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NOT UNTIL MONDAY.

PRESIDENT WITHHOLDS HIS CUBAN MESSAGE.

AT GEN. LEE'S REQUEST.

The United States Consul in Havana Would Not Be Responsible for His Charges' Lives—Senators Accept President's Decision, While in Executive Session, Without Comment.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—It is now early certain that the President's message will not be sent to congress until Monday.

Before the senate met the President sent for Senators Lodge, Frye and Davis, and also for Representatives Cannon, Dingley and Adams. After they came out from the White house they refused to say a word regarding their conference, but on arrival of Senator Davis at the capitol he saw his colleagues on the foreign relations committee and informed one of them that no message would be sent to-day. Senator Davis immediately moved and obtained an executive session.

In the executive session Mr. Davis stated that the President had sent for him for the especial purpose of asking this delay and had shown as a reason for the request a telegram from Consul General Lee, saying that if the message should be sent in before Monday he would not be responsible for American lives in Cuba.

Hence, the President did not consider it wise or humane to send in the message, Mr. Lodge said, which might precipitate serious trouble and endanger the lives of these people.

No comment whatever was made upon the Senator's communication, and after it was made the Senate returned to its executive work.

At the White house the definite statement was authorized that the message would not go in to-day.

It can now be stated authoritatively that after conference with members of the foreign affairs committees of both houses, the President has decided not to send his message until Monday.

The conference for Republicans tonight has been declared off.

The navy department has been informed of the departure of the Bache and Mangrove from Havana with a large number of Americans on board. It is stated, however, that General Lee did not sail.

THE CHINESE GRAB.

Official Statement in British House of Commons—China Likely to Collapse.

LONDON, April 7.—The house of commons was crowded with people anxious to hear the statement of Mr. Balfour, acting secretary of state for foreign relations, on the subject of the situation in the far East.

Mr. Balfour enumerated the concessions obtained by Great Britain, namely that the region of the Yung Tse Kiang should not be alienated by any foreign power; that the successor of Sir Robert Hart as director of the Chinese imperial maritime customs is to be an Englishman, and that access to the inland waters is to be had by ships of all nations.

A fourth concession, Mr. Balfour continued, occurred only a day or two ago, namely the opening of three new treaty ports, Funing, Yochau and Chin Wang. This, according to Mr. Balfour, was a considerable harvest for two months' negotiations.

Russia had also given assurances, but he was bound to admit that the form of those assurances had changed. Touching upon Wei-Hai-Wei, Mr. Balfour said that, Russia having secured Port Arthur, on the maritime approach to Peking, Great Britain had secured Wei-Hai-Wei to balance matters.

Mr. Balfour also said the government thought Russia had pursued an unfortunate course in taking Port Arthur, which, as Russia herself said, in 1895, when Japan proposed to occupy it, would, in the hands of any foreign power, constitute a menace to the capital of China.

Relative to the security of the future, Mr. Balfour said it could not be denied that the indications were that China might collapse, and, with further decay, fragments might be snapped up by the various powers. But it would be a mistake to allow Great Britain's policy to be governed by remote contingencies, adding:

"We desire to maintain the integrity of China so far as possible, but it must be recollected that the future will probably have strange surprises in store."

SENATORS NOT AGREED.

Opposition to Intervention Without Armed Force—Two Senate Factions.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—A debate which occurred in the executive session of the senate late yesterday afternoon would indicate that, no matter what was the character of the resolution to come from the committee on foreign relations, the resolution would cause a serious and perhaps prolonged discussion. It emphasized the fact that there are two elements in the senate—one for independence with intervention, another for intervention alone, and these two factions will fight vigorously for their ideas.

The greater part of the speech making was in opposition to the executive, and no one attempted to outline the probable action of the committee. There was also a recurrence to the intention of the president to withhold the Cuban consular correspondence, and suggestion was made that, if this matter was of a character too inflammable to permit of its being made public, it be given to the senate in secret session.

Would Be Glad to Arbitrate.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Senator DeBosc, late charge d'affaires of Spain, who was in charge during the critical period following the Maine disaster, to-day authorized the following statement:

"The report of the Spanish committee which investigated the Maine disaster has not yet had time to reach Madrid from Havana. Notwithstanding this, the Spanish government is ready to submit the evidence of both sides to the impartial judgment of the expert opinion of the maritime nations of the world."

Postoffice Robbers Get \$300.

