

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

For the Street Improvement in the City of Astoria Known as "The Commercial Street Extension Improvement."

Notice is hereby given that the special assessment for the street improvement in the City of Astoria, Oregon, known as "The Commercial Street Extension Improvement," same being more particularly designated as "The Improvement of Commercial Street from the East Line of Revolution Street to the West Line of Twenty-third Street, and Twenty-third Street from the North Line of Commercial Street to Exchange Street," which said assessment was confirmed by Ordinance Number 229 of the Ordinances of the said City, approved March 15, 1898, as said assessment now appears on the Special Assessment Roll for the aforesaid improvement, which roll is now on file in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge of said City and in Special Assessment Roll No. 23, and which said assessment is now of record in the docket of City Liens of said City, will be due and payable in United States gold coin at the office of the City Treasurer of said City on the 1st day of April, 1898, and if not so paid at said time the Common Council of said City will authorize the issuance of warrants for the collection of said assessment, which is upon the following described real property situated in that part of the City of Astoria as laid out and recorded by J. M. Shively, and is as follows:

Table listing property owners and their addresses, such as Munson, J. W., McCann, John, and Astoria & Columbia River R. R. Co., with corresponding lot numbers and descriptions.

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DAY OF INTENSE EXCITEMENT

(Continued from First Page.) day came the announcement that the navy department had succeeded in purchasing eight steam yachts and four steam tugs, presumably at or near New York, for use in the auxiliary navy fleet.

Throughout the day the White House presented an animated appearance, senators and representatives from both political parties calling to confer with the president. The president said to several of his visitors today, in discussing the situation, that he would do everything consistent with the honor and dignity of the country to avert war and that he still believed war could be averted.

His program has been definitely decided upon. It is his purpose to treat the blow-up of the Maine as an incident. The report of the board will be sent to congress Monday. A very brief message relating to the events leading up to that point and informing congress that the facts contained in the report have been called to Madrid to the Spanish government by Minister Woodford will accompany it. No demand will be made upon Spain but the laying of the facts before the Spanish government will be equivalent to calling upon Spain for an explanation and such action as she may deem proper.

It is the purpose of the house leaders to refer the report and message to the committee on naval affairs without debate and to this purpose it is believed the democratic report will be acquiescent, reserving the right to demand action if the report of the committee is too long delayed. Much will then depend upon Spain's response but there are those close to the president who believe that from the time the report is sent to congress it will drop out as a factor in the situation.

The second on the president's program reaches the Maine question and involves intervention on humanitarian grounds within a week or ten days after the report of the board goes to congress. It will be intervention to relieve the starvation in Cuba and upon Spain's acquiescence in or objection to this act will depend peace or war.

Commenting on this view, lawyers point out that the supreme court could not have considered the protocol unless a treaty or agreement whatever is made to it in the decision of the case of the Cuba chief Sanguily. The Epoca taking up the cudgel to defend the conservative party and Canovias, who always deemed the protocol of 1871 binding, asserts that the text of the document shows that it was signed in Madrid, January 12, 1871, and that Senor Colantes ceased to be minister of state January 11, when he was appointed minister of justice in the same cabinet.

The Imperial deprecates the suggestion recently made of forming a national cabinet of the leaders of all the parties to consider and solve the difficulties of the situation in Spain and her colonies. Most of the Madrid newspapers, including the ministerial journals, print editorial and news articles to prepare the public mind for an early revelation of the fact that reports of the American and Spanish commissions of investigation into the cause of the Maine catastrophe are certain to clash, but they give to be understood that this is not likely to be a cause of rupture, or even serious complications.

The Liberal, hitherto favorable to the present cabinet and for years an advocate of home rule in the West Indies, publishes today a long and strongly worded article lamenting the election arrangements in Cuba and Porto Rico, especially the conduct of the imperial government and the politicians of all shades in exercising an influence over the press upon the newspapers of the colonies to such an extent as to demonstrate that the new regime has very little altered the old practices and systems. The Liberal gallantly calls attention to the danger of thus tampering with the reality and effect of home rule just when the newly fledged autonomy requires for colonial and internal consideration every possible evidence of it not being more than reform on paper.

San Jose, Cal., March 24.—The comet that was discovered last Sunday morning by Assistant Astronomer Perrine of Lick Observatory is now just visible to the naked eye by reason of its distinct cellular nucleus and tail and it is an object for a small telescope. It is situated in the northern constellation of Pegasus and is moving northward and eastward somewhat more than a degree a day. The elements of its orbit have been computed by Professors Huxley and Perrine. They think that the comet named Verhulst on the 18th of March at a distance of a little more than 100,000 miles from the sun and that it is now about the same distance from the earth.

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