CALM IN THE SHADOW OF WAR

Only Fire Senators Vote for the Cuban Belligerency Resolution.

MEMBERS ADVISE LITTLE MORE PATIENCE

Alten Precipitates the Question and Urges Immediate Recognition. but the Sentiment is

consular appropriation bill today, a sharp debate on the Cuban estuation was precipitated by Mr. Allen, who offered as an amendment the resolution passed by the senate a year Cuban insurgents. The debate became general and occupied nearly four hours.

In reply to the preliminary statement by Mr. Allen, Mr. Morgan said that this counago would have been offensive, would now

of the nation ought to rejoice that the legiolative branch was prepared to support him for it."

prudence, for he believed that the country was drifting into a war with Spain. "We ought to have patience," said he, "and wall as a great and powerful people, not in fear, but in hope that some satisfactory concluthe present difficulty may be

NO PLACE FOR DISCUSSION.

Mr. Hosr maketained that the floor of the senate was no proper place for energy discussions of international affairs, and that no senator should utter anything that might not better be utter by the president of the United States. He expressed his willingues: to give his support to the executive should the time for action arrive, provided the pro-

Mr. Allen's amondment was ruled out of eder, and the appeal from the raling taken by the Nebraska senator was laid on the

Later in the day Mr. Allen offered a resolution providing for a committee of five gena-tors who should go to Cuba and ascertain the situation. Under the rules it went over ntil tomorrow.

The resolution was na follows:

Whereas, It is the established doctrine of Whereas, It is the established doctrine of the United States that the western hemi-aphere shall be decleated to republican forms of covernment, recognizing the political equality of human beings; and Whereas, The principles of the Monroe doctrine, or the doctrine of national self-preservation, is as applicable in wresting any portion of this continent from the grasp of foreign countries as in preventing them from obtaining additional ferritory; and

Whereas, The Island of Cuba by reason of Its location and close proximity to the United States should by right be dedicated to a republican form of government; and Whereas, A republican form of govern-ment is and has been for nearly three years maintained in said island by force of arms;

Whereas, It is alleged that 500,000 per-persons on said island have died of starvation, y reason of being concentrated by the sunish government at various points, with-

ally dying, and ereas. The dictates of humanity resolved. That a select committee of five

Resolved, That a select committee of five Senstors shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to forthwith make a thorough investigation and inquire into and report on the following subjects;

1. To what extent the work of concentrating the inhabitants of Cuba has been carried on by he Spanish government, and how many persons on said island have in the last year died as a result of streamler or for y persons on said issaid have in the last died as a result of starvation or for of sufficient food and diseases incident etc, and to what extent concentration ow being practiced there by Spanish crities, and the condition of the people

Whether the concentrated Cubins have

been adequately sheltered, clothed and fell by the Spanish government or by others, or have been permitted to obtain food and clothing for thems-lves.

A. What lawful steps, if any, are necessary and can be taken by the United States to bring the war in Cuba to a speedy determination on grounds honorable alike to Spain and Cuba and which will result in the kingdom of Spain relinquishing its hold on the island and in the establishment of a republican form of government there.

4. To what extent Spanish burbarity and cruelly have during the war now in progress on the island of Cuba and what can be lawfully done by the United States, if anything, to ameliorate the condition of the Cubaps.

And to these ends and for these purposes

And to these ends and for these purposes, said committee may sit at such times and phaces as it may see proper during the sersions of congress and in vacation and shall have the right to visit and take testimony in Cuba, if deemed proper to days. All testimoney taken shall be preserved and the finding of said select committee, together with all testimony, shall be preserved and reduced to writing and reported to the senate at an early a date as practicable. PASSES APPROPRIATION BILLS.

Both the military academy and the diplomatic and consular appropriation bills were

Mr. Hansbrough (N. D.) attempted to secure action on the bill to regulate the laws Cul-of Akaska, but on objection from Mr. Turner the (Wash.) It went over. Respecting the belligerency amendment

cally passed the senate. Referring to the I believe now that we are drifting into unfavorable report on the amendment by the war with Spain. Talking upon the main issue involved he in the Cuban affair with the probability of anserted that he had reliable information war. that no less than 83 per cent of the Cuban population had perished in Cuba in the last three years as a result of Spanish cruelty. "And yet," said Mr. Allen, "lest we, the senate, a body of eighty-nine men, offend

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and the Christian sentiment of the country | be thought, would have just cause face the question on a yea and ray vote.

