

MEDIATION BY EUROPE

It Is Suggested in Several Quarters.

FRANCE IS FRIENDLY

No Reply as Yet From Spain to Note Regarding Maine.

WAS NOTIFIED THURSDAY.

The Election To-Day Supposed to be the Cause.

THE PAINTING OF THE SHIPS.

Senor Sagasta in an Interview Says He Doesn't Think Hope for Peaceful Solution Is at an End-Suggestions That Spain Will Back Down Before Hostilities Begin-An Officer Disappears From Fort Monroe-The Texas.

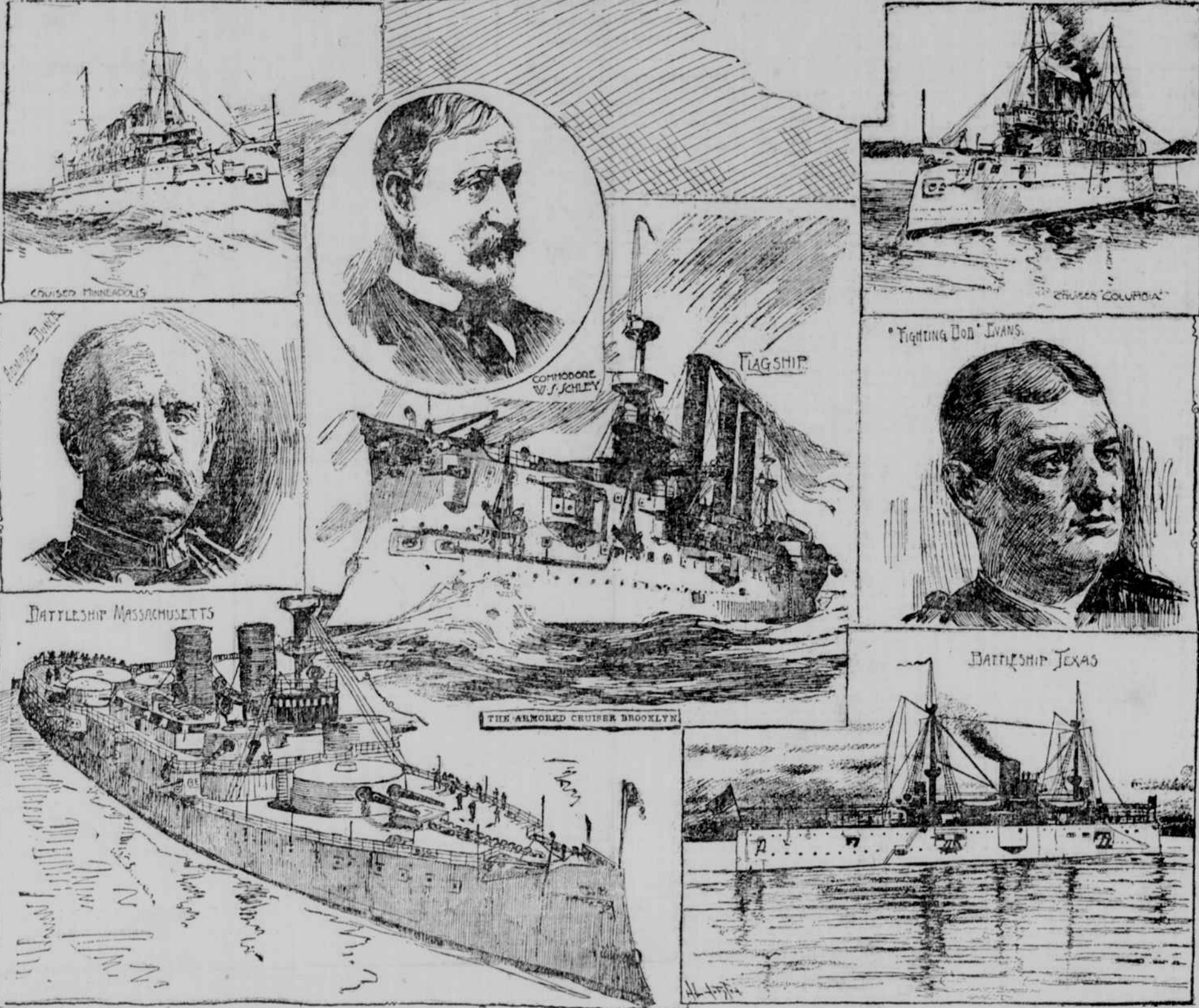
The suggestion has been made in several quarters that European Powers intervene to keep the peace but these ideas have not been received with favor.

HAD HER WAR PAINT ON.

Paritan Leaves for Key West-Massachusetts and Brooklyn. NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 26-Special.-The monitor Paritan weighed anchor at 6:15 o'clock this evening for Southern waters, whither she was ordered Friday.

FRANCE IS FOR PEACE.

She Sympathizes With Both Spain and This Government. PARIS, March 26-In the Chamber of Deputies to-day M. Groussot, Socialist, made a sweeping criticism of the foreign policy of the government.



To be Stationed at Hampton Roads, Under Command of Commodore Schley. It is Composed of Five Fleet Vessels and Will Be Ready to Defend Any Portion of the Atlantic Coast on Short Notice.

FIGHTING MUST STOP

McKinley Will So Notify Spain.

CONDITIONS IN CUBA

Have Become Intolerable to This Country.

