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New Assurance written in 1897	156,955,693.00
Proposals for Assurance Examined and Declined in 1897	24,491,973.00
Income in 1897	48,572,269.53
Assets December 31, 1897	236,876,308.04
Reserve on all existing policies (4 per cent. standard) and all other liabilities	186,333,133.20
Surplus, 4 per cent. standard	50,543,174.84
Paid Policy-Holders in 1897	21,106,314.14

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### NORTH PACIFIC BREWERY

## GREAT EXCITEMENT IN THE HOUSE

Patriotism Brings Out Unanimous  
Support of Chief Magistrate.

### THE SCENE UNPARALLELED

Bill for \$50,000,000 Passed in Short Order  
—Preparations for War Surest Guar-  
anty of Peace—Lee Sticks.

Washington, March 8.—In a spirit of pa-  
triotism, with eloquent words ringing in  
their ears, every member of the house of  
representatives today responded to the  
president's first call to meet the Spanish  
situation by casting his vote for a bill  
pledging in President McKinley's hands  
fifty millions of dollars to be expended  
at his discretion for the nation's de-  
fense. Party lines were swept away and  
with an almost unanimous voice congress  
voted its confidence in the administration.  
Many members who were paired with  
absent colleagues took the responsibility  
of breaking their pairs, an unprecedented  
thing in legislative annals. In order that  
they might go on record in support of this  
vast appropriation to maintain the dignity  
and honor of their country.

Speaker Reed, who, as presiding officer,  
seldom votes, and only in case of a tie  
had his name called and voted in his ca-  
pacity as representative.

The scene of enthusiasm which greeted  
the announcement of the vote, says ill-  
ness none, has seldom been paralleled in  
the house.

All day long the galleries were jammed  
with enthusiastic spectators, applauding  
to the echo the sterling patriotism of the  
words of eloquence which were uttered  
by members on the floor. All the speeches  
were brief. Although four hours were al-  
lowed for debate, so great was the pres-  
sure for time that no one member was  
given more than five minutes, and most  
of them had to content themselves with  
the begrudging fraction of a minute. In all  
34 speeches were made.

With one acclaim, the members from  
north and south, east and west, states  
and territories, battle-scarred veterans of  
the union and confederate armies, all  
joined in proclaiming their support of  
the country's chief magistrate in the face  
of a prospect of war. There was only one  
slight discordant note, caused by the  
speech of General Bingham, of Penn-  
sylvania, a gallant soldier, who served  
with distinction under Hancock. He  
spoke too conservatively for the aroused  
temper of the house, and when he in-  
sisted that our relations with Spain were  
as friendly as they had been for years,  
many of the members hissed him. While  
almost every member who spoke de-  
precated the possibility of war, a wide  
divergence of opinion as to how close  
were hostilities manifested itself in the  
debate.

The general contention by the majority  
among the leaders on both sides was that  
this appropriation, by preparing for war,  
would prove the surest guaranty of peace.  
Others insisted that war's alarms would  
soon be heard and Mann, of Illinois, de-  
clared that war actually existed in all  
save name.

### LEE STICKS BY SHIP.

Havana, March 8.—Some persons, in or-  
der to increase the excitement, are urging  
General Lee to resign, but the consul-  
general of the United States said to a cor-  
respondent today:

"I will stick by the ship of state until  
the clouds roll by."

The resignation of W. D. Barker, consul  
at Sacca La Grande, was confirmed by  
today's advices. Barker has been on the  
verge of nervous prostration. Alexander  
C. Price, United States consul at Matanzas,  
says he cannot stand much longer  
the strain under which he has lived the  
last two years.

The naval court today continued its  
work, spending some time on the wreck.  
There is nothing known officially yet  
about the deportation of any of the news-  
paper correspondents, except Honore  
Laine, who was arrested Saturday.

### MORE GUNS RECEIVED.

New York, March 8.—Thirty-two new  
rapid-fire guns have been received at the  
Brooklyn navy yard. Some of the guns  
will be placed on the dispatch boat Dol-  
phin which has been into commission  
April 1. Six of them will go to the cruis-  
ers Atlanta and Chicago, which are now  
being overhauled at the navy yard.