Mr. Morgan said the secure had twice passed the Coban beliggerency resolution pre-

been dake openly and frankly.
"We had no right," said he, "to make a declaration of war against spain under declaration of war against spain under cover, and that is precisely what this resolution would mean. If the amendment were attached to the appropriation bill Spain might well regard it as a cause for war. As 1 was determined to the special base before indicated, the situation was enwas unual gathering of the display of the large number of revolutionary relics that will come into dentatives of the people substratially agree to the possession of the society and for the annual gathering of the congressional aid is to be sought in providing a site for the display of the large number of revolutionary relics that will come into dentatives of the people substratially agree to the facis."

Mr. Stewart made a speech in favor of site for the building. It was determined to the constant of the society and for the display of the large number of revolutionary relics that all the constitutional representatives of the people substratially agree to the possession of the society and for the display of the large number of revolutionary relics that all the constitutional representatives of the people substratially agree to the possession of the society and for the display of the transfer of revolutionary relics that all the constitutional representatives of the people substratially agree to the possession of the society and for the display of the transfer of revolutionary relics that all the constitutional representatives of the people substratially agree to the possession of the society and for the possession of the society and the possession of t had under consideration the diplomatic and tirely different in Caba when this resolution

INTERVENTION MEANS WAR. He said that between 300,000 and 600,000 the bill The vice president sustained the people had starved to death in Cuba. "This point. ago recognizing the belligerent rights of the "makes our position in the Cuban matter extremely delicate. Intervention now of the tended speech in support of the ruling of kind proposed a year ago means war. It the chair, although he was personally in could mean nothing else. Intervention on the part of this government at the present amendment. try's relations with Spain at the present time would almost certainly be regarded by time were seriously strained, and that intervention by the United States, which a year area would have been offensive would now which have been brought about by events which have been brought about by events.

Mr. Clay (Ga.) also supported the ruling of the chair, although he said he would vote for any independent proposition for the relief of the Cubans.

Mr. Mason said he could not be deterred. of the past ten days. In the present cirbe almost a cause for war. He expressed the cumstances it would not be consistent with opinion that the Cuban affair would eventuthe feelings or characteristic of the sentiting of the schair by any overgrown reverence the feelings or characteristic of the sentiting of the schair by any overgrown reverence the head for the rules of the schair, or any ally be submitted to the arbitrament of the sword between the United States and Spain, but he did not want war precipitated by rash acts of legislation.

the resings of characteristic of the scale of the scale, or any other alleged deliberative body, but he said that would aggravate the cituation that hes been brought about by the conditions leading up to the inquiry now in progress at scales of legislation. cts of legislation.

Ing up to the inquiry now in progress authorities bearing on them,

Mr. Foraker thought the day not distant. Havana. If, however, any senator believes authorities bearing on them,

in a declaration of war and will draw up. Mr. Bacon, speaking in support of the when the time for action by this country in a declaration of war and will draw up Mr. Bacon, speaking in support of the would arrive, and that the chief magistrate such a declaration, with sufficient and proper ruling of the chair, drew from the galleries

could in no way be construed into such a

declaration. lleve the senator has in mind a declaration will in the slightest manner interfere with of war. It would not overtax the ability the progress of that work. What we desire

them to a declaration of war. I have al- disaster occurred."
ways believed, and believe now, that the Mr. Bacon pointed out that any unfriendly The whole world recognizes Spain's inability for congress and the American people to re we shall become, in my opinion, involved in discussion unfriendly to a friendly nation an armed controversy.

DECLARATION IN DISCUISE. "The pending amendment is little less weak and mays.

"The pending amendment is little less Mr. Hale's metion was carried, 51 to 5

than a declaration of war in disguise. If those voting against the we mean to declare war let us do it like Messrs. Allen, Cannon (I behind so transparent a cloak. Those who (Idaho), Mason and Teller. of Cuban liberty, particularly of such times is these, cannot accomplish their purpose with such cash acts of legislation as is this WANT PORT ARTHUR KEPT OPEN.

