



PEACE AT LAST!

SPANIARDS SUE FOR PEACE AT LAST.

Haughty Dons, through the French Ambassador, Present a Request That Negotiations Be Opened.

Spain has sued for peace formally and directly to President McKinley through M. Cambon, the French ambassador. The following official statement is made:

"The French ambassador on behalf of the government of Spain, by direction of the Spanish minister of foreign affairs, presented to the president this Tuesday, afternoon, at the White House a message from the Spanish government looking to the termination of the war and the settlement of terms of peace."

Washington, July 25.—Spain's communication presented by Ambassador Cambon is general in terms and does not make any propositions as to Cuba, the Philippines, Porto Rico or any other possession. It is simply a request that peace negotiations be opened. No armistice is proposed.

After Ambassador Cambon submitted the proposal a general talk followed between him, the president, Secretary Day and M. Thiebaud. The president reserved his answer, an understanding being reached that he would at once lay the subject before the cabinet and then invite M. Cambon to another conference at the White House when the final answer will be given as to a willingness of this government to open negotiations.

LATEST NEWS.

Overture of Spain is kept secret. Friday's cabinet meeting is to determine our reply. Spain will yield Cuba and Porto Rico, and the disposal of the Philippines likely to cause considerable discussion.

Fever cases at Santiago are increasing. General Shafter reports the new victims as numbering 639.

Bismark is quite ill and near his end. Troops in Porto Rico are being concentrated around San Juan and preparing to fight.

Markets: Chicago, wheat, cash, 70c; Philadelphia, wheat, contract, July, 72.

The young king of Spain has the measles.

A nitro glycerine explosion at Pinosole, Cal., killed five persons.

Governor Hastings Will Lose.

The postoffice appointment at Bellefonte still hangs fire, though it is now generally conceded that Governor Hastings will lose in his effort to have an administration man appointed, and that Congressman Arnold's recommendation will be taken. This belief was considerably strengthened by the receipt of a letter from Senator Quay, who said that both the President and the department conceded the unalterable right of the congressman to name all postmasters in his district, and that as Arnold had recommended W. W. Montgomery the President had definitely promised to appoint him.

Very Costly Work.

It is estimated that Admiral Sampson's bombardment of Santiago, June 16th, cost the government more than \$1,000,000, and that an average weight of 1,875,000 pounds of metal was thrown at the Spaniards. At this rate it cost a little less than fifty cents a pound for the metal hurled by the great guns of our warships in an engagement. This cost, of course, includes the expense of powder as well as projectiles.

Improvements.

Clem Luse has broken ground for a new house on a lot out towards the station. He will erect it yet this fall. The new grange hall is being pushed upwards and the carpenters will soon have it ready for the roof. The building will be a very large one, as can be seen by the structure being formed.

Typhoid Fever in Millsburg.

Millsburg has an epidemic of typhoid fever. There are from twelve to fifteen cases, and one death has occurred. There are also a great many cases in the country around the town. Some blame the new water pipes, others think there are other causes.

Thousands of persons have been cured of piles by using De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It heals promptly and cures eczema and all skin diseases. It gives immediate relief. For sale by Smith & Crawford.

Cheers for Col. Bryan.

Col. William J. Bryan's Third Nebraska regiment arrived in Nashville, a few days ago on the way to Jacksonville. They were enthusiastically welcomed and lunch was provided for every man. Congressman Benton McMillin presented Col. Bryan to the large audience of men and women, who greeted him with cheers. Col. Bryan then spoke in part as follows:

"We do not know what may be the result of this war. War often brings results which were not imagined in the beginning, but one result has already been achieved during this war. If there was anybody in the United States who doubted the loyalty of the people of the South there will hereafter be no one to doubt the loyalty of the South. When the President of the United States gave general's commissions to Fitzhugh Lee and Congressman Wheeler the sectional question was forever buried, and hereafter there will be no Dixie line. When our band started down here I told them I wanted them to practice well on 'Dixie,' so that we could play it when we got down South, because I told them you had been practicing for 30 years on 'Yankee Doodle,' and we wanted to mix them down here." (Applause.)

SPAIN MUST SUE FOR PEACE.

