

LEADING CHARACTERS IN THE IMPENDING ARMY INVESTIGATION.



ANGLO-GERMAN COMBINE

An Offensive and Defensive Alliance is Said to Have Been Entered Into by England and Germany.

London, Sept. 3.—A report is current here that a treaty of alliance between Great Britain and Germany, on the lines of the speech of Mr. Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, has been completed.

The Pall Mall Gazette says it has received from a source in which it has every confidence information that the Anglo-German agreement was signed this week by Mr. Balfour and the German ambassador in behalf of the respective powers. The Pall Mall Gazette says that while the agreement is restricted, it embraces an offensive and defensive alliance in certain eventualities, and adds: "This new and momentous departure in our foreign policy comes as a natural development of the European situation."

KILLED BY DYNAMITE.

Four Men Lose Their Lives by an Explosion—Three Others Badly Injured.

Bloomington Ind., Sept. 3.—A horrible accident occurred at Stinesville yesterday afternoon in which four men were killed by a dynamite explosion and many others seriously injured. The men were blasting rock for a new pike, when a terrific explosion of dynamite occurred, killing the following: John W. Williams, John Grubb, Buck Wampler and Edward Watts. Injured: Ben Effe, Milton Hike and Willie Lifford. The men killed and injured were well-known citizens of this county—all had families and some grown children. They ranged in age from 40 to 50 years.

Engineers Strike.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 3.—Some of the engineers at the Colerain colliery went out on strike yesterday, claiming that since the pump runners joined the striking miners and quit work they have been obliged to look after the pumps and also their work. No further conferences have been held by the striking miners with the company officials and the men are still determined to hold out.

Four Young Women Drowned.

Erie, Pa., Sept. 3.—By the accidental jibbing of the sail of a pleasure yacht on Presque Isle bay last evening four young women were swept off into the water and drowned. Their names are: Mary, Della and Ella Paradine, daughters of William Paradine, an Erie machinist, and Jessie Moore, daughter of John H. Moore, an engineer on the Erie & Pittsburgh railroad.

German Fleet at Manila Reduced.

Berlin, Sept. 3.—A semi-official note issued Friday says: "A state of peace having been re-established between the United States and Spain, orders have been given that the German naval force at Manila be reduced to one or two ships."

Lawton Reports "No Deaths."

Washington, Sept. 3.—The following is Gen. Lawton's daily report of health conditions at Santiago: "Total sick 229, total fever 129, total new cases fever 7, total returned to duty 23; no deaths."

Russia's Peace Conference.

Berlin, Sept. 3.—It is the intention of Russia to convene a peace conference after the adjournment of the Spanish-American peace conference.

The President Goes to Camp Wikoff.

New York, Sept. 3.—President McKinley and his party left the city last night for Camp Wikoff. With the president were Vice President Hobart, Col. Myron T. Herrick, of Cleveland; Maj. Webb C. Hayes, J. Addison Porter, secretary to the president; Assistant Secretary Cortelyou and W. McK. Barber, the president's nephew.

Shafter Declines to Talk.

Camp Wikoff, N. Y., Sept. 3.—Gen. Shafter declines to enter into a controversy with Dr. Senn in regard to yellow fever among the soldiers at Santiago.

BATTLESHIP OREGON.

Her New Commander is Capt. Albert S. Barker, Lately in Charge of the Newark.

Albert S. Barker, who replaces Capt. Charles E. Clark as the commander of the great battleship Oregon, relinquishes his command of the cruiser Newark, of the North Atlantic squadron, to go to his new command. Capt. Clark has been pronounced sick and unfit for duty by the navy surgeons, and gives up his fine ship, under orders, with regret. The new commander of the Oregon is a son of Massachusetts, and had not yet completed his four years' course in the naval academy at Annapolis when he was ordered out to



CAPT. ALBERT S. BARKER. (The New Commander of the Great Battleship Oregon.)

the steam frigate Mississippi. He took part in the capture of New Orleans and in the fight at Port Hudson, where the Mississippi was lost. After the war he was assigned to various posts until in 1883, as commander, he was given charge of the Enterprise, and for three years was the skipper of that ship while a line of deep sea soundings was run across the Atlantic and Indian oceans from New Zealand to the straits of Magellan. The scientific results of this voyage Capt. Barker has published, and they are known to hydrographists the world over. He was the commander of the Philadelphia when that cruiser was the flagship of Admiral Gherard in the international naval review of 1893. For two score years the captain has "used the sea," to say nothing of his record as a fighter during the civil war. He knows the Oregon from stem to stern, and will be no stranger on her decks.