Mr. Morgan declared the Cubans had already fought and won their revolution and nothing remained but for them to continue their attitude until Spain should recogniz

Teller did not accept Mr. Morgan's position that the adoption of this amend- that body on Washington's birthday night, ment would be a declaration of war. He had, he said, reached the conclusion that the recognition of belligerency rested with the executive. He had reached this conclusion with regret, but still he thought it correct. In this view congress could do no ator Thurston. In speaking of resolutions more than announce its opinion. True, this and the crying need of such a post Assistant opinion should receive some attention at the Secretary Vanderlip said that the west hands of the executive, but the last administration had given no weight to such an ex ression of opinion, and he (Teller) was vioced that the present one would follow the cample of its predecessor.

In the matter of intervention Mr. Teller ald he had never gone beyond the poin under international law, to interfere to the extent of compelling Spain to treat its subects on our border in a humane manner Neither such interference nor the declara-tion of belligerency would be an act unfriendly to Spain. Still, if the matter rested with him exclusively, he would recognize the belligerency of the Cubans if he knew i yould bring war tomorrow, for he was sure that such intervention would secure for up in such a struggle the sympathy of all civ Hized nations.

TIME IS COMING FOR ACTION. Mr. Foraker announced his intention t vote against the amendment, explaining hi reason to be the fact that it was sought t

make it a rider on an appropriation bill He said he had voted for the belligerous respintion, couched in the same terms a this, which was adopted a year ago, and h had always been glad he had done so. He and always believed that a mistake ha been made in not recognizing the beiligeres rights of the contending Cubans. A declara on of belligerency would not be

nostility. In conclusion Mr. Foraker said "I expect at no very distant day that ther will be an appropriate occasion for further remarks on this question. I think the time is coming for action. When it comes the de-cision will be here, and the problem will be appropriately discussed." Mr. Thurston said he had voted to accord elligerent rights to the Cuban insurgents

oth times it had come before the senate "I have never ceased to regret," said he "that the United States did not afford to the Cubana belligerent rights at the time whe the cruelties and barbarities of Weyle would have wor for us the sympathy of the Respecting the belligerency amendment Mr. Allen thought a statement was due. The amoudment, he stated, was practically a copy of two resolutions which have practicities and and we would be in no danger of war island, and we would be in no danger of war.

foreign relations committee Mr. Allen said "When the president delivered to us his it was a confession and avoidance, and message he set time to running, and that at Lake City, S. C., and the burning of the meant simply that the committee did not time has ever since been running. Spain office came to the Postoffice department todesire to act upon it. The truth was, he has not been able to quelt the rebellion, and said that congress was merely finding some the possibility of peace is growing more and excuse under which it could continue busi-ness and escape consure. His desire was to knows how soon it will be here, when action The time is coming, God congress could be induced. In accordance with the president's message caloled or kicked into putting the country in a dignified attitude on the Cuban question to back down from our position or intervene

> PRAY FOR PEACE. "There is enough being said all over this

country concerning the inquiry into the Maine catastrophe to involve us in war. Our people in the present delicate situation might well be at their altars praying for hat inquiry is proceeding we in the senate hould maintain a most circumspect attitude nd be calm and quiet."
Mr. Thurston thought that the court of

inquiry ought not in any manner to be ham-pered by any friction of trouble here. "We ought to have patience," eaid he, "and wait a great and powerful people, not in fear but in hope that some satisfactory conclusion the present difficulty may be reached."
Mr. Allen made an extended reply to th

arguments advanced against his position. maintained this was the first time the belligerancy proposition had been presented e senate when there was any chance of it coming effective. The house would be ought face to face with it, and it would e brought to a vote in that body. It could ot be buried in a committee.

Mr. Hale, in charge of the bill, yielded to

Mr. Hoar, who said he desired, in justice to himself and those who believed with him, to refute the charges of cowardice which had been hurled at those who differed from him. by the senator from Nebraska (Allen). discussed the situation from the standpoint of an international lawyer, maintaining that the recognition of beligerency in ordinary circumstances was not a cause for war. It was not necessarily an unfriendly act. Mr. Hoar maintained, however, that before taking any action of that kind, the United States ought to have a clear and unques-

the house of representatives, consisting of created by Spain exercising the right of sarch of United States vessels on the high sagainst this amendment and it will go the said that severe partisan way of much valuable legislation. and angry discussions, particularly on such Mr. Allen said if the republican party questions as that pending, bave no part in could suffer to see the Cubans exterminated the proceedings of the secate, no more than by starvation in violation of its platform that they have in the supreme court. Spair. republican secators ought to be willing to plaint on account of these violent discussions.