The reported decision of the Madrid Cabinet to sue for peace with the United States was read in Washington official circles. Its effect, however, has already been discounted by the determination of the Administration to pay no attention to intimations coming from the Spanish government in a semi-official, or even official, manner that it is ready to begin negotiations for ending the war. The situation has progressed beyond the point where mere intimations will attract the notice of the United States. Only substantial, straightforward propositions as to what Spain proposes to do will be considered. The Government expects to receive "feelers" put out by the Madrid Ministry at any time, but these will be ignored. While the United States authorities are not desirous of making Spain's punishment any greater, if such a course can be avoided, and are apparently willing to receive overtures broad enough to cause a belief that they are honest and sincere, they will not be led into the error of ceasing hostilities to consider tricky subterfuges intended merely to gain time.

McKinley in the Way.

The Madrid correspondent of the London Daily News telegraphing Sunday says: The efforts of the government toward peace are meeting with almost insuperable difficulties. Ministerialists say that the chief obstacle is President McKinley's impressionable character, which is more influenced, they affect to believe, by his personal friends and the jingoes in congress than by diplomatic counsels.

The president sometimes appears inclined, they say, to negotiate for peace on reasonable terms; but, at others he seems determined upon a war of conquest with a "view of convincing Europe that the United States is a great military power which must be reckoned with."

Another Big Flag.

The disposition to erect large flags in the state still continues and patriotism has not by any means shown any abatement. Pleasant Gap was to the front for awhile with the largest in the United States, then followed Mauch Chunk with one only a trifle larger, now comes Tyrone on deck proposing to suspend one larger than any of these at a cost of \$450. It will also be suspended between mountain breaks.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: W. C. Wolf, of Loganton, Clinton county, and Sadie S. Zeigler, of Wolf's Store.

Wm. Sprankle and Sarah Cole, of Spring twp. Antonio Taceville, of Benner twp., and Tamatina Brumo, of Spring twp.

Mountain Grove Camp Meeting.

On account of the Methodist Camp Meeting at Mountain Grove, August 3rd to 11th, 1898, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Mountain Grove and return, from Wilkesbarre, Tomhicken, Williamsport, Millsburg, Mt. Carmel and intermediate stations, August 1st to 11th good to return until August 12th, 1898 inclusive.

The Chief Burgess of Millsburg, Pa., says De Witt's Little Early Risers are the best pills he ever used in his family during forty years of housekeeping. They cure constipation, sick headache and stomach and liver troubles. Small in size but great in results. For sale by Smith & Crawford.

The Pennsylvania Railroad's Popular Excursions to the Seashore.

August 4 is the date of the next Pa. R. R. low-rate 12-day excursion to Atlantic City and the principal South Jersey seashore resorts. A special train of Pullman parlor cars and day coaches will leave Pittsburgh on above-mentioned dates at 8.55 a. m., arriving at Altoona 12.15 p. m., where stop for dinner will be made, reaching Philadelphia 6.25 p. m., and arriving at Atlantic City via the Delaware River Bridge route, the only all-rail line, at 8.40 p. m. Passengers may also spend the night in Philadelphia, and proceed to the shore by any regular train from Market Street Wharf or Broad Street Station on July 22, August 5 or 19.

Tickets will be sold from the stations at the rates named below:

Clearfield	Rate	Train leaves
9.31 A. M.		
Philadelphia	8.00	10.12
Tyrone	7.65	12.56 P. M.
Huntingdon	7.10	1.38
Duncannon	4.60	13.27
Philadelphia	6.25	
Atlantic City	8.40	

Tickets will also be good on regular trains leaving Pittsburgh at 4.30 and 8.10 p. m., carrying sleeping cars to Philadelphia, and 7.05 p. m., carrying Pullman sleeping cars through to Atlantic City.

For detailed information in regard to rates and time of trains apply to ticket agents, or Mr. Thomas E. Watt, District Passenger Agent, Pittsburgh, July 14-21

He Loved Them All.

Rev. C. T. Atwood, pastor of the Christian church at Whiting, Sioux City, Iowa, has lost his job because he promised to marry 27 different women there and couldn't fulfill all his contracts.

The multiplicity of his love affairs leaked out when his prospective marriage with one of his fiancées was announced. Then all the others filed their claims and wanted the pastor "churched" for his duplicity. While the church trustees were considering the matter Mr. Atwood resigned to forestall any unfavorable action. He says he loved all the fair damsels because they are children of Christ, but that in promising to marry them he simply meant he would perform the ceremony when called on to do so.