GEN. HENRY W. LAWTON.

Commandant of the Newly Created Military Department of Santiago de Cuba.

Maj. Gen. Henry W. Lawton, who has been assigned to the command of the new geographical department of the army that has just been created by the president, led the march of Shafter's men on the city of Santiago. The assignment is appropriate, therefore, for the new department consists of that part of the island of Cuba that was surrendered to the United States by Spain after the battle of Sag Juan hill. The new commander of Santiago is an Ohioan and a thorough army man. He has done military duty in times of peace and war. He distin-



GEN. HENRY W. LAWTON. (Commanding the Military Department of Santiago in Cuba.)

guished himself at Atlanta by leading a charge against the enemy's rifle pits, which he took, with the men in them. He was given a medal for this deed of heroism. When the war ended he entered the regular army as a lieutenant in the cavalry service, and had risen to the rank of lieutenant colonel when the president appointed him to his present position on May 4 last. The order establishing the new department provides that it shall cover any territory in that part of Cuba which may come into the possession of the United States.

Origin of Menu Cards.

It is not generally known that the originator of the "bill of fare" was Duke Henry of Brunswick, who was first observed in the intervals of a banquet to scan carefully a long strip of paper by the side of his plate. When the curious guests ventured to inquire into the nature of his studies he explained that it was a sort of programme of the dishes he had commanded from the cook, to the intent that if some delicacy which especially appealed to him were marked for a late stage in the repast, he might carefully reserve his appetite for it. The simplicity and beauty of the idea appealed instantly to the good duke's convives and the menu card from that moment became an institution.

Hay is Too Plentiful.

Hay is so plentiful this year in some parts of western Connecticut that it is offered for sale at one dollar a ton.

CHEERED BY NATIVES

Warm Welcome to Americans on Entering Adjuntas.

Women and Children Throw Flowers as a Greeting to Gen. Roy Stone—Every Puerto Rican a Liberal Host.

The Puerto Rican natives, especially the poorer classes, have given us the most enthusiastic welcome, reports a correspondent of the Associated Press. They had dreamed for years of the time when the hand of the oppressors would be removed from their throats; and now it has come. With the exception of a few of the rich they seem to care little about the independence of the island. The old revolutionists, ambitious for political power, inquire anxiously if we will retain possession of the island, and shout enthusiastically. But a great many care little for independence, apparently sure in the conviction that we came to drive out the Spaniards. The writer accompanied a reconnoitering expedition under Gen. Roy Stone into the mountains north of Ponce. It was remarkable in more ways than one. Gen. Miles had found that the enemy's position at Aibonito was almost impregnable; and he had decided to turn the left flank of the Spanish position, landing Gen. Brooke at Arroyo and moving his column to Cayey in the rear of the Spanish position at Aibonito. The advisability of a movement by our left flank was also discussed. This could be done if the road across the mountains to Aceibo on the north coast were passable.

The reports were that there was a fine carriage road from Utuabo to Aibonito. The only question was as to the character of the road as far as the former point. Gen. Stone volunteered to make the reconnoissance. He took with him several men of the signal corps, four newspaper correspondents, and company C, of the Second Wisconsin. The start was made at noon. The



GEN. ROY STONE. (Formerly Chief of the Road Inquiry Division, Agricultural Department.)

road led straight to the top of the mountain for ten miles, and the infantry company was soon far behind.

The carriages were drawn by native ponies and went up the mountains on a gallop, except when the reckless drivers pulled up to breathe the animals. It was right into the heart of the enemy's country. The road rises to an altitude of 5,000 feet and runs right into San Juan. It is a marvelous piece of engineering. At times it is hewn out of solid rock hanging over sheer cliffs 1,000 feet deep. The scenery of the Alps, although bolder of course, is not more beautiful. Everything is covered with luxuriant tropical verdure, even the rocks. Brilliant flowering plants and trees splash the green with vivid color. Once at the top the finished military road ended, and then we started on to Adjuntas ten miles off.