FAVORS MEDIATION. "I have always," cald Mr. Hoar, "favored

disely as now offered, but both times it had a resolution proposing mediation. If that seen doile openly and frankly. a resolution proposing mediation. If that falls, I am in favor of supporting the excutive department whom the time shall the hall be erected in Washington and be come and when the case is so clear and used for the display of the large number flaggest that all the constitutional repre-

Mr. Hale made the point of order against the amendment that it was general legisla-tion and had, under the rules, no place in

Mr. Atlen took an appeal from the ruling Upon this Mr. Turple delivered an exfavor of the proposition contained in the

Mr. Clay (Ga.) also supported the ruling of

Mr. Mason said he could not be deterred

grounds on which to base it, I will vote an enthusiastic round of applause. asserting American rights.

At this point Mr. Allen interrupted Mr. vice president, He said that one of Morgan to disclaim any intention of making greatest causes ever tried before the naridence, for he believed that the country as declaration of war against Spain. He expended the opinion that his amendment Havana. "Let us do nothing," said he, "that will in the least way embarrass those was quickly suppressed, however, by the "that will in the least way embarrass those who are conducting that investigation. The "If we should put this amendment on the pending appropriation bill." said Mr. Morgan, "Spain would be justified in interpreting our action to be that we are effensively interfering with it. However, I do not beof war. It would not overlax the ability the progress of that work. What we desire of any man to prepare such a declaration is to know the facts. If it should be found with proper and sufficient grounds on that the explosion was due to an accident which to base it. I will not, however, vote for any declaration of war in disguise.

"The Spanish are a great and powerful the whole world will applaud the action of and proud people and they believe their course is right. I do not wish to provoke country in whose friendly harbor that awful them to a leavest of war. I have al-

war in Cuba could not be terminated with-out involving the United States in hostili- ward Spain might cause that nation to inties. I believe that the matter will be sub-mitted to the arbitrament of the sword, tien. He suggested that now was the time conquer the Cubons, and sooner or later main quiet, and not agitate a situation by Mr. Hale then moved to lay the appeal on the table and Mr. Allen demanded the

> Allen, Cannon (Utah), Heitfeld The senate then, at 5:15, went into execu-

are constantly seeking to benefit the cause tive session and ten minutes later ad-

Omaha Commercial Club's Resolu-

tions Are Sent In. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 .- (Special Telegram.)-The resolutions reported to the Commercial club of Omaha and adopted by entry be maintained at Port Arthur, were presented to Secretary Gage today by Senoutlet to foreign countries and gave it as his opinion that nothing of a hasty character would be done in reaching a conclusion. He aid that the whole question was under condderation, but declined to predict what the decision of the Treasury department would

Superintendent Hills of the Treasury de artment issued the necessary orders to Willam Majer of Omaha, to at once commenork on the interior furniture for the postoffice, consisting of racks for mail pouches shelving, etc., for which he is to receiv 2384. On recommendation of Postmaster Euclid Martin, the following have been ap pointed to temporary duty at the new publiuilding: Robert Majors and Charles Souden-urg, watchmen, at \$720 per year; William urg, watchmen, at \$720 per year; william Marse, George Kelley and S. C. Ernest,

Andrew L. Wiggins has been appointed forekeeper in the customs house at Omaha

\$900 a year. The secretary of the interior today re ersed the decision of the land commissioner in the case of Anna Anderson, involving ends in the Watertown land district.

The land commissioner has submitted a sketch to the secretary of the interior show-ing the proposed plan for exhibit of the general land office at the Transmississippi Exposition. It is proposed to erect a four-sided frame work covering an area of floor space of about 100 square feet. In each frame will be placed, an enlarged fac simile of the iand office map of Nebraska; the enlarged township plat in which the city of Omeha is located; a representation of the first Unite-States patent to land in Nebraska and i large land office map of the United States It is also proposed to place figures represent ing a surveyor with a transit on the top of of the exhibit. The Smithsonian institution offered to present to the land office a figure for this puropse. It is estimated that this exhibit will cost about 1,200 and it will doubtless be approved by the secretary.