We Ought to Run the Risk.

The man who can eat a hearty dinner while the electric fan keeps the air in pleasant circulation and immediately thereafter go to a cool, dark room there to enjoy a comfortable nap until the sun's rays cease to come down the near way is to be envied for the time being at least. His lot is a happy one. Of course he won't be as far up in Kingdom Come as the poor sweating country editor who works, sweats and prays for better times while the forehead is dripping with his big dinners and fat dividends. It is then we will have the bulge on the autocrat as well as on the fellow who writes "stop my paper, will you pay you in the future." Still there are a lot of men who would rather have things their way down here and run the risk of comfortable quarters hereafter.

Bring the War Home to Spain.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The brutality of the bull fight governs the Spaniard in his views of human affairs. The life of a colonist is of no consequence to him. In the colonies his rule has been to slay if he could not plunder. It is useless to look for any humane impulse from the armed Spaniards in Cuba. They will recognize nothing except the law of force. The war will be wantonly lengthened, as has been the case at Santiago. Preparations to assail the coast of Spain should be pushed with all possible vigor. Spain needs a taste of war at its own doors to give it a realizing sense of the curse it has brought upon its possessions.

United Brethren Camp Meeting at Mt. Gretna.

For the United Brethren Camp Meeting at Mt. Gretna, Pa., August 2 to 11, 1898, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all points on its system east of (but not including) Pittsburgh and Erie and west of and including Philadelphia, to Mt. Gretna and return at reduced rates. These tickets will be sold July 31 to August 11 inclusive, good to return until August 20, 1898, inclusive. For specific rate, conditions, etc., apply to nearest ticket agent.

A Horrible Railroad Accident.

Is a daily chronicle in our papers; also the death of some dear friend, who had died with consumption, whereas, if he or she had taken Otto's Cure for Throat and Lung diseases in time, life would have been rendered happier and perhaps saved. Heed the warning! If you have a cough or any affection of the Throat and Lungs call at G. H. Long's, Spring Mills, sole agent and get a trial bottle free. Large sizes 50c. and 25c.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

A NICE BLUFF ON THREATENING SPAIN.

The Formidable Fleet Will Not be Sent.—The Break of the Cuban Insurgents, and Its Consequences.

WASHINGTON, July 25th.—If the recently officially announced intention to send Commodore Watson's fleet to Spain was not a bluff, why in the name of common sense is the official announcement now made that the sending of the fleet to Spain has been indefinitely postponed? Only a small portion of the powerful fleet we now have in Cuban waters will be needed in the campaign against Porto Rico, which was opened by the landing of Gen. Miles and the troops with him on Porto Rican soil, news of which has just reached Washington. At no time since the war started, could so many of our strongest fighting ships be spared to go to Spain as right now. This was acknowledged by Secretary Long in conversation with a friend who was trying to find out why the fleet had not gone to Spain. A Senator who is very friendly with Mr. McKinley said on the subject: "The official announcement of the orders to Commodore Watson, several weeks ago was unquestionably made to bluff Spain into begging for peace, and now that Mr. McKinley has information that the bluff had served its purpose, he has caused it to be publicly announced that the sailing of the fleet had been postponed, in order that Spain may act." "But," said another Senator, "suppose that Spain doesn't ask for peace, what then?" "Then," said the first Senator laughingly, "I suppose the bluff will be repeated." "Well," answered Senator No. 2, "that sort of thing is a little too Spanish to suit me; I believe that it is the duty of the administration to fight this war to a close at the earliest possible moment. In trickery, we can never hope to equal the Spaniards, and I should be ashamed to be an American, if we could. We can lick them every day in the week, when it comes to fighting, and the sooner we send the fleet over there to fight them at home, the sooner we shall have peace."

