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Congress Waiting.

McKinley's Message Will Receive Prompt Action.

Foreign Relations Committee Makes a Vigorous Report.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The senate committee on foreign relations has resumed its sittings. The committee has arrived at a definite conclusion as to the resolution it will recommend. The report accompanying the resolutions will deal with the situation in vigorous language, and it is understood much will be made in it of the Maine disaster.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The senate chamber was jammed with people interested in Cuban affairs.

Clay (Ga.) made a speech urging that war be avoided if possible, but adding that there was no remedy that did not concede absolute independence.

Perkins in a speech on the Cuban question declared that the blowing up of the Maine by Spanish officials was an act of war, and he believed it was regarded by the nations of the world.

Mantle and Rawlins followed Perkins, both speaking for Cuban independence.

At the close of Rawlins' speech, the senate took up the sundry civil appropriation bill.

Cannon moved to suspend the rules of the house to pass a joint resolution allowing the erection of fortifications on private property. Unanimous consideration was refused by Bailey. Cannon said the resolution gave the president discretion in the matter of acquiring land.

HOUSE.

Bailey said he simply desired to call the attention of the house to the fact that it had in the last 30 days been called upon to vote emergency measures, and that the house was not in possession of any information showing that the administration thought there was any extraordinary emergency confronting the country. He would have denied a democratic president a \$50,000,000 appropriation. Bailey said the country ought to know what the administration is doing and intends to do. The Democrats were ready to assist in the prosecution of a war to a successful termination.

This caused applause, which the speaker rebuked.

Bailey said the applause in the galleries was merely a miniature of the feeling of the people of the country. Again there was applause in the galleries and the speaker threatened to have them cleared.

Steel (Rep. Ind.) said this would hardly be fair, as Bailey was talking to the galleries (Laughter on the Republican side.)

Bailey closed by saying that if the president wanted more time to treat with the Spanish butchers, it would be granted.

Lentz (Dem. Ohio) offered a belligerency amendment to the resolution.

Williams (Dem. Miss.) member of the committee on foreign relations, opposed the amendment for belligerency, saying he thought it inopportune at this time.

"We should all move in a solid phalanx when the time comes," he said. "The Democratic side of the house has expressed its views, and it is now time to wait."

The statement was considered as significant, as Williams had but a half hour before emerged from the foreign affairs committee.

Maddox (Dem. Ga.) said when it was proposed to make war, the indictment against Spain should be thoroughly made up so each member of

the house would know what he was voting for.

Fitzgerald (dem. Mass.) supported the motion, saying the Democratic party would show its patriotism by supporting the resolution.

Cannon said Bailey was posturing before the country. His own city Galveston might be in danger of a hostile fleet.

"It would be stopped before it could get there, if we had the proper sort of an administration," replied Bailey.

Cannon said he was talking business. He said \$7,500,000 of the emergency appropriation had been expended for coast defense.

Sayres (Dem., Texas), in supporting the resolution said he was ready to vote for anything needed to put the government in a complete state of defense in such a crisis as this.

Dockery (Dem., Mo.) said the resolution gave the president the power he ought to have. He did not know what the administration would do in respect to Cuba, but he did not look to Spain for a settlement of the question. The resolution was then passed without a division.

Hull moved to suspend the rules for the passage of a bill for the reorganization of the army.

After debate, it was arranged that Wednesday should be set aside for consideration of the Hull army bill, with the understanding that it should not interfere with any report from the committee on foreign affairs.

Grout (Rep. Va.) later introduced a joint resolution in the house, recognizing the independence of the republic of Cuba and appropriating \$500,000 for relief of the starving non-combatants, to be expended only through authorized agents of the United States.

Every member of the foreign affairs committee of the house was pledged to secrecy before the committee adjourned. One of the Republican members said, however: "We did nothing." The committee will meet again tomorrow. Members of the committee do not expect anything to be done in the house.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Will Favor Recognition of the Independence of Cuba.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—It is now very probable that the president's message will not be sent to congress before Thursday. The president, it is learned, will favor the recognition of independence and forcible intervention, if necessary, to prevent further hostilities in Cuba.

The Maine disaster will be a prominent feature and will be treated in a vigorous manner. The whole subject will be discussed in a spirit of patriotism that must commend itself to the entire American people.

Unless something unexpected happens within a comparatively short time, indications point to at least a show of force against Havana.

The report that the pope offered mediation is again officially denied. This government, it is asserted, cannot under any circumstances, accept mediation or interference from any foreign power, nor up to this time has any been proffered.