REWARD FOR BAKER'S MURDERERS

Department Investigating Killing of

Colored Postmaster, WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.-Information of day in a dispatch from Inspector Williams that district, who has headquarters at Chattanooga. Inspector Williams will sena an inspector to the scene at once to inves-tigate and make a full report. When this obtained the Department of Justice will be asked to prosecute the persons engaged in the crkne. Baker, who is said to have been a respectable colored man and who had previously taught school, was appointed to the office in July last. It is said at the department that he was a man of quiet, unobtrusive habits and had filled the position only a short time when threats of poison were made against him. There was no place in the city to be had for the posthat may involve us in hostilities, but while suburbs. The citizens boycotted the office with some degree of success. No serious complaints had been received conce the condition of affairs very recently. been received concerning postmaster general has offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of the persons who burned the postoffice and a reof the persons who murdered the postmaster at the same time. Postmaster General Gary has issued an order to discontinue the office at Lake City from this time.

TRY TO PROTECT MOONSHINERS.

Southern Members of the House Defeat Appropriation for informers. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 .- A variety of subjects occupied the attention of the house during the consideration of the sundry civi appropriation bill. Mr. Mahany of New York made an attack on the patriotism of some of the social leaders of New York, whom he said held high revel while the nation was bowed down with grief over the loss of life resulting from the Maine explo-

The southern members who have for years been fighting the appropriation for "inform ers" on illicit distilleries succeeded in kill-ing the appropriation in committee of the whole, but Chairman Cannon gave notice that he would demand an aye and nay vote American Revolution was taken up with business incidental to the report of the Con-

HALL FOR REVOLUTIONARY RELICS

Daughters of the Revelution Propose

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.-Nearly all the

morning session of the Daughters of the

fito Erect One.

add \$5,000 out of the general fund of the society to that already on hand for the project and individual contributions were promised sufficient to make the grand date of the Continental Hall fund about \$42, 000. Mrs. Stevenson, the president general, presided at the meeting, and Mrs. T. C. Noyes sang the "Star Spangled Banner."

Pertnining to Postoffices. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.-(Special Telerice A. Bruce, resigned. Iowa-Charles A. Beebe, Nevinsville,

dams county. South Dakota-Ernest Weiland, Delmont Douglas county. him referred to the Bureau of Marine and William J. McDonald of Olin, Ia., was Surgery, where it will be kept for further today appointed clerk in the rallway mail service.

Senate Confirms Nominations. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.-The senate to lay confirmed these nominations: To be receivers of public moneys: G. Case, at Watertown, S. D. Postmasters: Nebraska-F. G. Simmons,

Seward; W. H. Andrews, Lewington.

Secretary Alger Much Improved. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.-Secretary Alger as returned from Fort Monroe greatly imroved in health and today called on the president. He walked with a firm step and emed to have almost completely recovered from his illness. News for the Army.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 .- (Special Tele gram.)-The following transfers have been made in the Tenth cavalry: Captain Charles T Cooper, from troop A to troop F; Cap-tain William H .Beck, from troop E to troop A.

Dally Treasury Statement. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.-Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$225,750,247; gold reserve, \$167,165,677.

Harper's for March-Out today. A striking number. Geta it of your newsdealer WRECKING TUG REACHES HAVANA.

Divers Making Progress in Examining the Maine. HAVANA, Feb. 23 .- The tug Right Arm, elonging to the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking company, with additional divers and apparatus, arrived here this morning.

The wounded are doing well. The Olivette may take two bodies to the United States this afternoon. The Identity of the corpors not known. It is reported that five bodies robably of firemen, were found under the hatch leading to the fire room today.

Ash Wednesday is passing very quietly. The churches were crowded with pe-

been collected, were buried in a tomb in the cemetery of Columbus. Thousands of th est people were present at the ceremony Father Jose Palacio, president of the Jesuit college here, made an address. The provincial of all the Jesuits, Father Power, fro the United States, was also present. The ashes represent the remains of Jesuits burle in different places within the last forty-fou years. Those engaged in examining the wreck of Maine hope today to settle the question

definitely as to whether the ten-inch maga zine on the starboard side forward blow up It is suggested that the public should bea about in, even when affoat and the difficul ties are therefore much greater when such a ship is wrecked red under water. This counts for the slowness of the results of Miss Clara Barton, president of the Red Croos society in the United States, is ac-lively engaged in the relief work and a

estem now prevails, where lack of it was ormerly noted. The survivors here of the Maine received oday their first mail advices from home since he war ship was destroyed, and every one hastening to prepare mail for the eteamer

salling at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Up to last night 158 bodies of the crew of the battleship had been buried, all of iem with religious services. Senor Jose Poo, the lawyer who was younded on Sunday by the explosion of a somb at the Irijoa theater while a masquerade ball was in progress, died yester-day. The others who were wounded at the same time as Senor Poo are progressing

