victor, the 6-year-old son of M. Kublak, was drowned in the Port Neuf river this afternoon. With other children, he was fishing to catch drift wood when he fell in. Life was extinct before assistance arrived.

BILL FOR FAMINE APPROPRIATION. Washington, March 23.—An amendment to the sundry civil bill is pending before the senate committee on appropriations, appropriating \$250,000 to furnish supplies to the destitute people of Cuba. It is said the amendment will probably be adopted.

DYNAMITE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING. Pittsburg, Pa., March 23.—A Chronicle Telegraph Lowellville special says a dynamite magazine at Hillsville exploded this morning, wrecking the building and causing a panic. It is supposed the magazine was struck by lightning. It is reported that a man named Welch, his wife and six children were killed.

UTE LAND DILEMMA

Reservation Will Be Thrown Open One Week From Today.

UNLESS CONGRESS ACTS

WILL CAUSE CONFUSION, AS ALLOTMENTS ARE INCOMPLETE.

Only Solution of the Difficulty Is to Postpone Opening By a Joint Resolution—Congressman King Thinks An Extension of Sixty Days Is Sufficient.

(Special to The Herald.) Washington, March 23.—Under existing law the agricultural-lands of the Uncomphere reservation will be thrown open April 1, unless there is further legislation prior to that time. As the making of allotments is not completed, this would necessarily cause much confusion. It does not seem probable that the conference report on the Indian appropriation bill can be disposed of before the end of the month.

IN THE HOUSE. R. T. Thorpe was today given the seat from the Fourth Virginia district. Sidney P. Eppe, who obtained the certificate of election, was unseated by a strict party vote. Mr. Thorpe was given the seat by a vote of 131 to 120. The Republicans, without a break, voted for Thorpe, and the Democrats and Populists, with the exception of Mr. Howard of Alabama, a Populist, voted for Mr. Eppe.

DECISION AGAINST NAGLE. His Guardian Not Responsible For Losses Through Loans. (Special to The Herald.) Cheyenne, Wyo., March 23.—In the district court here today a decision was rendered against George H. Nagle, who recently inherited an estate worth \$50,000 and refused to accept a special report of his guardian, W. A. Robbins. He alleged that loans aggregating \$70,000 made with estate funds by Robbins are not adequately secured, and were made negligently and without proper authority of the court. The court accepted the report, ruling that Robbins' actions were made in good faith and that he is not responsible for ensuing losses. The case will be appealed.

CONVICTS CAPTURED. All of the Idaho Escapes Now Behind the Bars. (Special to The Herald.) Boise, Ida., March 23.—Harvey Cole and Pat Sullivan, the two escaped convicts, were captured today, the former at Reynolds creek, Owyhee county, and the latter at Payette, Canyon county. With these captured the last of the 13 convicts who escaped a few days ago are again behind the prison walls.

Hoff Murder Trial. (Special to The Herald.) San Francisco, March 23.—The trial of Albert Hoff for the murder of Mrs. Mary Clute was resumed this morning, with Dr. John Gallagher upon the witness stand, but the testimony was of little importance today, and purely cumulative.

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NON-PARTISANS IN IDAHO. No Democrats Nor Republicans at Paris This Year. (Special to The Herald.) Paris, Ida., March 23.—A mass meeting of the citizens of Paris was held last night in the First ward meeting house for the purpose of nominating a mayor, clerk, treasurer and police justice, to be voted for on April 5. The meeting was very largely attended, very harmonious and strictly non-partisan.

ATTENDED A SILVER MEETING. Complaint Against Shoup's Candidate For Pocatello Postoffice. (Special to The Herald.) Pocatello, March 23.—A protest was today filed against Shoup against the appointment of A. F. Caldwell as postmaster at this place, on the grounds that he had taken a prominent part in a silver convention last evening. The protest is the outgrowth of the political deal that last night prevented Councilman Hopson from securing the re-nomination for that office.