HUMANSVILLE, Mo., April 7.—Burglars robbed the postoffice at Wheeland, an inland town about twenty-five miles from here, last night, and secured over \$300. They also robbed several stores and blew open the heavy safe of a jeweler and carried off about \$100 worth of jewelry. Last week the postoffice and two stores at Weaubeau, another Hickory county town near here, were robbed. No clue has been found.

Many Miners on a Strike.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 7.—In direct opposition to the instructions of President Dolan who left for Ohio, coal miners in the Pittsburgh district to the number of 4,500 are now on a strike and to-day's mass meeting at West Elizabeth may result in a large addition to this number.

A \$10,000 Mining Deal.

JOPLIN, Mo., April 7.—A \$10,000 mining deal was made yesterday at Central City, four miles west of Joplin, one-half interest in the Willow Mining company's plant and lease on four mining lots being sold to A. McCullough, Jr., and A. Brownlee of New York for that amount.

Wichita Republicans Win.

WICHITA, Kan., April 7.—The Republicans elected all but two members of the council. The total vote of the city was less than 3,000, or about half of the registration.

THE HEARING BEGUN.

Case Brought by Mr. Tibbles Against the Railroad in Supreme Court.

The hearing in the case of the complaint filed by T. H. Tibbles against the railroad companies of this state charging that freight rates in Nebraska were 20 per cent too high began Wednesday of this week in the capitol building. Morning & Berge of this city appeared as attorneys for Tibbles. The various railroads were represented by a cloud of counsel. Ex-Senator Manderson of the B. & M. was put forward to make the chief argument, assisted by B. T. White of the Elkhorn and J. W. Orr of the Missouri Pacific.

The first act of the railroad attorneys was to move to dismiss the Tibbles' complaint on the ground, first, that the act creating the present state board of transportation was unconstitutional and second, that the board was enjoined by the federal courts from ordering any reduction of rates. This motion was argued to great length on both sides. The board finally overruled the motion and declared that it would proceed with an investigation for the purpose of determining whether the present rates were reasonable. Senator Manderson then protested vigorously against going on to take oral testimony in the case, declaring that had too much to do to waste two weeks of his time attending sessions of the board and hearing evidence.

The board finally decided that it would make out a list of questions for the purpose of securing statistical information and send them to the roads and that it would hold a hearing for the purpose of taking oral testimony in addition to this. A continuance was taken until the questions could be prepared.

SOLD MINES TO SPAIN.

Absolute Proof That the Dons Got Explosives in London.

LONDON, April 6.—Details have been obtained of the manufacture of submarine mines in London for Spain, which was first brought to the attention of the United States embassy on March 5.

Lieutenant Commander J. G. Colwell, the United States naval attaché, has since investigated the matter and has made a report on the subject to the United States government. The facts learned strongly tend to show that Havana harbor was mined, and unquestionably prove that Spain purchased mines for that purpose. The firm of Lattimer, Rhodes & Clark, electrical engineers during 1887-88 filed a large order for Spain of a lot of mines in which were used fourteen and one-half tons of gun cotton. The work was directly under the surveillance of General Fernandez and Captain Bustamante. The latter was then the head of the Spanish torpedo school. By order of these officers the mines were divided into four consignments, for Havana, Ferrol, Cadiz and Carthagena.

The mines were manufactured under the direction of J. P. Gibbons, after Gibbons' patents, which are described in Scieman's book on torpedoes and mines. Gibbons, who is a former sergeant of engineers and a government inspector of torpedoes, believes the Maine's first explosion was caused by what is technically called a ground mine, containing 500 pounds of gun cotton, several of which were manufactured for Spain.

He has experimented with these mines largely at Portsmouth, and says that once laid, they retain their properties for fifty years. In addition, Gibbons asserts that it is absolutely impossible for them to explode accidentally, as the electric currents for their explosion are formed only by the manipulation of a complicated key board especially devised to prevent accidents.

CAPTURE MATANZAS FIRST.

A Base of Supplies Needed for Land Attack on Havana.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—In case it is decided to send an army to Cuba it is understood that Matanzas will be taken by the naval force and the United States soldiers landed at that point under the guns of the ships. From there it is supposed the troops would proceed to Havana to co-operate with the navy in the capture of that city. It would be several weeks, however, before this land demonstration would be made, as it is generally conceded the navy would act first and possibly for some little time before the army would be available.

CRUISER "TOPEKA."