General Altamira, governor of Fort Caperson, died yesterday and was buried today Brigadier General Masso of the insurgent rmy had a conference with Captain General

SPAIN WILL NEVER SELL CUBA

People Who Suggest it Only Wasting Their Time. NEW YORK, Feb. 23 .- A dispatch to the Herald from Madrid says: As the question of the purchase of Cuba is again being pushed in Washington, it may be of use to state, on the highest authority, that Spain will never, no matter what government is in power, consider any suggestion or any compromise Cuba beyond the broad measure autonomy drafted by government. This is an liberal This is an absolute, in-ision. People who auggest evocable decision. anything else are only wasting time and arousing unfounded hopes.

Muchlehend Sails for Key West. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 23.-The United States cruiser Marblehead sailed at 11:15 to day for Key West, where it will join the North Atlantic squadron at Dry Tortugas. The Marblehead took aboard a small quan-

tity of coal. An immense crowd assembled on the river ront as the Marbiehead pulled up its mudhooks and steamed half a mile up the river before turning. As the vessel sped rapidly down the river past the French and Austrian var ships hundreds waved handkerchiefs in farewell, all the vessels in the harbor tooted their whistles, cannon were fired from the shore and the foreign ships dipped their flags. The departure of the ship was without incicalmness and peace. I hope the inquiry now place in the city to be had for the post- dent and created no stir among the officers proceeding in Havana will develop nothing office and it was removed to a school in the honor the city at carnival time.

Mines in Havana Harbor HAVANA, Feb. 23 .-- An American officer with rank sufficient for him to take command of a ship is authority for the statement that a Spanish naval officer some time ago sold to the Washington government a map of Havana, harbor, showing submarine mines. The Spanish deny this statement and say the mines exist only in imagination. The cubans, on the other hand, claim there are cral Merritt will visit are at Mobile, Charles-rine galleries under the harbor, leading ton Galveston, Savannah, Pensacola and Key from subterreanean passages known to have existed for years between Fort Canabas and Moro Castle and this port.

Activity at Fort Thomas. CINCINNATI, Feb. 23.—There has been nuch activity at Fort Thomas, in Kentucky. or some days. While all the troops were nder special discipline with extra drilling, clonel Cochran, the commandant, and other officers refused to be interviewed. Today the troops were supplied with 150 counds each. Battery B of the Ohio National Guard, under Captain Herman, today advertised for re-

Putting Ships in Trim. VALLEJO, Feb. 23 .- There are now at the taking any action of that kind, the United States ought to have a clear and unquestioned statement of the expressed the opinion that the case. He expressed the opinion that the case-present time would be productive of the Treasury department of the friction that would be States to prevent the conveyance to the Cu-

Harbor.

REACH NAVY DEPARTMENT FROM HAVANA

Navy Regulations Prevent Officers from Talking-Monitor Terror Held on Waiting Orders.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 .- There was a

Maine disaster in both State and Navy departments up to poon today, no telegrams having come in over night, and none having been dispatched. A reminder of the disaster, however, reached the Navy departbrine flavored package enclosing the medical journal of the Maine. This document came gram.)-Postmasters appointed: Nebraska through Consul General Lee's mail pouch -John Hittle, Benbrook, Keya Paha county, to the State department instead of through the mails, from which it was probably barred the court of inquiry. by its weight. It was turned over to the chief clerk of the Navy department and by him referred to the Bureau of Marine and reference in case of necessity. The officials say the package was under water four days from its appearance and it still bears evilence of that fact besides having an pleasant brackish odor. The blue mark lines ruled on the paper by the government printing office are nearly faded out, but the reading in the journal in the metalic ink used by the navy is clear and distinct. Of course, there is nothing in the book bearing upon the disaster, but it is a tribute to the methodical habits of Surgeon Henneberger the Maine's medical officer, that the record was brought up to the last moment before the wreck of the ship, the last enery be-Ing February 15. While there remains an air of expectancy

among the payal officers whenever there is the least suggestion of news from Hayana, the department appears to have settled pretty well down into its old routine. There is no longer much disposition exhibited to theorize as to the cause of the disaster. Probably this is from lack of evidence to base theory on, or because the ingenuity of the expert in devising hypothetis has been exhausted. TERROR ON WAITING ORDERS.