Wheat Sale.

ALBANY, April 5.—G. A. Westgat, representing Moore, Ferguson & Co., of San Francisco, has bought 100,000 bushels of wheat in the farmers' warehouse in Albany, and in the warehouses at Tangent, Lebanon and Tallman. The price paid was 70 cents net to the farmers. The wheat will be shipped to Portland and there loaded on a vessel for foreign ports. This sale about cleans up the surplus wheat of the 1897 crop in this part of Oregon.

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THE FAIR!

Mediation Offered.

Pope Leo Offers His Assistance to Spain and U. S.

He Says Spanish Bloodshed Must Stop—Spain Break Faith Again.

ROME, April 5.—The pope is taking active steps to prevent war between the United States and Spain, and that Spain is eager to accept his good offices—even if the suggestion did not come directly from Madrid, is proved by two notes which were officially published by the vatican. The first was evidently misunderstood in Madrid and this misunderstanding called for the second. The first note is as follows:

"The pope, deeming that the breaking out of hostilities between the United States and Spain was imminent, telegraphed to the queen regent of Spain, offering mediation. The Spanish government answered, accepting. The United States will probably accept also."

The second note was as follows: "The pope has telegraphed to Madrid and Washington urging that war be averted, and an agreement arrived at. The pope did not officially propose mediation, but let it be understood that mediation would be possible. Misinterpreting the pope's telegram, the Spanish government answered that it would accept the mediation of the vatican."

It is unofficially announced that the first step in mediation has already been taken, and that it is a request that hostilities in Cuba cease before any further step be taken, and that Spain has promised that hostilities shall cease forthwith. Whether this simply means the proclamation of a truce or evacuation of Cuba is not stated, but it probably means the former, for the possibility of the insurgents refusing to accept an armistice does not appear to have been thought of at the vatican.

The pope has already selected a committee to examine the questions at issue between the United States and Spain. It is composed of Cardinals Rampolla, Satolli and Vanutelli and Monsignor Tripepi, no official of the papal. The secretary of state's office furnished the information that when matters first took on really a serious aspect the pope was urged by the powers of Central Europe, notably the emperor of Germany, to use his influence to prevent war. The pope, thereupon, opened negotiations in an indirect way, urging Spain, first of all, to concede as much as possible to the Cubans and then, when an open rupture seemed imminent, to grant whatever the United States demanded.

Rampolla has had many conferences with Von Bulow, the German minister to the vatican, and last Thursday the pope sent for Von Bulow and held a two hours' conference with him. On Friday and Saturday they were joined by ambassadors of Spain and Austria.

Sunday evening the pope sent the following telegram to the queen regent of Spain: "I urgently beg your majesty to make all concessions compatible with honor and national dignity to concede an armistice and avoid a bloody, useless war, which would be disastrous to Spain."

(Signed) Leo. P. P. He used the following language in one of them, that as "father of all the faithful he could not intervene unless a step was put to the shedding of the blood of those who are God's sons. He has urged her to act upon purely humanitarian grounds. It is said here that previous to taking this action the pope, through a representative in Washington, asked McKinley if this course would meet with his approval and that the president expressed his hope that the pope would do anything in his power. After a conference with Cardinals Rampolla and Satolli and the Spanish ambassador, the pope telegraphed the papal nuncio at Madrid directing him to offer the holy father's mediation. The queen of Spain replied, saying she would accept the offer.

At noon the pope wired the queen that he could take no steps until hostilities in Cuba had been suspended. To this the queen replied that hostilities would be suspended, and that

Spain was prepared to accept any decision the pope may render.

Cardinals Agliardi and Ferrati joined the conference at the vatican last evening. During their talk a long cablegram arrived from Archbishop Ireland. The purport of it was that a pacific solution of the difficulties, while difficult, is not impossible. President McKinley is not opposed to the mediation of the pope.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Letters received from Cuban Generals Gomez and Garcia express confidence in the speedy triumph of the insurgent cause. Both report having defeated largely superior forces sent against them. Fevers and mosquitos, Garcia says, will soon kill off the Spanish army in his district.

LONDON, April 5.—Spain has spoken faith in her diploma negotiations respecting the Cuban question. Yesterday she accepted the pope's offer to use his influence to make peace permanent if Spain suspended hostilities. This morning the Spanish ambassador here declared McKinley had asked the pope to intervene. An official denial came from Washington that McKinley had asked the aid of pope. Possibly the explanation of the falsehood was a rise of 4 points in Spanish is.