The administration is showing a disposition to make Gen. Shafter bear all the blame for the break with Gen. Garcia and his army of Cuban insurgents, although it is not denied that, as a whole, what Garcia complained of was the result of Shafter's carrying out orders given in Washington. It is claimed that he should have jollied Garcia sufficiently to have made him believe that he was at least being consulted about what was being done. The plain truth is, that the administration doesn't want to quarrel with the insurgents, although it has been fully determined that the government of Cuba shall not be turned over to them at the close of the war, unless they can get a majority of the residents of Cuba, to declare by their votes in their favor. It is willing to feed and clothe the insurgents and to keep them supplied with arms and ammunition without being too exacting as to the military duties they shall perform, but to go no further. That the Cubans should not be models, either as soldiers or statesmen, is natural enough when one considers their persecution by Spain for hundreds of years; that sort of treatment never produces model men, but it has become plain that powerful influences are at work to make the people of this country think them worse than they are. This question will bear close watching.

There is no other officer in our army who has profited to so great an extent personally as Gen. Leonard Wood, now military Governor of Santiago. When the Maine was blown up he was a Surgeon in the regular army, with the rank of Captain, stationed in Washington, performing among other duties those of family physician to Mr. McKinley. When "Teddy" Roosevelt conceived the idea of enlisting the regiment of Rough Riders, and had it approved by Mr. McKinley, he asked that Dr. Wood be made Col. of the regiment. It was done. He was made a Brigadier General for gallantry in the field, being strongly recommended for the promotion by his immediate Superior, Gen. Wheeler, "fighting Joe." Just why he succeeded McKibbin, who was first named as military Governor of Santiago, by Gen. Shafter, is not so clear, but it was probably because he was the President's friend and doctor, and wanted the place. A jump from Captain to Brigadier General is certainly extraordinary, even when one is as brave as Gen. Wood has proved himself to be and is the President's doctor and friend.

No visitor to Washington since the war opened has received a more cordial welcome from everybody than Lt. Hobson, the Merrimac hero, who came

to hurry up the work at this end of the line of saving some of the wrecked ships of Cervera's fleet. He thinks three of them can be saved if no time is lost unless there comes a severe storm before the ships can be got afloat. Nearly a week ago it was officially announced that Gen. Shafter had been ordered to forward to Washington a complete list of the soldiers who had yellow fever and of those who had died with it, but as yet, he has only partially complied with the order. Adjutant General Corbin says there is yellow fever in every regiment of Shafter's army, and that's why none of them were allowed to go with Miles to Porto Rico.

Porto Rico Will Be Kept by United States.

"Porto Rico will be kept by the United States. That is settled and has been the plan from the first. Once taken it will never be released. It will pass forever into the hands of the United States, and this has been the Administration's programme from the beginning of the war. "Its possession will be considered in the demand for an indemnity, and will also be useful in paying the heavy war debt. Our flag once run up will float over the island permanently. "The future of the Philippines is a matter of development, and so far there is no certain policy finally adopted regarding these islands. They are subject to developments in the war situation in the Pacific. "The Ladrone Islands may follow the fate of Porto Rico and become our permanent possession, being valuable as a coaling and supply station for our ships when en route to Eastern Asia." —Semi-official from the White House.

The Dog Days are With Us.

The dog days, a season of the year about which considerable is said and of which there are many superstitions over which timid people tremble, commenced on Saturday, 9th, and will last forty days. The rising and setting of "Sirius," or the dog star, with the sun has been universally regarded as the cause of the excessive heat that prevails generally at this particular season. The poor dogs, that are made to bear the infamy of the source of our discomfort are perhaps, allies in some manner to the extreme heat of the interval, but they, as well as human beings, share alike the afflictions which are at this time common. Dogs at this season are supposed to be more susceptible to rabies, and going mad than at any other time, although there is no perceptible difference between the present condition of the sun and what it is at any other times in summer.

Reduced Rates to Saratoga.

For the Young People's Christian Union, United Presbyterian Church, to be held at Saratoga, August 3 to 8, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from points on its line to Saratoga at rate of single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold August 3 to 10, or by depositing ticket with Joint Agent return limit may be extended to August 31, 1898.

Havana Prices.

Since the blowing-up of the Maine Havana is paying the following prices: Rice, 15 cents a pound; flour, 10; corn meal, 22; potatoes, 15; lard, 30; oil, 35; codfish, 23; peas, 10; condensed milk, per can, \$1; salt, 3 cents; onions 35; corned beef, a half can, 70; one-half can of fish, 60; sweet potatoes, 15. These are pond prices. Before the blockade sweet potatoes sold at 20 cents for 25 pounds.