No orders have yet gone out to the big double-turreted monitor Terror, so the situa-tion as to it remains as it did yesterday when Secretary Long stated that it was being held for orders at Norfolk. In regard to the statement coming from Key West that naval officers there had been earned by Admiral Sicard, at the instance of ie Navy department, not to discuss the Maine disaster publicly and with newspaper men, it is said by naval officers that this is only the usual course, for the regulations especially prohibit such discussions as are alculated to effect improperly the concluion of the court of inquiry end also perhaps o cause interposition of obstacles to the It is probable that like intructions have been given to the few naval officers who remain with Captain Sigsbee at Havana, engaged in paying the last sad rite

o the bodies of the victims. Consul General Lee in the course of friendly talk in Havana with Americans may have expressed the view that there are at present other places more desirable as reorus for persons who have no particular busnees there than Havana, but the State department authorizes the announcement that has not yet been advised that he has either officially or semi-officially delivered himself of any expression on the subject. The Spansh legation also discredits reports that General Lee has given any such warning, as Mr du Bose, the charge d'affaires, said today that such complete quiet and harmony exsted today at Havana that it was manifestly out of the question that any such warning all at the department that no message has been conveyed to the owners of American vessels at New Orleans, or elsewhere, that it would not be the trouble of the correspondents and quadtime.

Secretory Long received a letter today before Admiral Steard at Key West. The admiral writes that he has not regained him health and will not go to sea with the He will remain at his hotel of Coy West and maintain command of admiral ill at Key West and the soulor offi-cer of his fleet, Captain Sampson, engaged in the investigation at Havana, probabl on Captain Toylor, now commanding the Massachusetts and commonly regarded as Galveston this afternoon. The Texas goes one of the brightest and brainiest efficers

in the mayal service.
Simulteneously with the departure of the Texas and Nashville from Galveston the Marblehead will leave New Orleans and the Detroit will leave Mobile for Key West. The result will be to bring together the large number of vessels under Almiral Sleard of Roy West and the immediate vicinity. These name for the Galveston fortifications is comwill be the New York, Indiana Massachusetts, Texas, Iowa, Marblehead, Detroit, Galveston tonight.

Nashville, Montgomery, Ericsson and Cush-Cruiser Montgomery, Takes Coal.

INSPECTION OF FORTIFICATIONS. General Merritt Starts on a Tour

Soon.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.-The World says: Major General Merritt, in command of the Department of the East of the United States army, will start on a tour of inspection of the southern fortifications before the end of the week. It was his original intention to leave Governor's island today for New Or-leans, but at midnight it was generally under stood that he would not be able to start for a day or two. This sudden move on the part of General Merritt, following so closely upon the recent order of General Miles rela-tive to the absolute necessity of completing the new works of defense at the fortifications throughout the country, has created quite a sensation in army circles. Ostensibly he is mission is of far greater importance than the regulation visit to the stations. It is believed that work on the new ordnance for the southern fortifications has not been going with sufficient rapidity to satisfy either a disease that can in every case be cured by General Miles or General Merritt. guns only three are now in position. Fort Wadsworth has fared more fortunately Another development which has a direct bearing on General Merritt's departure is the artillery bill which yesterday passed the senate. This bill provides for the maintenance of two more artillery regiments. It is

the intention of General Meritt to have one of these quartered at Sandy Hook. The other will, in all probability, be distributed among the various posts along the Atlantic coast.
When General Miles sent word to General Merritt relative to the necessity of getting all available ordnance ready for immediate use he especially referred to the work under way at Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth. It is General Merritt's intention to first visit New Orleans and inspect Fort Philip

Said an officer at Governor's island last "The passing of the artillery bill will night: hange the entire state of affairs at Sandy Hook. Just now the only thing we can us men for down there is to keep the gand from clogging the machinery of the guns. With the new regiments, however, all will be as it should be. One of the regiments will be stationed at the Hook. That has already been practically decided. I am quite co vinced that the work on the quarters of the officers and for the men there will be pushed forward with all possible speed. Just now we have far too many officers for our men. but under the new appropriation this evil

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.-Major General

of his aides the general announced that his trip was his regular annual inspection. INGALLS DEPRECATES WAR TALK.