SOME PROVISION BY SPAIN

For the Helpless Cubans Will Be Demanded.

WAR IF NECESSARY TO ENFORCE

The Government at Madrid Will Be Asked to Come to Satisfactory Terms With the Insurgents. McKinley Will Submit the Report of the Maine Court of Inquiry to Congress on Monday Without Recommendation.

WASHINGTON, March 26-President McKinley talked freely with his congressional visitors to-day both in regard to his plans for the future and his appreciation of the situation with reference to Cuba.

To follow the report of the Maine Court of Inquiry to Congress on Monday without recommendation and without explanation on his part, further than to say that he has acquainted Spain with the finding of the court; to follow this Tuesday or Wednesday with a message dealing with the condition of the non-combatants in Cuba, and asking for an appropriation of \$500,000 for their immediate relief; to present anew this condition to Spain, asking that country to make provision for the care of her own helpless people and to come to some terms with the Cubans, which will be satisfactory to them and put an end to the war.

MAY STILL PRESERVE PEACE. The President indicated to his callers an abiding faith that peace still may be preserved, and a determination of his part to accomplish that end if it may be done with honor to our own country and without disregarding the demands of humanity.

THE TORPEDO FLEET. He referred only casually to the sailing of the Spanish torpedo fleet, leaving the impression on the minds of his visitors that he considered that so far in this matter Spain is acting within the bounds of her own right and that no just complaint can yet be made by this country.

WATER RISING AGAIN.

Cincinnati Merchants Compelled to Move Up Higher. CINCINNATI, O., March 26-To-night the outlook for a great flood in the Ohio river is disheartening. The river at noon to-day passed the fifty-five-foot mark, ten feet above the danger line, and rising rapidly.

MR. GLADSTONE'S CONDITION.

Elaborate Precautions to Keep Information From the Press. LONDON, March 26-Elaborate precautions have been taken to keep information from reaching the press concerning Mr. Gladstone, but it is learned that his condition to-day is most critical.

AN OFFICER DISAPPEARS.

A Rumor That He Carried Off Plans of Fortress Monroe Denied. NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 26-The disappearance of a German sergeant named Tscherning from Fort Monroe caused the report to be circulated to-day that plans of the fortifications had been stolen.

WEATHER FORECAST.

WASHINGTON, March 26-Forecast for Sunday: Virginia-Threatening weather and probably rain; warmer; easterly shifting to southerly winds.

RANGE OF THERMOMETER.

The range of the thermometer on Saturday was as follows: 9 A. M., 52; 12 M., 54; 3 P. M., 55; 6 P. M., 56; 9 P. M., 54; 12 M., 58. Average, 53.5.

CONFEDERATES CAN BE OFFICERS.

No Prohibiting Statute Now to Operate Against Them.

THEY MAY SERVE IN THE ARMY.

David B. Hill Had the Last Congress to Wipe Out the Only Prohibitory Provision-North and South on Equal Footing.

ARTILLERY FORCES MOVING.

The Terror Coals Quickly and Aways Again-Texas Sailors Left Behind. NORFOLK, VA., March 26-Special.-A detachment of artillerymen from Fort Monroe passed through the city this afternoon, going south over the Seaboard Air Line.

WILL SPAIN BACK DOWN?

An English Official Thinks She Will See the Futility of War. LONDON, March 26-Although public opinion on this side of the Atlantic as in America had already discounted the finding of the United States Court of Inquiry into the loss of the Maine and actual confirmation was expected, the verdict only served to whet people's appetites.

FORTY-EIGHT MEN ARE FROZEN.

Caught in Blinding Snow Storm on Ice Floes.

FIFTY BADLY FROST-BITTEN.

Amputation of One or More of Their Limbs Will Have to Be Undergone by All of Them-All Were Members of Crew of the Greenland.

OTHER CASES FEARED.

From the circumstances of the disaster it is feared that other steamers have suffered in a similar manner. The city is in a terrible state of excitement. The disaster is the worst recorded in the history of the seal industry. Most of the victims were married.

THE TEXAS ARRIVES.

NEW YORK, March 26-The United States battleship Texas dropped anchor off Tompkinsville to-night.

BROCKENBROUGH FOR CHAIRMAN.

He Will Probably be at the Head of Board of Fisheries.

DELEGATION TO VISIT GOVERNOR

Friends of Drs. Fletcher and Bowdoin are Active and It is Believed a Dark Horse Will Be Chosen-The Aspirants for Secretary.

THEY CAME TO RICHMOND.

Senator LeCato and Delegate S. Wilkins Matthews, of Accomac, were in Richmond yesterday, and conferred with the Governor. They are supporters of the Governor and urged his appointment with all the ability they possess.

THE OTHER MEMBERS.

The aspirants for the secretaryship are Messrs. S. W. Niemeyer, of Portsmouth; George Lindsey, of Norfolk county; Nash, of Portsmouth; W. Mc.D. Lee, of Lancaster; S. H. Miller, of Matthews; Dr. Woodward, of Middlesex; Dr. Garland Moore, of Northampton; George Preston Coleman, of Williamsburg, and Matthews, of Bellfield.

It can be stated on positive information that, if indeed it has not already done so, inform Spain that the conditions now existing in Cuba have become intolerable to the people of this country, and that hostilities on the island must cease.