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## The Spanish Warcloud

### Spain Formally Requests General Lee's Recall.

Spain's Request That Our Cuban Relief Be Delivered in Merchantmen Was Also Denied.

MADRID, March 7.—Senor Gullon Spanish minister of foreign affairs, recently intimated to United States Minister Woodford that the Spanish government desired the recall of consul-general Lee, and that the American warships which have been designated to carry supplies to the relief of the sufferers in Cuba should be replaced by merchant vessels, in order to deprive the assistance sent to the reconcentrados of an official character.

Minister Woodford cabled the request to Washington, which replied refusing to recall General Lee in the present circumstances or to countermand the orders for the dispatch of the war vessels, making the representation that the war vessels are not fighting ships.

War Sentiment Growing.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—Before the close of another week this country will be in conflict with Spain if the president carries out the policy agreed upon with his cabinet.

The president will lay before congress the reports of various American consuls, reciting the history of Spanish atrocity in Cuba, together with a message stating his failure to end the war by pacific means, and that it is the duty of this country to stop these atrocities by armed intervention, if necessary.

He will make the destruction of the Maine an issue.

The moment congress authorizes armed intervention, war will begin. Speaker Reed will be unable to prevent such an action by the house, even if he desired to do so.

The President's Answer.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The situation in regard to Cuba and Spain is perhaps grayer than at any time since the blowing up of the Maine. Spain has made two declarations that seem to mean that she seeks or, at least, is not averse to war with the United States. Unofficially, the president was notified that Spain had decided to demand the prompt recall of General Lee from Havana, and at the same time official notice was given that president would perform a friendly act for Spain by rescinding the order that relief supplies to be sent to Cuba for the starving be sent in the warships Nashville and Montgomery.

It was stated by Cubans friendly to Spain that they would regard the sending of supplies in those vessels as an indirect notice to the insurgents that they had backing from the United States.

The desire for the recall of Lee is based on his report that autonomy had failed, and his refusal to disavow his report. His intense activity in defence of Americans who felt the heavy hands of Weyler and Blanco is also cause of complaint.

President McKinley has considered these two questions four and a half hours, when he disposed of the demand for the recall of our fearless consul-general by issuing the following official statement to the press.

"The president will not consider the recall of General Lee, who has borne himself throughout this crisis with judgment, fidelity and courage to the president's entire satisfaction." This crushing reply to Spain was followed by a statement in regard to the other question, as follows:

"As to supplies for the relief of the Cuban people, all arrangements have been made to carry a consignment this week, from Key West, by one of the naval vessels, which ever may be best adapted and most available for the purpose to Mantanzas or the Sagua.

Before this last statement was issued, secretary Long telegraphed to Seward at Key West, asking if the Transport Fern could be used instead of the Nashville and Montgomery, to take the supplies, the desire being to give Spain no opportunity in

future to say the administration provoked hostilities. Seward replied that the Fern is not available, as she was busy at Havana and couldn't be spared.

Sold Spain the Mines.

LONDON, March 7.—According to the statement of a man whose cards describe him as an electric engineer, whose name cannot be disclosed, but which has been forwarded to Washington, he sold to Spanish officers in London several years ago a large number of mines, eight or ten of which were placed in Havana harbor. He says they were made in a special way, and had a specially and peculiarly constructed cable, which he contends he can positively identify, if the smallest piece is produced.

Some of the mines, the man continues, were fixed so they could be fired from a fort, and two of them had bulbs arranged so that they would explode when a vessel came in contact with them. But the alleged electrical engineer adds that he does not believe that the bulbs would be used in water as shallow as that of Havana harbor. He exhibited the plans of one of these mines, which, he pointed out, was the most likely to produce the effect described in the wreck of the Maine. It was numbered "2," and was constructed to contain 500 pounds of gun cotton.

This is the story told by the man, who gives one the impression that he has been sergeant of engineers or has held some similar position. He was apparently thoroughly posted upon electrical matters and submarine mines. This man is an Englishman, and he says he is willing to go to the United States as a witness.

