

OLNEY IS IN A HURRY

His Impetuosity Gives Canovas a Great Deal of Worry.

STATE DEPARTMENT PASSES THE PREMIER

American Claims Against Spain Have the Right of Way Now.

COMMUNICATIONS BECOME MORE FORMAL

Desires of the United States Are Expressed Without Frills.

SEARCH FOR REASON TO REMOVE WEYLER

Madrid Government Looks for a Pretext on Which to Base the Order for a Change in Cuban Administration.

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MADRID, Feb. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The Spanish government, immediately upon receiving from United States Secretary Taylor the telegram from Secretary Olney, asking for an early explanation of the case of the American citizen Ruiz, called the authorities at Havana to make a strict investigation and wire full and prompt information of what took place at Guanabacoa so that the foreign office may reply to the American State department.

The American consul will be allowed to watch the proceedings, as usual in such cases. It seems that lately the State department at Washington has been more pressing and stiff in its communications asking the Spanish government to settle the many old standing claims that American citizens are especially in Cuba are imprisoned indefinitely pending trial. The Spanish Code of Procedure allows the authorities to adjourn a hearing sine die, as in the Competitor case. Secretary Olney evidently wants to wind up the negotiations on all these points before he leaves office.

Consul General Lee also complains at not being allowed to communicate with consular agents when they report grievances of American citizens.

The gravest preoccupation of the Spanish government now is to find some plausible pretense that will give satisfaction to the opinion both in Spain and in Cuba for removing General Weyler before the proposed reforms are carried out. It is reported that his successor will be Marshal Primo Rivera.

The Spanish legation at Washington has called its favorable impression of President McKinley's attitude toward Spain.

CUBANS A DECLINE AUTONOMY.

Will Accept Nothing from Spain Except Headquarters General Maximo Gomez, Dagamal, Negre, Arripio, Biazan, Pignatelli, Santa Clara, Caba, Jan. 27.—(By Courier to Havana—New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—The Cubans in arms feel they have accomplished too much, suffered too much and been deceived too much in their relations with Spain, past and present, to negotiate for peace on any other basis than absolute freedom. They will not consider autonomy in any form or under any guaranty, no matter how secure it may be. We are yours, as commander-in-chief of the Cuban army, they have categorically stated in answer to the world's question.

The document in which the companies this letter was adopted in full cabinet session, addressed to the proprietor and editor of the World Telegram, is as follows: "We are yours, as commander-in-chief of the Cuban army, they have categorically stated in answer to the world's question."

"To Mr. Pulitzer, Proprietor of the New York World. At the request of your committee, we have signed the following question: 'Would you for Cuba accept autonomy, even if guaranteed by the United States?'"

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FRIENDS OF WHITE METAL

Silver Senators and Representatives Send Forth an Address.

RALLYING CRY FOR THE ORGANIZATION

National Convention to Be Held for the Purpose of Making a Pronouncement on the Money Question.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The following address was issued today by the silver senators and representatives, as the result of a meeting held at Senator Teller's house last night for the organization of the silver republican party.

To the Silver Republicans of the United States: There could not have been a better illustration of the great law by which in free governments the people determine the policy of the nation than the determination of the silver question by the people of the United States.

For years events have been forcing upon the country, with ever-increasing definiteness and emphasis, the necessity of reform in our monetary system, as respects both the coinage of metallic money and the regulation of the paper currency. The investigation, opinions have been gradually forming, and the people are beginning to see the necessity of a change in our present monetary system.

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APPROPRIATION BILLS READY

House Committee Has Its Work on Them Practically Complete.

BUDGET ALL PREPARED FOR INSPECTION

As Soon as the Clerk Can Tabulate the Items the Bill Will Be Ready for Consideration.

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LINCOLN, Feb. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The large appropriation bills are practically made up and will be ready for introduction within the next forty-eight hours. The ways and means committee held its final session tonight at the Lindell hotel and the estimates were turned over to the clerk who will draft the formal bills. There will be two of these bills, one covering the salaries and the other for the maintenance of the state institutions.

The House committee has its work on them practically complete. The budget is all prepared for inspection. As soon as the clerk can tabulate the items the bill will be ready for consideration.

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POPULISTS BLOCK LEGISLATION.

Vote with the Republicans and Prevent Progress on Party Measures.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—(Special Telegram.)

The senate vote today consisted in consideration of committee reports and the consideration of the educational bill in the committee of the whole.

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HAD FIRE AT MILBANK

Greater Portion of the Building Reported to Have Burned.

DISCUSSING THE BILL

Afternoon Spent on the Transmississippi Special Order.

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COLUMBUS, Neb., Feb. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—A dwelling house in Omaha, belonging to Mrs. Abel C. ... was totally destroyed by fire last night. No alarm was rung as the building was at least a half mile from the nearest fire plug.

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HOUSE ON THE EXPOSITION MEASURE

Taken Up by Committee of the Whole Promptly on Time.

OPPOSITION SHOWS ITSELF EARLY

Winslow and Jenkins Make a Fight to Indefinitely Postpone.

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LINCOLN, Feb. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The Transmississippi bill had been made a special order for 2:30 this afternoon and everybody in Lincoln, natives and strangers within the gates, was aware of the fact. Long before the hour set for the after recess assembly the gallery and floor of the house began to fill up.

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