The drivers drove like Jehus. The vehicles had no brakes, and the little ponies on the descent were on the dead run to keep away from the wheels. Bounding, turning, swaying, now an inch from a precipice on but two wheels and now swinging into the side of the cliff, the occupants holding on for dear life, the vehicles went at a terrific pace as the drivers whipped their mad beasts. One false step, a tumble, would have sent us whirling off into space. No other drivers could have accomplished this feat. One more descent and we went tearing into the town. On through the town we drove at a gallop, women and children who lined the streets bombarding us with bouquets of roses, fuchsias and wild flowers, while the men, who formed the background, cheered and cried: "Down with Spain!"

This quaint little town in the mountains has a picturesque square where the people may gather to cheer and welcome. They had some American flags, which were waved everywhere. The alcalde welcomed Gen. Stone formally and the latter made the assembled populace a speech from the veranda of the town hall. In their enthusiasm the people could not wait for the translation. At every sentence they cheered. Then they cheered the translation. It was dark when the formalities were over, and every citizen constituted himself a reception committee, besieging the members of our party with invitations to dinner.

Pills for Ailing Plants.

The administration of food to plants by means of pills is a new idea. The exact kind of nourishment required is easily ascertained, the necessary salts are inclosed in a prepared case and buried under the roots.

Priests Going into Trade.

The exodus of the priests from the church of France is attracting the attention of the French press. Some of them are qualifying for the Protestant ministry and others are going into business.

COLONEL JOHN HAY.

New Head of the State Department is Famed as a Diplomat, Author and Soldier.

John Hay, who succeeds Secretary Day at the head of the state department, is famed as diplomat, statesman and author. His splendid record at the court of St. James, where he is given credit by the English press for having brought about the entente cordiale which now exists between the two countries, is his greatest achievement, but he has been well known to the public for 35 years of the 60 he has lived. It was as private secretary to President Lincoln that he first came into the public eye. While studying law at Springfield he attracted the at-



COL. JOHN HAY. (Judge Day's Successor as Head of the State Department.)

tention of Lincoln, who, recognizing his ability, offered him the post at the white house. Hay was with Lincoln as secretary from 1861 to 1865 except for a brief service in the army, where he attained the rank of major and brevet colonel. When Lincoln's death ended his duties as secretary Col. Hay was sent to Madrid, and later to Paris as secretary of legation, and still later was charge d'affaires at Vienna. Returning to America, he wrote editorials for the New York Tribune and acted as editor in chief during White-law Reid's absence in Europe. It was while he was on the Tribune that Col. Hay wrote his "Pike County Ballads," robust, hearty pictures of western life that gained an immediate popularity. More pretentious is "Castilian Days," a work of great literary merit. In 1873 Col. Hay removed to Cleveland, where he entered quite actively into political life, and upon the election of Rutherford B. Hayes to the presidency he became assistant secretary of state. Since then he has made his home in Washington, his residence at the capital being one of the most elegant in that city. Col. Hay was born at Salem, Ind., in 1838, and graduated from Brown in 1858. His wife was the daughter of Amasa Stone, the Ohio millionaire.

TWO PLANT FREAKS.

Both Have Recently Been Discovered in the Pretty Michigan City of Kalamazoo.

Kalamazoo claims two freaks in the flower and plant line.

Growing from a small hole in the trunk of a maple tree in that Michigan city, high up and where once presumably there was a knot, are a sunflower and an elm branch, both perfectly formed. It is supposed that a bird carried the seeds to this little



TWO PLANT FREAKS. (Both Are Said to Exist in the Famous Town of Kalamazoo.)

opening, where they took root and grew.

Another freak is in the shape of a rush bush owned by Policeman Charles Avery. The bush is now bearing the second crop of roses this season. But this is not the most peculiar thing about it. The policeman found on it one morning a large blossom apparently perfect in every respect except that from the center of the flower had grown another full-sized rosebud which was about to open and produce another flower inside the one already open. The Kalamazoo News vouches for the truth of these two stories.

Washable Wall Paper.

The sanitary wall papers now come in most effective and useful shades so that they may be used in the living rooms as well as in the bedrooms. For awhile their choice of design and coloring was so limited that their use was correspondingly restricted. It is probably only a question of time when all wall papers will be sanitary and capable of being, as are now a few, washed off in good earnest. A novelty seen at one of the exclusive shops was a paper offered in soft, dull shades that was a perfect representation of denim. This popular and dull background for both floors and walls is highly artistic and effective, and sows that the denim paper has come, we may look for the early popularity.

Penetrating Power of Water.

So penetrating is water at high pressure that only special qualities of cast iron will withstand it.

\$500 Reward

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