Thus the phase of the question was left undisposed of, but it is significant that this evening Secretary Long telegraphed to the commandant of the navy-yard at League Island, and Philadelphia, to put the cruisers Minneapolis and Columbia into commission at once. This means that they will be put in instant readiness to go to sea to join the already formidable fleet now at Key West. Officials of the war and navy departments are as busy on Sunday as on a week day sending orders to Seward, who is in constant communication with Secretary Long.

### SOCIETY NOTE BOOK.

Friday evening Miss Iva Irwin entertained the Capital Society club at her home, No. 375 Church street. The ever fascinating game of whist was the order of the evening. Mr. David Hammond won the first prize, while Miss Iva Smith was awarded the trophy. Mr. E. Murray lacked but one point of winning the first prize, while Mr. Haund came as near claiming the trophy. When winners had been announced, an elegant supper was served by the hostess.

Sunday evening the choir of the First Congregational church, under the direction of Prof. Scobie, gave its initial song service and it was enjoyed by a large congregation. A lengthy program was rendered consisting of anthems with solo parts, by Mr. H. B. Holland, and Prof. Scobie; solos and choruses by Mrs. Holland and Prof. Scobie; Choruses by the choir and hymns in which the congregation joined. In addition to this the pastor, Rev. Kantner delivered an address on "The Klondike of the Soul." Prof. Scobie also made a few remarks pertaining to the nature of the evening's exercises.

These song services will occur at regular intervals of about a month.

Prof. Scobie and other musical friends of J. Carlisle Denton have concluded to give that gentleman a benefit concert and reception, Thursday evening, at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. There will be a program, in which the artists of the city will participate. Mr. Denton expects to leave for England, Saturday morning, to remain for some time to perfect his musical education on the violin at Manchester and London.

Dr. Miles' Nerve Plasters Etc. at all druggists.

DRESSMAKING PARLORS.—Mrs. L. Campbell has opened dressmaking parlors at 335 Liberty street, she is prepared to do all kinds of fashionable dressmaking at reasonable prices. Satisfaction guaranteed. 3 5 Im

## Prof. Hall Heard From.

### Letter from a Salem Klondiker Who Had Been Reported Dead.

He Does Not Advise His Friends to Come.

Following letter was today received from Prof. J. O. Hall, late principal of Lincoln school:

Dawson, Jan. 14, 1898.—A Happy New Year and many of them to you all!

We have written full particulars of our trip from the time we left Dyea and mailed at Dawson, but we have just discovered that no mail has left this winter.

We have found a man tonight who will leave for the outside right away. We will take this opportunity to let you know we are all enjoying good health etc., and when the Canadian mail gets out you will find the missing links.

We sent an order for provision, but for fear you may not receive it in time send a copy in this letter.

Mr. Welch and I opened our Christmas package on Christmas Eve and were the happiest mortals in all Klondike. No gift is so acceptable in this country as Shakespear. We are working very hard every day, but have found time to read several of the plays.

We have taken six claims. Have started to prospect two of them, but have not gone far enough to ascertain whether they are of any value. We have great faith that we will make a "stake." The only discouraging feature is that it may take some time to do it. All we ask is health and we have had that so far. I have not been sick a day and weigh 180 pounds.

The winter so far has been "O. K." The coldest weather we have had in Dawson was 62 degrees below, and out here on Bonanza, by our thermometer, was 47 degrees.

We worked all of the time. Have to mend our foot and hand wear and do all the little things necessary to make a bachelor comfortable and respectable.

On the 28th of December, (our 10th anniversary,) took a trip up the Yukon, 36 miles and on the last day of year, staked off our three claims on Reindeer creek. I occupied the time I was watching the old year out and the new one in by splitting wood for 3 hours. Was gone seven days on this trip. Will give particulars later.

People are stampeding for claims, I think there will be none left, in this vicinity, for those who come in the spring. We are allowed only 200 feet under the new law. We managed to get two and a half claims of 500 feet each, on a tributary of Bonanza, before the law took effect. They are within a half mile of our cabin.

We have not had time to prospect then yet, we are much encouraged by reports of the surrounding claims. If we do not make on these we are trying we'll go to some of our others. Nuggets have been found on some of the new claims that run from \$1 to \$4 in value. We have plenty of heart in our work. Gold and plenty of it is found in this country and it will be exceptionally strange if we do not get our hands on part of it.