Water-Tooked Fook Taken Out of Havana Conditions Such This Country Should Not Become Involved. ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 23.-John J. Ingalla of Kansas is in Atlanta and expresses himself emphatically against the present agitation for war in view of the fact that international politics are in so delicate a condi-

tion that to precipitate hostilities would, he

thinks, place the United States in en

equivocal position. it develops that the Maine disaster total lack of official news respecting the tremendous explosion that has ever been known in the world's history. I am convinced that a struggle for the re-adjustment of frontiers to not far off, and, in view of ment in the shape of a water stained and this possibility, I do not think it potriotic wise to seek to plunge this nation into war without due deliberation and full provo-

> Mr. Ingells cays judgment should be susended until an official report is made by

HANNA REPUDIATES INTERVIEW Story that He Considered War In-

evitable Denied. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 .- Sensational reports having been circulated that Senator Hanna had expressed the belief that a conflict between the United States and Spain was imminent, the attention of the senator was called to them. He emphatically denied them, saying. :"I do not believe there is anything in the Maine incident or in our relations to Spain regarding Cuba that will lead to war. I am firmly of the opinion that the explosion on the Maine was due to accident and I think that the naval court of inquiry will reach the same conclusion. "And congress will do nothing?"

"What is there for congress to do? There is no information except a lot of sensational stories upon which to base all this talk of war. Even the accretary of the navy has no information, and as long as the president and the secretary of the navy and all the rest of the cabinet keep cool and quiet, there s no need for the rest of the United States

No," said Senator Hanna in conclusion, "I honestly and frankly do not see any reason for the excitement that is being created. There will be no war.

SPANISH OFFICIALS ARE ANXIOUS. Realize Relations with United States Are Strained.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The Evening Star has ceceived the following from its staff correspondent in Cuba: HAVANA (vin Key West), Feb. 23—Inquiry into the Maine disaster progresses along definite lines. The results so far may be summed up in the statement that the probabilities that it was an accident seem to decrease with the progress of the investigation.

restigation.
The most intense anxiety is shown by the The most intense anxiety is shown by the Spanian officials here, who are in constant communication with Madrid. They realize that the relations with the United States were never so much in danger of rupture as now. This is the general feeling. The commercial classes here are hopeful of American intervention on peaceful lines, but what they base their hopes on is unknown. The insurgents continue to win minor military successes. The autonomists are restless, and some of the leaders seem on the point of breaking away from the government. Army officers continue to show an anti-American sentiment. They are apan anti-American sentiment. They are ap parently the only class that do

for an early crisis. PEPPER PRESS CENSORSHIP IS RIGID.

Matter Must Be Submitted in Both Spanish and English. HAVANA, Feb. 23.—The censorship of the press is strict and according to a recent afe for them to visit Cuban ports at this ruples delay. The means of communication in Havana, a large city, are rather primitive, and the work of visiting ships in the

harbor is tedious.

At the palace during the hours when Lieutenant Colonel Mendez, the censor, is present, there can always be found a long lin of newspaper men anxiously awaiting happroval or disapproval of their matter, as squadron from that place so long as it re-nains in the harbor there. Should the of daily newspapers published here, and quadron be obliged to 20 to sea with the matters for newspapers in Spain, must be

Texas and Nashville Rejoin the Fleet. GALVESTON, Tex., Feb. 23.-The battleship Texas and gunboat Nashville sailed from to rejoin Admiral Sicard's fleet and the Nashville to Key West for orders. It has been reported that the Nashville would be sent to Havana to replace the Maine, but if Captain Maynard has any such orders he has given no hint of it here.

The big ten-inch gun, the first of the ordnance for the Galveston fortifications is com-

Cruiser Montgomery Takes Coal. TAMPA, Fig., Feb. 23.—The cruiser Motomery arrived here this morning from San Domlugo direct, with Crowinshield of the Bureau of Navigation on board, who nce left for Washington. shield refused to say anything about trip or his haste. Chief Converse said had orders to go to Key West at once are took on a supply of coal and water. To cruiser will probably sail tomorrow.

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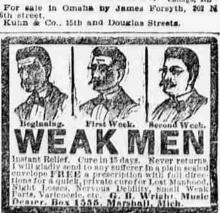
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