A consignment of 32 five-inch gun-  
nery have also been received at the  
yard. These mounts are all of the latest  
pattern. The 15 guns remaining at Jer-  
sey City will be taken to the navy yard  
tomorrow. A large amount of five and  
six-inch projectiles was recently received  
at the navy yard and immediately trans-  
ferred to Fort Lafayette where the am-  
munition for naval ordnance is stored.  
The work of sending large consignments  
of 8, 10 and 12 and 18-inch projectiles and  
large amounts of powder from Lafayette  
to Key West is still going on. From the  
Florida posts these shells and the powder  
will be distributed among the vessels  
of Admiral's Seward's fleet.

## ONLY A MIRACLE CAN KEEP PEACE

Not Since Napoleonic Wars Has  
Danger So Threatened.

### SPAIN'S AWKWARD POSITION

President McKinley Cool and Adhering  
Loyalty to the Policy of Firmness  
and Caution—No Weakness.

New York, March 8.—A World dis-  
patch from London says:  
Nothing short of a miracle can preserve  
the peace of the world, it is believed  
among British statesmen and politicians.  
Not since the Napoleonic wars has dan-  
ger threatened from so many quarters.  
Today's news from Washington combined  
with the grave tidings from China and  
West Africa, sent convulsions down the  
stock exchange and the panicky feeling  
there was reflected in the house of com-  
mons lobby.

In their present temper the English  
would regard with extreme disfavor the  
transfer of any British-built warships  
to any foreign country. The admiralty  
was savagely attacked today for permit-  
ting Spain to take over two torpedo boats  
recently completed for her. Yet these  
boats were only the partial filling of an  
order from Spain given more than a year  
ago, when four torpedo catchers were  
contracted for from the Fairfield ship-  
building plant. It is proof of the ex-  
treme urgency of Spain's requirements  
that those two completed torpedo catch-  
ers are accepted, notwithstanding that  
they failed in speed trials and showed  
other defects which there has not been  
time to make good. They were contracted  
for as 30-knot boats, but they only at-  
tained 25. The work on the remaining  
two boats is being strenuously pushed,  
but it cannot be completed under six  
weeks at the earliest.

### SPAIN'S POSITION.

London, March 8.—The Times editorially  
says:

"If Spain is placed in an awkward po-  
sition respecting the Lee incident, she  
must thank the indiscretion of her  
foreign office. She cannot blame President  
McKinley. Mr. Cannon's bill can hardly  
be explained by the Lee incident. It is  
probably due to the rumors that Spain is  
purchasing warships. We do not believe  
that Spain desires war, but if she  
does, this evidence of America's alertness  
offers a most effectual check. President  
McKinley appears to be adhering loyally  
to the policy of firmness, caution and  
peaceful circumspection he has hitherto  
pursued. No doubt he has the support of  
the sober and conscientious mass of  
American people, but he has had to face  
outbursts of popular clamor that a weak-  
er man might have mistaken for the  
voice of the country. The complexity  
of the Spanish government in the Maine  
disaster is a hypothesis too monstrous  
and irrational to be entertained and ex-  
cept that there is nothing impossible of  
arrangement between Spain and America,  
while the intractable nature of Cuba's  
disorders can but inspire thoughtful  
Americans with a serious doubt as to the  
wisdom of annexation."

The Daily News says:  
"We cannot doubt as to the ultimate  
issue of a war between the United States  
and Spain, but America might have a bad  
quarter of an hour before victory.  
European alliances against the United  
States may be left out of the question,  
despite the talk of Spain's friends. The  
attitude of the Spanish-American repub-  
lics, may however give the Americans  
pause. The one thing needful, so far as  
England is concerned is that those who  
have so often mismanaged our relations  
with the United States should not repeat  
their historic mistakes. It may be taken  
for granted that America wants nothing  
from us but sympathy, and that with or  
without it, she will come out on the  
right side. But the United States would  
never forget at any moment any failure  
on our part to do prompt justice on the  
debatable doctrine that America's diffi-  
culty is Great Britain's opportunity. That  
doctrine is sure to be preached in its  
own bad time by some of our jingoes,  
but we must take care that they do not  
speak for the nation."

