

hills of Najasa was not well protected and could be taken.

Najasa is situated on a plateau less than 40 miles from the city of Puerto Principe. It is the Cuban base of supplies for Puerto Principe province, and is used as a hospital station. Several attempts have been made to take it in the past. Owing to its natural advantages, 1,000 men, it is said, can hold it against ten times that number. The road leading to it is bad and offers ambush and protection in case of attacks.

Chicago, March 10.—A special dispatch to the Chronicle from Washington says:

President McKinley has completed the draft of a special message to Congress in which he recommends the recognition of Cuban independence.

It is his intention to send this message to Congress within two weeks.

To support his claim that the time has arrived when the United States should intervene and stop the devastating war in Cuba, the President will submit the correspondence received from consuls in Cuba and Minister Woodford at Madrid.

Chicago, March 10.—The Journal has a special form Washington saying: "Intervention by the United States will take the form of recognition of Cuban independence. Judge Harlan advised this course so as to put on Spain the responsibility of declaring war."

Washington, March 10.—Senator Chandler has introduced a bill providing for omission of duties on war materials that may be imported.

Madrid, March 11.—The anxiety as to the relations between Spain and the United States, which has pervaded financial and commercial circles for several days, culminated Thursday in a heavy fall of funds, all securities of the exterior and interior debts declining one per cent. Treasury bonds declined 1 to 2 per cent, Cuban bonds going down 3 per cent. Bank of Spain shares dropped from 413 to 411, and tobacco shares dropped from 255 to 240. Foreign exchanges have risen in an unprecedented degree, the prices on Paris being at 35 premium and on London at 39 premium.

All the newspapers call upon the government to stop the panic by a prompt and clear statement as to the real conditions existing in Cuba, and also defining the international relations.

The newspapers re-echo the profound sensation and displeasure caused by the United States sending the Montgomery to Havana and by the appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the national defense.

On the other hand it is said in official circles, and it is announced by the papers, that while nothing fresh has occurred in Cuba or in the relations between Spain and the United States to justify alarm, Senor Castillo, and the Spanish ambassador at Paris, has "brought favorable impressions of the disposition of the European press and governments towards Spain."

Washington, D. C., March 11.—By a vote of 7 to 2 the House committee on public lands today agreed to report favorably the Shafroth bill for the cession of all arid lands to the states in which they are located.

Under the Carey act, one million acres have been ceded to the respective states, but none but Wyoming have taken advantage of the act.

The committee also agreed on a bill allowing the territory of New Mexico to select at once about one-half of the lands for schools, penitentiaries and like purposes that would accrue to it on its admission as a state. This is a compromise report to the territory, which sought to secure all of such land, the best part of which it claims is being constantly culled, while its claims to admission are being ignored.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 11.—Gen. W. S. Rosecrans died this morning at 7 o'clock at his home near Redondo.

The old warrior's death was peaceful in the extreme. For several days he has been between life and death, at times unconscious and again in a comatose state. His splendid vitality has kept him alive for days. When it was known the end was near all the watchers at the bedside were ready at any time to see the last.

At the bedside when the end came were a son and daughter of the general, Carl and Anna Rosecrans and a number of immediate friends of the family, besides the attending physician, Dr. Haynes of this city.

Saginaw, Mich., March 11.—All the street car lines in the city are tied up today and the people are walking in a pouring rain. The ninety conductors and motormen struck by order of a committee of the local branch of the Amalgamated association of street railway employees. The men demand \$1.00 a day and pure sinosq juinsed. They have been working fourteen to sixteen hours daily. The receivers of the road last night declined to accede to their request. The public seem to sympathize with the employees.

London March 12.—The Daily News publishes this morning a suggestive interview on the Chinese question with Dr. Markoff, the Russian expert.

Dr. Markoff repudiates the idea that Russia intends to annex Manchuria, although he thought there was no doubt this would come about a century hence.

"Russia's present aims," he said, "are merely to obtain an ice-free port to serve as the terminus of her railway system, to isolate Japan and to develop the vast commercial wealth of China. It is absolutely necessary to curb Japan's ambition. It is a question of predominance between the white and yellow races. If Japan is allowed to join forces with China the white races are doomed."

