

SAVES MANY LIVES

America's Charity Comes Like an Angel to Starving Cubans.

ABUNDANCE OF SUPPLIES FOR TEN DAYS

Bakeries in Havana Turn Into Bread All Flour Received.

PEOPLE LIVE ON CORN MEAL AND BACON

Three Hundred Tons of Meal Are Now Needed Each Week.

FIFTY TONS OF BACON TO GO WITH IT

Recipients of These Free Gifts Bless the Generous Hands Which Send Them.—Report from Louis Klopsch.

HAVANA, March 22.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—American relief work in Cuba is in a most excellent condition. Heretofore the inadequacy of supplies from America made operations on so large and satisfactory a scale impossible. Today there are enough aboard for thirty days' requirements. On the arrival of the next cargo, due Thursday, every known center of destitution will immediately be provisioned for ten days and 200,000 men and women will be sustained by America's practical sympathy.

LETTERS and telegrams from consuls and consular agents received by me within three days fully confirm the generally accepted views as to the magnitude and intensity of the awful destitution. Consul McGerr of Cienfuegos, heretofore incredulous, now reports 15,000 destitute in his consular district and believes it is worse. Tomorrow on Estrella street we open a central station for the relief of 12,000 destitute in Havana, also a diet kitchen for 2,000 sick in San Lazaro street. Bakeries in Havana and suburbs are turning into bread all the flour received. The situation in a nutshell is that there are 205,000 reconcentrados in 402 towns and villages. Three hundred tons of corn meal and fifty tons of bacon weekly can save them. All look to America as their only hope and bless its people for the good already done.

MAINE'S OFFICERS ORDERED HOME.

ALL Likely to Leave Havana by Steamer Today. HAVANA, March 22.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—All probably the officers of the Maine on duty at Havana will be ordered home tomorrow. It is believed that orders have already been received, but held until the last minute to avert publicity. Three officers are known to have already packed their trunks to sail on the mail steamer Marcotte tomorrow.

TRY TO UNLOAD UPON UNCLE SAM.

Brokers Offer Job Lots of War Material at Fancy Prices. LONDON, March 22.—The return of the United States ambassador, Colonel John Hay, to London from Egypt has brought to the market a swarm of war munition men and brokers offering for sale a large quantity of their renewed efforts to sell to the United States obsolete craft at preposterous prices. Two brokers offered one ship at prices \$750,000 apiece.

EXPLOSION WAS FROM THE OUTSIDE.

Spanish Minister Informs His Government of Court's Findings. MADRID, March 22.—The government has received a dispatch from its minister at Washington, Senor Polo y Bernabe, saying that the report of the United States naval court, appointed to inquire into the loss of the battleship Maine, holds the explosion was of external origin.

OLD Timers for New Battleships.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Nine troopers of light battery A, Second artillery, U. S. A., will leave Fort Sheridan tomorrow for Fort Stearns, N. Y., where they will enter the new artillery regiments, the Sixth and Seventh, to assist in the work of drilling and organizing recruits. They will be given noncommissioned offices in the new regiments. This is the second squad of Fort Sheridan men ordered to the seaboard garisons within two weeks, twenty-one soldiers having been sent with a similar purpose about a fortnight ago.

Chaplain Chadwick's Report.

HAVANA, March 22.—Chaplain Chadwick has completed his report, which shows that 257 men and two officers perished in the catastrophe, six succumbed to their injuries while lying in the San Ambrosio hospital here, one died on the Spanish transport, 171 bodies have been recovered from the wreck, of which sixty-one have been identified; 161 have been buried in Colon cemetery and eleven at Key West.

New Orleans Finishes Coaling.

LONDON, March 22.—The New Orleans (formerly the Amazon) and the San Francisco completed coaling today. The latter cruiser will await orders. The former will go at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning to Halifax to ship powder and ammunition previously ordered by Brazil and will then await orders.

Ambassador Hitchcock Presented.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—Ethan Allen Hitchcock, the new United States ambassador to Russia, had an audience with the czar yesterday and presented his credentials.

people will eat. It is not likely to be stolen and will save the starving country people of Cuba.

The Havana press again breaks out against correspondents. American food for Cubans is also objected to in a vigorous, continuous manner. It is evidently the daily propaganda established in favor of letting the Cubans starve. There is much anxiety here over the effect of the expected report on the Maine. The volunteers have not yet been persuaded to deposit their arms in the arsenals. The general situation is most depressing.

SPAIN NOW TALKS ARBITRATION.

Wants to Have the Maine Difference Settled by the Way.

MADRID, March 22.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—La Correspondencia having published telegrams from Washington foreshadowing the contents of the American report on the Maine, probable developments on this affair have been the principal topics in political, financial and diplomatic circles today. The people seem generally perplexed and anxious about the line of conduct their own government will take.

Spanish Papers Urged Their Government to Follow U. S. Example.

MADRID, March 22.—The papers here publish full reports of the movements of the United States war ships and of the defensive preparations being made by the government of the United States. It is reported that the Spanish war ship selected to accompany the torpedo fleet has sailed from the coast of the Canary Islands. It appears that the delay in the voyage is due to the fact that the Arctis, one of the Spanish torpedo boats, sustained some light damage while on its way from Cadiz to the Canaries.

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COURT FINDINGS EN ROUTE

Commander Marix Starts with Them for Washington.

EXPECTED TO REACH THERE THURSDAY

Bearer of Documents Left Key West for Miami Yesterday Afternoon—Strikes the Railroad at that Point.

KEY WEST, Fla., March 22.—Lieutenant Commander Marix left by West this afternoon on his way to Washington by the way of Miami, taking with him the report of the court on the disaster.