### MCKINLEY COOL.

Cleveland, March 8.—Colonel Charles  
Dick, secretary of the republican na-  
tional committee, and a close friend of  
President McKinley and Senator Hanna,  
has returned from Washington. He said:  
"Just before leaving Washington I  
talked with President McKinley and Sen-  
ator Hanna. Of course nothing that  
either of them said on the subject of our  
relations with Spain is for repetition. I  
can say however that the grave situation  
is realized fully in Washington and all  
preparations are being made for any  
emergency. At the same time there will  
be no war with Spain or any other  
foreign power at this or any other time  
unless absolute justification for it exists.  
This nation will preserve its dignity and  
independence but will not rush pell-mell  
into war."

## SPAIN PURCHASES FIVE WARSHIPS

In Spite of the Denials Published in  
London Yesterday.

### PIECE OF CLEVER DIPLOMACY

Surprise at Her Power to Raise Money—  
John Bull Says We Are Too Late to  
Get War Supplies in England.

London, March 8.—English newspapers  
confirm the news of the Spanish pur-  
chase of warships. The St. James Ga-  
zette, which yesterday published the de-  
nials of the Spanish embassy and Spanish  
royal commission which has an office in  
London, says today:  
"It is ascertained on high authority, in  
spite of denials, that the Spanish gov-  
ernment has almost certainly succeeded  
in buying three nearly completed cru-  
isers here and two coast defense vessels  
which are about to be launched in  
France. Experts are almost as much  
surprised at the success of Madrid in  
raising the money as by the clever diplo-  
macy which secured the Chilean and  
Brazilian cruisers of Armstrong's at a  
cost believed to be a million pounds ster-  
ling, almost before the move was sus-  
pected."  
The introduction in congress yesterday  
of a bill appropriating \$50,000,000 for  
the national defense has excited the ut-  
most interest among English dealers in war  
munitions. Hiram Maxim, of rapid-fire  
gun fame, said significantly that if the  
United States intended to make purchases  
in England she should have begun a  
week ago.

### SPAIN PREPARING.

New York, March 8.—A Tribune dispatch  
from London says:

There has been a heavy fall in con-  
sole and American stocks of all  
kinds today in consequence of rumors  
from China, West Africa, Spain and  
America, with rumbling thunder all  
around the sky. There were signs of  
alarm in every section of the stock list.  
American securities showing the greatest  
weakness. All the startling rumors cur-  
rent last week of Spanish preparations  
for war have been revived; one hears  
them at every turn, but it is never prac-  
ticable to find any one to vouch for them  
or allow his name to be used in connec-  
tion with them. It is again rumored that  
the Spanish government has purchased  
six warships in process of construction  
in England and France for Chile and  
Brazil, including one armored cruiser,  
two coast defense vessels and three pro-  
tected cruisers. The Spanish embassy  
denies the story, but the rumor will not  
down.

Another report current in mili-  
tary circles is that the Spanish government  
has secured the control of a large number  
of heavy guns and a considerable torpedo  
equipment and other war material in  
England and France. This rumor cannot  
be confirmed, but it is believed by some  
experts to be true. Information which  
comes from sources entitled to confidence  
leads to the belief that the Spaniards  
have found the money required for com-  
pleting various purchases of ships and  
guns. How or whence it has been ob-  
tained may be a mystery, but the assump-  
tion that Spain is prevented by lack  
of money from making naval and military  
preparations on a large scale is not well  
founded.

All talk of American options on the  
purchase of warships has been prema-  
ture. It is not probable that the Bra-  
zilian and Chilean are in the market for  
American purchase. They could not be  
had even if the United States govern-  
ment made a liberal offer for them.  
Spain has secured them if they have  
been purchased. The only vessels in  
England, Germany or elsewhere, which  
could be bought on any terms by the  
United States are those now being built  
for China and Japan, and neither power  
has shown any willingness to entertain  
offers from them. China is believed to  
have refused to consider propositions  
made by Spain for the purchase of sev-  
eral ships. Japan is in hot haste to  
strengthen her own fleet and fresh ru-  
mors of Russian aggression will not  
check her ardor.