"Russians regard war with Japan as inevitable."

Kansas City, Mo., March 12.—The Star devotes five columns of its front page to an appeal for aid, in the shape of clothing, food, or money, for the starving thousands in Cuba, stung out the town of Matanzas as the especial point of pressing need. The appeal, written by a returned staff correspondent of the paper, asks in strong terms for aid of whatever description for immediate shipment to Matanzas, the Star offering to transport the charity. A central point where offerings will be received in Kansas City for shipment has been designated. The Star correspondent places the number of starving in Matanzas at 10,000.

New York, March 12.—Captain Sampson last night sent a dispatch in cipher to the navy department, says the Havana correspondent of the Herald. It is stated by one who is in a position to know that the dispatch was of considerable importance and will result in developments in the near future. Asked whether it meant that the report will be made next week, my informant replied that it was impossible to say more than he had. He did add, however, that several important, though not sensational developments would be made in Havana soon.

The same gentlemen cited as proof that Spanish and American divers are working along the same lines and are in accord, the fact that yesterday Spanish and American divers went together to the bottom of the harbor and brought to the surface a sack of mud from under the larger forward magazine.

Madrid, March 12.—The Imparcial today says: "There is still time to prepare a few men-of-war, and it is perhaps possible to buy a few vessels abroad, but in any case we have some

merchant ships which could do a lot of harm to American commerce, and we will have to arrange to carry on a privateering war, from which as much renown may accrue as from the guerilla warfare which vanquished Napoleon."

Continuing, the Imparcial exhorts the government to allow the present crisis to pass over and to turn the time to good use, concluding:

"If our flag goes into mourning, let us at least be able to put some pieces of crape on the Americans' obnoxious flag."

New York, March 12.—A dispatch to the Herald from Madrid says:

"Senor Moret's eloquently simple speech at the last banquet, on the occasion of the Grand Cross of Carlos III being conferred on the governor of this province, may be taken as the reply to the American outbursts and the exposition of the attitude of Spain in the whole matter."

"What is the great difficulty against which we fight? Civil war and insurrection in Cuba, to which there are several corollaries. The most prominent are the forces at work to sustain it. We, I affirm, are entirely confident that we can terminate the insurrection, and that we are nearing a solution of the problem."

"It has been said that autonomy is a failure. This is false and mendacious. The policy of the liberal government is giving grand and evident results. As a proof of it, Cuba is being converted from a devastated into a productive country. Production is being augmented, cultivation is extending, property is increasing in value and prosperity is returning."

"Contrary to the statements of those who have an interest in perverting truth, in the oriental provinces our gallant troops are chasing the rebels at the bayonet's point with cries of 'Viva Espana,' and moral order has been restored since the birth of the constitution which is supported by old reconcilables."

"With peace in Cuba will come triumph over all doubts, and it lies in the hands of the Spanish people on one side, with the soldiers on the other. By patriotism I know the fatherland will not lose an inch of territory, for I believe that success will crown our efforts, and should there arise a supreme moment we will call upon the sons of Spain that they may rally in the road of duty and show all foreigners that they are not strong enough to usurp our rights."

San Francisco, March 14.—Benjamin Cluff Jr., president of the Brigham Young Academy at Provo, Utah, has returned from a visit to the Hawaiian Islands, where he went at the solicitation of United States Senator Frank J. Cannon to determine the status of the annexation sentiment among the Hawaiian Islands. He speaks the Kanaka language fluently and has made a thorough canvass among the natives of the islands of Oahu, Maui and Hilo.

"As a result of my investigation I would say that probably one-half of the intelligent natives of the islands are pronounced advocates of annexation."

"Of the remaining half I would say that the great majority are primarily in favor of the restoration of the monarchy, and secondly, they would much prefer annexation to the United States to a continuation of the present government."

Cape Town, March 14.—Mr. Wolf Joel, the trustee of the estate of the late Barney Barnato, the south African millionaire, was shot in his office this morning at Johannesburg by a former soldier.

London, March 14.—It is said in this city that Mr. Wolf Joel, the nephew of the late Barney Barnato, is dead as the result of a shot.