ONE TICKET AT POCATELLO. Silver Union Candidates Endorsed By Citizens' Convention. (Special to The Herald.) Pocatello, March 23.—The citizens' mass convention, called for the purpose of nominating a non-partisan ticket for the city campaign, met tonight and endorsed the union silver ticket nominated in convention last night, from top to bottom. This means that there will be but one ticket in the field this spring. The endorsement of the mass convention is an utter defeat for the Kansans, element in Pocatello politics. After their failure to capture the silver convention, they started in with the determination of dominating the mass meeting tonight, and at noon today acknowledged their defeat by giving up the fight and accepting the inevitable, and tonight join in the ratification of the silver union ticket, creeds and candidates.

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TERROR AND PURITAN. Secretary Long determined today to order the double-turreted monitors Puritan and Terror, to Key West, where they will reinforce the squadron in these waters. He also determined to bring into service the eight single-turreted monitors at the League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, two of which will be sent to Boston, two to New York and four held in reserve at Philadelphia. The Puritan and Terror take the place of the battleships Massachusetts and Texas, recently withdrawn from the squadron at Key West. It was stated at the navy department that this move was in accordance with a programme previously agreed upon, although this programme has not been announced. Secretary Long, by many experts, is regarded as the most formidable fighting machine in the navy.

OLD MONITORS. Secretary Long had an extremely busy morning. Mr. Roosevelt and the various bureau chiefs were with the secretary for some time, perusing the plans for the speedy completion of the old monitors, or the bureau of engineering can put in the three new boilers with little delay. The ordnance bureau has little to do on the monitors, owing to the good condition of their guns, armament, etc. The quota of powder for their 15-inch guns is already sacked and can be put aboard in a few hours. Mr. Long said a number of public men, including Senators Foraker and Lodge.

REVENUE CUTTERS. In addition to other preparations for possible trouble, the navy department today took steps toward utilizing the sea-going revenue cutters for use along the Atlantic coast. Captain Shoemaker, chief of the revenue cutter service, conferred with Assistant Secretary Boardman, who has been authorized for turning over these cutters to the navy. They will be first sent to Norfolk, where additional guns will be mounted, and then will proceed to Key West and become a part of the squadron there. Their main service, however, will be as naval pickets, a fleet of these cutters being maintained outside the creeds and candidates.

REVENUE CUTTERS. The revenue cutter service now has ready for instant and active service 124 line officers, 74 engineers, and 1200 enlisted men. The fleet of which 14 are on the Atlantic coast. Two others are in course of construction, and with within three or four weeks. The Manning, the Gresham, the Algonquin, the Onondaga and the Winnetka are all well, fast and efficient vessels, and could go anywhere and perform any service that any vessel of their class can perform. The Manning is considered an 18-knot boat. All of them, it is said, could be quickly converted into torpedo boats or dynamite cruisers. Whether this last move will be made, is not yet definitely decided.