The Rechristened Diogenes Bought in England, Sails for Weymouth.

GRAVESEND, England, April 7.—The United States cruiser Diogenes, Lieutenant John J. Knapp in command, passed here at 3:40 this afternoon bound for Weymouth, where the United States torpedo boat Somers, commanded by Ensign C. W. Hazleton, arrived on Monday. The Diogenes has been renamed Topeka, after the Kansas capital.

CINCINNATI IS AGROUND.

An Accident to One of the Fleet in Key West Harbor.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 7.—The United States cruiser Cincinnati is aground in the middle of the harbor. She returned from patrol duty this morning and ran on a mud bank directly opposite the government wharf. The tug Leyden is trying to get her off.

BRITAIN WILL NOT MIX IN.

A Refusal of the European Powers' Invitation to Mediate.

LONDON, April 6.—The movement of the powers of Europe for a joint offer of mediation between the United States and Spain has received a severe and probably fatal rebuff in the form of a definite refusal upon the part of Great Britain to participate in it.

It is still uncertain whether the continental powers will finally offer a mediation. Now that Great Britain has cold-shouldered the matter, the diplomats do not believe the United States would accept such an offer, the combination being an evidently biased in favor of Spain that Spain would gladly submit her quarrel to such arbitration.

LINCOLN'S BIG FIRE.

The Principal Corner of the City Goes Up in Smoke.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 2.—A \$200,000 fire raged at Eleventh and O streets from 9 p. m. last night until 3 o'clock this morning, destroying the A. M. Davis and Richards blocks and badly damaging the Lamster block. Nearly all contents of these three blocks were burned, save part of Mrs. Gosper's stock and some office fixtures. The Carter block was damaged. About \$200,000 damage was done. Insurance will figure about \$100,000.

A PERFECT DEATH TRAP.

Havana Harbor Now Contains a Network of Submarine Mines.

HAVANA, April 6.—Forty floating submarine mines were secretly planted in Havana harbor last Wednesday night by the Spanish government. This information comes from official sources and is absolutely correct.

The mines were laid in the narrowest part of the channel between Morro and Punta, in two lines of twenty mines each. They are spherical and float about twenty-four feet under the surface. Each is attached by an anchor chain to a heavy cable anchored on the bottom. The detonation wires run up the chains. There is sufficient force there to paralyze the biggest ship afloat. But if any entering fleet should use counter mines or bow torpedoes on approaching the narrowest part of the entrance to the harbor the mines could be exploded.

THE REPORT AGAINST HANNA.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 7.—There no longer seems to be any doubt that the state senate committee has found that Senator Hanna's friends were guilty of the employment of questionable means in securing his election to the United States Senate. Half a dozen copies of the report were published yesterday, and it is understood were signed by all the members of the committee except Senator Garfield, who will fight the adoption of the report on the floor of the senate.

Senator Allen Offers to Volunteer.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Senator Allen of Nebraska sent the following dispatch to-day: "Silas A. Holcomb, Lincoln, Neb.: Tender all state troops without delay. In the event of war with Spain I desire through you to place my services at the disposal of the state to serve the country in such capacity as you may assign me in defense of the national honor and for Cuban liberty.—William V. Allen."

Obertin College May Close.

OSBERTIN, Ohio, April 7.—Obertin college may have to close its doors. It is in financial straits and has no president.

It Pays to Read the Newspapers.

Little Dot—I just hate compositions. Maama—You like to write letters? Little Dot—Yes, but when I get a blot on my composition I can't draw a ring around it and say it's a lie.

SPAIN ACCOUNTABLE.

Captain Sigbee Called Before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The House committee on foreign affairs met at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Captain Sigbee, Admiral Irwin and several experts in explosives had been summoned to give testimony regarding the blowing up of the Maine. Representative Quigg of New York, before he entered committee room, said that Spain would be held responsible for the blowing up of the Maine. He is in favor of reporting a resolution instructing the President to drive Spain from the western hemisphere.

The members of the committee from the information they have believe war is inevitable unless Spain makes a square backward. An intimation is thrown out that a declaration of war will not be made just yet, because Consul General Lee has cabled that it will require several days to get the Americans off the island.

Topoka Election.

TOPOKA, Kan., April 7.—With the exception of Democratic councilmen in the second and third wards, the Republicans were victorious at the election in this city.

Kansas City Republicans Win.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 7.—The Republicans elected their entire city ticket by majorities ranging from 1,000 to 3,000.

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