Republican Primaries.

The chairman of the Republican county committee has issued his call for holding the primaries in the county on Saturday, August 13th. The convention will be held in the court house on the following Tuesday at 11 o'clock. 120 delegates are to be elected, and 63 are necessary for choice in the county convention.

Well Represented.

The Reformed reunion at Island Park, near Sunbury, will be well represented from this place. The morning train east carried 43 passengers from Centre Hall. A special will bring them back this evening.

"Our customers say you manufacture three of the best remedies on earth," said the mercantile firm of Haas, Harris, Brim & McClain, of Dawson, Ga., in a recent letter to the Chamberlain Medicine Co. This is the universal verdict. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the finest preparation in the world for rheumatism, neuralgia, lame back, quincy, sore throat, cuts, bruises, burns, scalds, pains and swellings. A 25 cent bottle of this liniment in the house will save a great deal of suffering. For sale by S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, and H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cullings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

The Don Came Down.

There was a Don up in a tree, And a Yankee down below; "Come down," said the Yankee to the Don, "But the Don was rather slow. "What terms," he asked, "will you make with me? If I come down to you? No terms? Oh, Mr. Yankee man, That'll never, never do."

The Yankee took aim with his gun At the Don up in the tree. "I'll shoot," he said, "if you don't come down Before I've counted three." At that the Don's dark visage spread A terrifying frown, "But the Yankee counted 'one' and 'two,' And the little old Don came down. —Cleveland Leader.

Sam Snyder made the first tap on the new water main. More rain is needed, corn and potatoes would be benefited.

Nancy Barger, of Roland, 106 years old, was granted a pension, \$12.

Wm. Lytle of Stormstown, receives a pension increase, \$16 to \$17.

The showers within a week have helped corn and potatoes.

The pest of wec oats flies is still with us.

Huckleberries are said to be selling at 4c per quart.

A number of taps have been made in the new mains, the boro' bearing the expense.

The Reformed brethren have their great reunion at Island Park to-day and many from this place went.

Jacob Neese offers his excellent farm at private sale. See another column for adv. of this farm.

The appointment for Dr. Monroe to preach in the M. E. church on last Tuesday evening, was recalled.

Weather indicates showery spells, which may help the streams in all sections.

We are requested to announce that there will be a festival at Meiss' store, near Colyer, on Saturday evening, July 30.

The Veteran club of Centre county will hold their annual reunion and picnic at Hunter's Park, on Saturday, September 10, 1898.

The widow of Jacob Keen died at Millheim on Friday last, funeral on Tuesday following. She was a sister of Jonathan Deining of this place.

Martz's shop was entered last night by the removal of a pane of glass, and his desk examined for stamps; fortunately John keeps his pile in an old, unsuspected stump.

George Bower, of Haines, who has been ill for more than a year, and a few weeks ago was able to be about again, has been laid up again and his condition is now quite critical.

Men in nearly all the departments of the railroad shops at Altoona were suspended last week. Saturday foreman in the freight car department notified their workmen that there would be no work till August 1. No cause is assigned for the retrenchment.

The Pleasant Gap band—one of the oldest and best in the county—gave the Reporter a fine complimentary serenade, on its return from the picnic of the town Sunday schools. Thanks.

To keep flies off the cattle take coal tar, two parts, and coal oil, any grease one part each, and mix with a small amount of carbolic acid. Apply with a cloth by moistening the hair and horns with the liquid. One application will last ten days in dry weather.

A very fine new berry, the raspberry-strawberry, a cross between the two berries, red, shape and size of a large thimble, is a new thing, and perhaps the only berry of the kind in this county, is in the patch of George Florey, of this place, who kindly left a big sample dish full at this office, beauties and of delicate flavor.

The borough of Lansford has for several years been collecting a tax from farmers who sell their produce in that town. In a test case Judge Craig, of Mauch Chunk, has decided that the collections were without warrant, and many hundreds of dollars will have to be refunded to the farmers from whom the money was taken.

Three bunco men recently endeavored to work the three card monte game on Gen. J. P. Taylor, near Reedsville, but were gloriously defeated in their purpose by the general. They want to try their game on some person who has not seen so much of the world as has Gen. Taylor.