NEW YORK, April 5.—A dispatch to the World from Havana says: 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 contain sufficient force to paralyze the biggest ships afloat.

NEW YORK, April 5.—A Herald special from Washington says: Consul-General Lee has been instructed to turn the American consulate over to British Consul Gohin and has already made the necessary arrangements with Gohin to do so. This is a mere precaution in case Lee has to leave suddenly. Lee apparently has not abandoned all hope of preventing hostilities, and will stick to his post until it is fully to remain longer.

Veatch Resigns.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 5.—R. M. Veatch has forwarded to Washington his resignation as register of the United States land office here, and has to be released at once. His term some time ago. Mr. Veatch will take the stump soon and make an active canvass for congress.

Election in Butte.

BUTTE, Mont., April 5.—The election Monday was for eight aldermen. The Democrats elected seven and the silver republicans one. The Republicans and Populists made a poor showing. The next council will stand twelve Democrats to four Republicans and silver Republicans.

Baker County Union Ticket.

BAKER CITY, Or., April 5.—As a result of the appointment of a second conference committee by the silver conventions Saturday, the Silver Republicans withdrew their demand for a representative in favor of the Democrats. Nominations were made as follows: Democrats—Representative, W. E. Grace; recorder, I. H. McCord county judge, W. W. Travillion justice of the peace for Baker City, precinct No. 1, C. W. James. Populists—Sheriff, W. H. Kilburn; clerk, M. E. Swan; assessor, John A. Payton; superintendent of schools, W. R. Privett; commissioner, William Brown; constable for Baker City, precinct No. 1, Thomas Merrill.

Silver Republican—Treasurer, A. C. McClelland, coroner, Dr. H. E. Currey; surveyor, Arthur Philbrick.

It is expected that the middle-of-the-road Populists will nominate a ticket of their own.

Supreme Court.

In the supreme court of April 5, the Security Saving & Trust company, respondent vs. William MacKenzie, appellant; appeal from Marion county, argued and submitted, Joseph Simon attorney for respondent, F. D. Chamberlain attorney for appellant. W. H. Saylor, respondent, vs. Christie Oakes, et al., appellants, ordered on stipulation that respondent have until June 1, 1898, to serve and file his brief.

Thos. Spencer, respondent, vs. J. P. Carlson appellant, ordered on stipulation, et al, appellant have until May 1, 1898 and respondent 30 days thereafter to serve and file their respective briefs.

JOURNAL "X-RAYS."

Ed. Judd was left at home this time.

The Convention today is the one that don't want any office.

See here, Bill Jones, did you cut Dave Looney's corset strings?

Republicans, put out your best ticket. It'll be none too good in this fight.

The Salem hog don't like any governor who does his duty by the people who are not hogs.

Salem No. 3, was the solid business delegation in the convention. It had nearly all big muldoon taxpayers.

Besides the Union, Republican, pro-Middle-Roader Populist, there is now a Middle-Roader goldbug party.

It's nip and tuck between Jo. Fones and Billy Bushy as to which holds the strings on the delegates from the Santiam woods.

"I have no use for Governor Lord," said a Salem delegate. "I went there twice for a job and got nothing. Now he'll get it in the neck."

Walter Tooze was conspicuous with ribbons as usual. He has his delegation well in hand and a strong "third house" opposition from Woodburn on the ground.

Waving the flag will not answer this year, gentlemen. The people want something more than wind-bag patriotism as a thin disguise for raids on the county treasury.

Many of the old familiar faces are lacking in the Republican convention. Chairman Tooze called out name after name on committees and "not a delegate," came the mournful reply.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Geer's modesty is greater than that of the committee on "flag and pictures." They forgot to drape the flag over McKinley and Hobart.

The combination in the Republican convention is Wain of Salem for sheriff and Hall of Woodburn for clerk. Of course, nothing could be done without a combination.

There is about as much enthusiasm in the preliminaries of the Republican county convention as around the mourner's bench at a Methodist camp-meeting. Of course, there'll be rejoicing by and by.

M. L. Jones and Alex LaFollette of the Brooks delegation with their arms around each other's neck and hugging the life out of each other is a pleasing sight at this convention.

The Jefferson delegation, headed by Bill Jones, the barber, were on hand to do their level best for Harry Rowland for clerk. If Dave Looney got in first for sheriff their jig was up. It is a square fight between two good men.

New Ties.—A train load of about thirty cars of railroad ties that have recently gone through the crosscutting plant at Latham, passed through Salem this afternoon. The ties will be unloaded between Salem and Portland.

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