Commander Marix brought the report ashore from the Nashville today and Rear Admiral Sicard, with Commander Marix, spent several hours in its further revision.

All the officers of the Maine except Paymaster's Clerk McCarthy have received orders to leave for their homes and to await orders, as in the case of other officers who left here last week. This is considered to be evidence that the court will not require the corroboration of technical evidence, as was thought a few days ago.

Before leaving Key West Commander Marix said nothing could be given out about the work of the court of inquiry or its findings. Personally the commander said he was intensely relieved at completing his labor.

The decision reached by the court is still a matter of surmise. Perhaps some significance may be attached and conclusions drawn from a remark made by Admiral Sicard last night, when he said to a correspondent: "The case of the Maine is most peculiar, perhaps the most peculiar which has ever occurred in the history of the world." From the general tone of his remarks, it might be inferred that the court findings do not definitely solve the mystery of the explosion. This is further borne out by the admiral's statement that even after the report had been sent to the admiral, the department may require further investigation.

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ing to carry out the plans in the province of Puerto Principe and Santiago de Cuba proposed prior to the general's arrival at the city of Santiago de Cuba.

The fact that General Gomez remains inside the Jucaro-Moron trenches and in General Pando's rear makes the latter the subject of criticism upon the part of military men in Havana. However, in view of the fact that the details from Spaniards and Mexicans are meager, all judgment placed is liable to revolve on receipt of fuller information. The insurgents recently captured and destroyed Fort Oleso, in the district of San Juan Mareo, province of Pinar del Rio. Five of the Spanish garrison were killed and five wounded.

The rumors that General Pando has been recalled and is awaited here with 8,000 men are pronounced to be without foundation. General Pando and Salcedo, it is given out, are continuing their operations in Puerto Principe province.

The Spanish cruiser Alfonso XII entered the new floating dock today, in order to have its hull cleaned, but owing, it is said, to some difficulty with the electric battery the dock, as this dispatch is sent, had not been floated.

It is announced from Spanish sources that the Spanish brigadier, Rafael Cabrera, died recently from sickness at the farm of Laa Olivas in the district of Sancti Spiritus, province of Santa Clara.

In a skirmish at Jibaro eight insurgents were killed, according to the Spanish report, and the government forces also lost eight men killed.

WILL NOT CONSIDER INDEMNITY.

Spain Will Appeal to Powers for Intervention.

NEW YORK, March 22.—"I am in a position to inform you—and it is highly important just now in connection with the political calculations of the immediate future—that the Spanish government will refuse to accept any finding of the Maine commission which may suggest Spanish responsibility," says the Madrid correspondent of the Herald.

The Spanish minister's view is that the imputation which such a finding would have, if admitted, would forever be an irremovable blot upon Spain's reputation as a civilized country, which it could not possibly bear.

"If the report of the commission throws blame upon Spain, which would carry with it a call for indemnity, the peninsular government will forthwith make an appeal to the combined European powers on the plea of equity and common fairness to intervene in favor of Spain against what every Spaniard would regard as the most monstrous and unjust demand which such a finding would have."

"It is hoped that under such circumstances the United States will agree to the appointment of a neutral court of naval constructors, who could carry out their work with perfectly unbiased minds, a condition almost impossible to officers of the United States, who would naturally seek to exonerate their service from all fault or blame and would look upon Spain as an enemy. It may be stated, however, that the ministry still clings to the thought that the commission cannot possibly return a verdict other than that the explosion was accidental."

"Constant reference is plans for the solution of the Cuban question by means of purchase, coming from Washington, causes great alarm here, and will not be entertained. There are other means—noncommercial ones—by which, if autonomy is not successful, independence could be given to Cuba, but it must come through some third and friendly power."

CHINESE WITHHOLD PUNISHMENT.

Militia Prevents Execution of the Murderers of a Missionary.

SHANGHAI, March 22.—Further telegrams from Chung King Fu regarding the execution of the Methodist military mission in the Kiang Peh country show that the Chinese militia is now there in large force and refuses to allow the execution of the death sentence passed upon the murderer of the student who was killed by the rioters, who also destroyed the mission, as announced in three dispatches on March 16.

The secretary of the navy has demanded that the tactical dispatches be filled, execute the murderer, arrest the leaders of the rioters, pay 500,000 taels for the property destroyed, allow the mission to recoup its premises and engage to protect the members of the mission.

NATIVES DEFEAT THE FRENCH.

Quantities of Arms and Ammunition Captured.

PARIS, March 22.—The steeler today says a French expedition sent against Boadirin, in the island of Madagascar, has met with serious resistance, six officers and 100 men being killed. The insurgents, it is added, also captured a number of rifles and 125,000 cartridges.

Dock Laborers Strike.

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COLON, Colombia, March 22.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The Panama railroad dock laborers struck today, the men refusing to accept the superintendent's proposal for a night work. The men demanded \$2 a day. The present rate is \$1.50 per day. All the laborers here are in sympathy with the strikers and the strike is general, affecting all the other wharves, and the steamers are lying idle. The Panama railroad's steamer Advance arrived today from New York but cannot discharge its mails. The German agency is likely to accede to the demands of the men.

England Not Plotting for Hawaii.

LONDON, March 22.—In the House of Commons today, Sir James Ferguson, conservative member for north-west Manchester, questioned the government as to whether there was any truth in the accusations brought in the United States senate committee on foreign relations Hawaii report to the effect that Great Britain was plotting for the absorption of Hawaii. Mr. Curzon, the parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, in reply said he did not know whether the published statement of the accusations was authentic, but if such were the case, he added, there was no truth