### TO MOVE TROOPS.

Denver, March 8.—Active preparations  
for moving the troops at Fort Logan are  
being made and everything is being put  
in readiness for a sudden call to duty.  
The Denver and Rio Grande railroad has  
been instructed by the war department  
at Washington to be prepared to move  
the troops upon notice.

### BESSIE K. SAFE.

Seattle, March 8.—All doubts as to the  
safety of the over-du schooner Bessie  
K. were removed today by the arrival  
of the steamer North Pacific from Alas-  
ka. Captain Carter reports that he  
passed the Bessie K. March 5 at the en-  
trance of Lynn canal, headed for Skag-  
way. She was in no trouble.

## THE SITUATION IS MORE FAVORABLE

General Feeling in Washington That  
Spanish Relations Are Peaceful.

### CAPT. BROWNSON'S MISSION

Will Inspect Foreign War Vessels for Sale—  
United States May Purchase Japanese  
Ships Now Building.

Washington, March 8.—In spite of the  
numerous conferences of officials on the  
continuation of preparations now in pro-  
gress on a large scale to put the country  
in a state of defense, there was a certain  
feeling apparent in the best informed cir-  
cles, that the situation as to our rela-  
tions with Spain were today much more  
favorable than yesterday. Perhaps the  
semi-official advices received through the  
Associated Press from Madrid, indicating  
a peaceful purpose on the part of the  
Spanish government, contributed in a  
large measure to that feeling, or it may  
have been that the growing knowledge of  
the vast extent of our own resources  
tended to the belief that they would im-  
press others with the futility of attack-  
ing the United States.

However that may be the feeling pre-  
vailed, and at the White House, too, after  
the cabinet meeting, where all facts that  
were known to the president as to the  
existing state of affairs were laid unre-  
servedly before the cabinet members and  
discussed.

While Captain Brownson is going  
abroad for the government to learn of  
ships of war that are for sale and their  
condition, he will not necessarily make  
any purchases.

### TO INSPECT VESSELS.

New York, March 8.—A Herald special  
says:

Secretary Long having given orders to  
Commander Brownson now on duty as  
a member of the board of inspection and  
survey to leave at once for England and  
France to inspect the vessels which have  
been offered to the government and to  
report without delay if they are suit-  
able for service in the United States  
navy, Commander will not only look at  
the vessels offered, but will examine  
other warships under construction for  
foreign nations and should he report that  
any are desirable and ready for sale, this  
government will undoubtedly enter into  
negotiations with the nations which or-  
dered the ships looking to their sale to  
the United States. Secretary Long talk-  
ed with Commander Brownson and told  
him what he wanted and the instruc-  
tions given during the consultation will  
guide the naval officer in the important  
work which has been placed in his charge.

Upon arriving at Southampton the early  
part of next week, Commander Brown-  
son will confer with Lieutenant J. C.  
Colwell, who is naval attaché to the  
United States embassy in London, in re-  
gard to the ships under construction at  
Blawick and other points in England.  
He will then go to France, where he will  
meet Lieutenant W. S. Hinms, who is  
naval attaché to the United States em-  
bassy in Paris, and in company with that  
officer will inspect the two battleships  
Marshal Florin and Marshal Dodoire,  
which the Herald has stated have been  
offered to this government. Commander  
Brownson while abroad will also in-  
quire as to the amount of ordnance ma-  
terial on hand. It is anticipated by the  
department that if hostilities occur it  
will be necessary for this government  
to purchase such material from foreign  
manufacturers. Vicer's Sons & Maxim  
Ltd. have offered guns and ammunition  
to the department, but the English pow-  
der has a nitro base, which the depart-  
ment does not care to place on board  
naval ships on account of the explosive  
quality of such powder. It is believed  
that the Dupont and the California pow-  
der works will be able to turn out suffi-  
cient brown powder for the present.

It is known positively that negotia-  
tions are in progress toward having the  
United States acquire the two crack  
cruisers now being built for Japan, one  
at the Cramp's yard, at Philadelphia,  
and the other at the Union Iron Works,  
San Francisco.