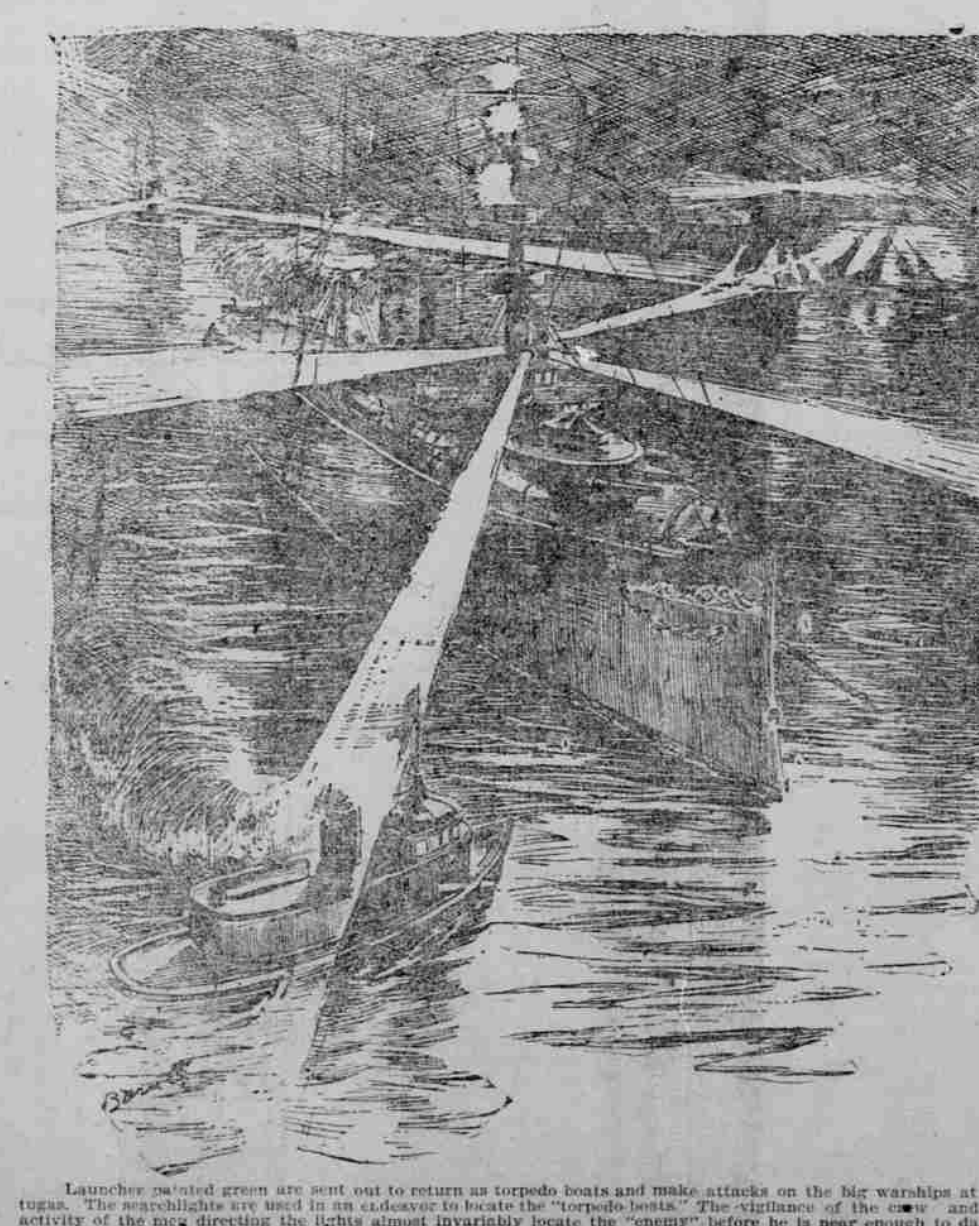
NEXT BEST THING. Secretary Long said today that it had become evident that torpedo boats could not be bought abroad, and could not be built soon enough in this country, so that he might have to equip other craft with torpedoes.

The navy department opened bids today for extensive improvements at Dry Tortugas and Key West, a formal transfer having been effected as regards Tortugas, which passes from the treasury to the war department. These consist of two steel pier piles, to be constructed at Dry Tortugas, with two extensive coal sheds, with similar machinery, and the leading warships with coal. At Key West the improvements consist of a steel pier and two coal sheds, with similar machinery, and the leading warships with coal. The bids ranged from \$1,151,000 for the entire work down to about \$500,000. The awards will be made within a day or two.

SICARD IS ILL. There is a general impression at the navy department that it will become necessary shortly to relieve Rear Admiral Sicard of the command of the North Atlantic squadron and grant him indefinite sick leave. Secretary Long desires to have it understood that his action in ordering a medical board of survey for the examination of Admiral Sicard was based entirely upon the report of that officer. Commodore W. S. Schley, chairman of the lighthouse board, is regarded as most likely to succeed the admiral, should he be relieved.

It does not seem Admiral Sicard is it generally understood in naval circles that he will be assigned to the command of one of the divisional fleets about to be organized on the home station. Other officers named as possible successors to Admiral Sicard are Admiral Bunce, commandant of the New York navy yard, and Captain Sampson, president of the Maine court of inquiry.

Sagasta Endorsed Blanco. Madrid, March 23.—Senator Sagasta, the premier, is quoted in an interview as



Searchlight beams are sent out to return any torpedo boats and make attacks on the big warships at Tortugas. The searchlights are used in an endeavor to locate the "torpedo boats." The influence of the case and the activity of the men directing the lights almost invariably locate the "enemy" before he is near enough to damage the vessels.