UGLY HANDS.

The roughened hands that never shirk ed.

The plain brown hands that planned and worked,

Are folded now in peace and rest Upon the wayworn, weary breast.

O'er lvory keys they never strayed; Embroidery, lace, they never made-Poor tired hands! On one of them Flashed never brilliant, shining gem.

They cooked and washed, they scrubbed and mended.

Unto the children fondly tended: They soothed the head that ached and

beat And gently bathed the fevered feet.

They gladly' toiled from morn till night

That they might other hands keep white

And tried so hard to roses spread Adown the path for loved ones' tread.

They were so tender, quite, we Ne'r noticed how unselfishly They clasped each across with trust

share.

and prayer And burdens bore more than their

Aye, ugly, coarse, unlovely quite, They look to our defective sight; But, to their missions dutiful.

In God's eyes they are beautiful. -New Orleans Picayune.

NED'S DISCOVERY.

pleaded, in a soft, cooing voice, putting ly upon his wasted frame, but youth, pale face. "I dreamed of you last constitution were in his favor and night-dreamed that you were well, they triumphed. An attack of fever \$25,000 of the fund at the disposal of happy and successful. I stood at the and ague shook the rheumatism out the board was appropriated for the door of a strange little house, looking of his joints and left him in the very purpose of experimenting. out over a wild, pleasant country- depths of physical weakness, from So impressed were the United States oh! for miles and miles I could see which he climbed slowly. and happy. And all the while-" above the level of the sea.

ped her eyes.

Only you will think I am foolish to half mile below him was the already the successful flight of his own invenbe repeating these things to you."

But Sibyl blushed again, and stood regard for his Yankee training in

and so called to say good-by," he said, brave the worst and have done with cheerfully, "Going out to find John?" "Yes. And if I like it as well as he the turmoil of battle. It is the same

"I am going out West next week. one can feel his sudden resolve to

it as soon as possible.

A man seldom cries out when hit in

wounded, but hobbles out of the fight

to right or left, and stands with droop-

neighing with fear and alarm, but he

them. When he has come upon three

in and keep together, as if for mutual

**AERIAL WARSHIPS FOR UNCLE SAM.** 

Appropriation of \$25,000 to Experiment with

Flying Machines.

cation, Washington, has decided to in

The Board of Ordnance and Fortia

At the last meeting of the board

It is a well-known principle of physi-

ology that in the light the pupils of

the eyes contract and in the dark they

dilate. Gandall can oppose nature by

perform this phenomenon with one

eve and leave the other in a natural

Another pastime of this man is to

Another feature of which this phe-

nomenal man speaks proudly is his

ability to put any part of his body into

the cataleptic state. For instance, he

can cause his arm to become so rigid

Grandall's pranks with his heart are

sufficient to make the ordinary man

verified by listening to the heart beat.

does I shall stay." "Say, Joe," the voice was suddenly six, when struck with a bullet, are out resolute and decided, "I have five of their saddles within a minute. If hundred dollars in the bank out here, hit in the breast or shoulder, up go and if you will take me with you I their hands and they get a heavy fall; will divide even. Everybody has been if in the leg or foot or arm, they fall good to me since I have been laid up forward and roll off. Even with a here, and it has cost me little or noth- foot cut off by a jagged piece of shell ing; I have no debts to pay, and if I a horse will not drop. It is only when

die before we reach our journey's end shot through the head or heart that he you may have every dollar I have, comes down. He may be fatally Will you do it?"

"But are you able to travel?" "Oh, hang it! I am as well able to ing head until loss of blood brings him travel as to sit here and mope. I'll down. The horse that loses his rider risk my health, if you will take me." and is unwounded himself will con-And so next day, when Sibyl brought tinue to run with his set of fours un-

her basket of dainties, she found her til some movement throws him out. patient fumbling clumsily at a valise Then he goes galloping here and there, and his few clothes.

Her quick small hands hurried to will not leave the field. In his rachelp him, and he told her what he was ing about he may get among the dead going to do. and wounded, but he will dodge them

Her eyes filled with tears as she if possible, and, in any case, leap over looked up and said:

"Oh, I shall miss you so much! Are or four other riderless steeds, they fall you sure you are able to go?"

"Quite sure," he answered, bravely, protection, and the "rally" on the "and when you are married" (for it bugle may bring the whole of them was no secret that Squire Rogers' into ranks in a body .- Buffalo Horse daughter had expected to marry World.