### SPAIN BUYS GUNS.

New York, March 8.—According to the  
Paris correspondent of the Herald, the  
Spanish government has given orders for  
the purchase of rapid-fire guns of the  
Canon type of 14 and 16 centimeters in  
France. They are supposed to be for the  
Spanish ironclad Carlos V., now at Havre  
completing her armament. Spain is said  
to have tried to purchase warships from  
France, but without success.

### GENERAL WILSON'S VISIT.

Key West, March 8.—General Wilson,  
chief of engineers United States army,  
arrived today on the Olivette. It is pre-  
sumed that the object of General Wilson  
in visiting this part of the country is to  
inspect the fortifications.

## AN EMBASSY FROM CUBA IN NEW YORK

Brings Important Messages to Estrada  
Palma and the Junta.

### CUBANS SURE OF VICTORY

Feel Confident They Can End the Struggle  
in Four Months, Whether We Fight  
Spain or Not.

New York, March 8.—Brigadier-Gen-  
eral Jose Laceret, of the Cuban army,  
has arrived in New York bearing im-  
portant messages to the junta. He is ac-  
companied by Judge Advocate-General  
Manuel Alonso and Colonel Octavio Gib-  
bera. General Laceret and his companions  
left Puerto Principe the seat of the Cu-  
ban government, about three weeks ago.  
They were escorted to the coast, whence  
they made their escape in an open boat  
in which they sailed to Jamaica. A day  
after their landing at Jamaica they  
learned of the disaster to the Maine.  
From Jamaica they came to New York  
by steamer and reported at once to To-  
mas Estrada Palma, the Cuban envoy  
to the United States.

"All I can say," said General Palma,  
"is to confirm the report that General  
Laceret and two other officers are now in  
the city. Their mission is one of the  
greatest importance. They have deliv-  
ered their reports to me in person. What  
these reports are I cannot state at this  
time. I will say this much, however,  
that in case the United States should  
declare war against Spain, President Mas-  
se will co-operate at once with the United  
States forces. These officers come direct  
from the seat of government. They tell  
me that the Cubans feel assured that  
they will win. President Masse feels that  
the war will be ended by the Cubans,  
though the United States do not inter-  
fere. It may take four months, but we  
are assured and confident that we can  
end the struggle without the assistance  
of a foreign country. Spain is bankrupt  
and she is in no position to continue this  
war."

General Palma said that Laceret as-  
sured him that the Cuban army was well  
supplied with arms and ammunition.  
Colonels Gibbera and Alonso are both  
men of ability and are the confidential  
advisors of the Cuban government. Their  
stay here will be short. They expect to  
be back in the field in Cuba before the  
middle of next month.

### SOBRAL'S VISIT.

Portsmouth, N. H., March 8.—Accord-  
ing to the record of visitors kept at the  
navy yard, Lieutenant Sobral of the  
Spanish navy whose interview last  
month on the discipline in the American  
navy caused much comment, was here  
last summer. His visit has been re-  
called by the discovery of his name in  
the book. He called on the officers at  
the headquarters and inspected the forts  
and other defenses in this vicinity. He  
spent two days here and made himself  
thoroughly acquainted with the plans of  
defense.

### MANILLA BURNED.

Vancouver, B. C., March 8.—Advice  
from the Orient brought by the steam-  
ship Empress of India tell of the almost  
complete destruction of Manilla, Philip-  
pine islands, by fire. Five million dol-  
lars' worth of property was destroyed.

### RUSSIA GETS PORT ARTHUR.

Berlin, March 8.—A dispatch to the  
Tageblatt from Peking says Russia has  
definitely leased Port Arthur and Talien  
Wan for 99 years. It is added that Rus-  
sia is determined to carry the Siberian  
railroad to Port Arthur whether China  
consents or not.

### SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

Albany, Or., March 8.—Crosby Mat-  
thews, agent of Wells-Fargo Company,  
at Newport, was arrested yesterday on  
a charge of larceny by bailies. He is  
said to be \$18,000 short in his accounts.  
He was held in \$2500 bonds.

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