We have plenty to eat and enough variety to keep off scurvy we think, but it does get tiresome always to find the principal article the same, bread, bacon and beans. Of course we have fruit, but dried fruit becomes a stale article when too well patronized.

I have written my honest opinion of everything and it will reach you in time, meanwhile, I cannot advise any of my friends to come in the spring, although they might come and do well. We congratulate ourselves over and over that we came in last fall, yet there are chances against us. We may be obliged to go out with empty pocket-books like many other poor mortals have done.

How is school progressing. There isn't a day but that I think of it hundreds of times. If I look at my watch, I think it is time for the bell or it isn't quite time and I know you are preparing board work or perhaps in the basement with the girls and boys. Be sure to remember me to all the teachers and my pupils. Lincoln school and its environments will always occupy a warm place in my memory wherever I may go.

George and I must go up on the claim and build our fires now. I have not time to describe our work in detail, but will later.

J. O. HALL.

## Towne in Salem.

### Silver Republican National Chairman in Oregon.

Grand Ovation Tendered Him at Sacramento, Cal.

Congressman Towne, of Duluth, Minn., arrives in Salem Tuesday at 2 o'clock and will speak at 2:30. He is national chairman of the Silver Republican party, and in 1896 Mark Hanna hired a thousand house to house colporteurs to defeat his re-election. He speaks at Roseburg today.

AT SACRAMENTO.

The Daily Bee says the reception tendered to Congressman C. A. Towne of Minnesota, and the hearty and enthusiastic manner with which his talk was received, demonstrates that the cause of silver is not retrograding, but that it is as potent and as dominant in that community as it was when, in November, 1896, that banner Republican county gave a majority of 250 for William J. Bryan.

The Bee says: Ex-Congressman Charles A. Towne delivered a powerful address on Silver. The platform was decorated in honor of the speaker with the National colors, flowers, vines and plants. One large floral piece to the right of the platform was formed of smilax, inwoven with carnations, forming the figures 16 to 1. Two American flags were draped back behind the platform, and between them was the picture of William J. Bryan.

The speaker's delivery was rapid but pointed, and he drove each argument home before passing to the next. He was frequently interrupted with applause from his audience which, as the speaking proceeded, seemed to get more and more in sympathy with him.

The crusade of Mr. Towne at this time has done immeasurable good. It has strengthened the weak in the people's creed; it has hurried up the laggards; it has put renewed ambition in the breasts of those who are battling for the right; it has given hope, and courage, and confidence for the future in the hearts of the faithful; and it undoubtedly has added many a convert to the ranks.

The silver voters of Marion county will give him a grand reception at Salem.

AT SALEM.

Mr. Towne will be received by a committee of Silver Republicans, Populists and Democrats, headed by chairman of the Silver Republican state executive committee, W. T. Riggdon. He will be escorted to Hotel Willamette.

The speaking will be at Reed's opera house at 2:40 p. m. A public reception will be given Mr. Towne at Hotel Willamette from 7:30 to 10 p. m.

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The ladies of the committee are requested to meet at the office of W. T. Riggdon No. 109 Court street, promptly at 10 o'clock a. m. Tuesday for organization.

The reception will be informal and all will be made welcome.

### PROHIBITIONISTS.

Hold a Conference and Call a County Convention.

There is difference of opinion among the prohibitionists as to advisability of holding a county convention. Prominent members of the Proh. party declare there will be no county convention in Marion county and that it was so determined at the meeting Saturday.

But the state organizers of the party are billed in all the counties of western Oregon and seem very much in earnest about putting a state, county and congressional ticket in the field.

Messrs. Baker and Miller give out the following to print today:

State Organizer Baker and Assistant State Secretary Miller, of the Prohibitionists, held a meeting in the W. C. T. U. hall Saturday evening and a Gospel meeting Sunday afternoon. A conference of the workers was held in the same hall this morning and A. D. Leach was elected county chairman and J. A. Taylor, secretary. They have called their county convention for Wednesday, March 23, at 1 p. m., in the W. C. T. U. hall. Messrs. Baker and Miller will be with them at that time and will hold meetings in the hall on the evenings of the 22nd and 23rd.

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