Judge Endicott's son) "you must come out into the wilds on your wedding trip, and see how well I am." "I shall stay at home with papa," she answered, in a low tone, and the

young man's heart sprang to his lips and begged and pleaded for a word -but his strong will denied it utter-

stitute an investigation of the possiance. "Don't be discouraged, Ned," she He went awag. The trip told fiercebilities of flying machines for reconnoitring purposes and as engines of up both hands to touch his sad, change of air and a naturally strong destruction in time of war.

authorities with the advantages which nothing but hills and trees; no living Joe Davis found his brother John might result from the employment of creature in sight excepting your busy, and settled down immediately to farm- air machines during the operations of patient self, dipping water from a ing and raising sheep. But Ned went the late war that Secretaries Long hollow among the rocks, and every up to the mountains-to White Pine- and Alger last summer selected a time you looked up and saw me stand- to Treasure City, that, sown in a committee to report upon the subing there you smilled such a brave. crevice of the monstrous hill, nestles ject. This fact is not generally bright smile that I knew you were well safely more than eight thousand feet known. The commission made a fa-

vorable report upon the desirability of Here she paused suddenly, and the From here he went "prospecting," experimentation. young man, looked down into her face, and soon learned the surface indica- Professor Langley of the Smithsosaw that she blushed deeply and drop- tions, was sure he had found a "Lead." nian Institution, the inventor of the He went through with the legal for- aeroplane appeared before the board "What is it, dear? tell me what else mula for establishing his claim, and and gave his expert opinion in favor you dreamed. What troubles you?" then commenced work. It was far up of experimentation. He explained the "Nothing," she answered shyly, on an isolated mountain spur, and a problems of aerostatics involved,

famous Tricolor mine in full operation. tion, and the progress made in Ger-"Nothing is foolish that you choose He had named his claim Sibvi's many and France, where he went last to do or say, dear." the young man Dream, and though he tried to con- summer to investigate and study the said, trying to speak cheerfully. "Yon vince himself that he did not hope, his inventions of others working along are my comforter; I never know sleep was not so full of visions as his similar lines. whether I am better or worse, until waking hours. Day after day he Professor Langley is extremely conyour precious face looks in upon me; wrought with no result-the Sabbath servative, but he is confident of the ul-

then I am always better. Now, go on, came and he rested more from ex- timate success of a practical flying and tell me the rest of your dream." haustion; perhaps, than from any real machine.

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## THE ORIGIN OF YANKEE.

#### An Englishman Wrote in 1777 That It Was an Indian Word.

Major W. A. Guthrie of Durham, N. with a horse. Five troopers out of C., in addition to being an able lawyer, an astute politician, and an admirable gentleman otherwise, is fond of literature of the best classes, says the Charlotte Observer. He likes to search through rare books and papers. Some years ago, at the sale of effects. of some aged citizen, he bought two rusty looking volumes for a mere trifle along with other books. On examining the books he found them to be "Travels through the Interior Parts of America, in a series of Lectures by an Officer of the British Army." They are the letters of Lieut. Thomas Auburey. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Saratoga during the Revolutionary war. From there he was sent a prisoner to Boston, and later was marched with many other prisoners of the British army, who had been captured at various places, to Charlottesville, Va. Mr. Jones, a large planter of Virginia and a member of the Continental Congress, had tender-

ed his plantation and negro quarters to the Congress, for a prison camp. From this plantation Auburey wrote many of his letters., All the prisoners were paroled. This officer spent his time in riding about the country around Charlottesville. The letters were to a friend of his in England. Later the letters were published in two volumes, and were dedicated to th Earl of Harrington, Viscount Petersham, Colonel of the Twenty-ninth Regiment of Foot. They begin Au-

1781. The letters are full of interesting. and instructive reading. In Volume II., page 46. v titten from Cambridge. New England, November 25, 1777, is a history of the word Yankee. Before the Revolutionary war the Virginians called the New Englanders Yankees. and during the civil war everybody north of the Masou and Dixon Line was called Yankee.

As to the word, Lieut, Auburey wrote in 1777: "It may not be amiss here to observe that the etymology of this term is derived from Cherokee word, Eankke, which signifies coward and slave. This epithet of Yankee was bestowed upon the inhabitants of New England by the Virginians for not assisting them in a war with the Cherokees, and they have always been in derision by it. But the name has been more prevalent since the bginning of hostilities; the soldiers at Boston used it as a term of reproach. but after the affair at Bunker Hill the Americans gloried in it. 'Yankee Doodle' is now their paean, a favorite of favorites, played in their army, esteemed as warlike as the 'Grenadier's March.' It is the loon's spell, the nurse's lullaby.

"After our rapid successes we held the Yankees in great contempt, but it

### THE NEWS.

Representatives of broom manufacturers of half a dozen States met at Urbana, Ohio, to consider matters affecting that industry. Among other things, it was agreed to advance the price of brooms twenty cents per dozen because of the advance in the price of broomcorn and other materials, and to issue a call for a national meeting of broom manufacturers at the Palmer House, Chicago, on December 20, at which time national organization will be formed.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Cody, who was charged with attempting to blackmail the heirs of Jay Gould, failed to agree and were discharged at Albany, N. Y.

The National Farmers' Congress, in session at Fort Worth, Texas, adopted resolutions favoring the construction of the Nicaragua canal under government control.

In a speech at a Chicago banquet, Ferdinand W. Feck, commissioner-general to the Paris Exposition, said that commerce should keep pace with geographical expanion.

Governor Shaw, of Iowa, in a speech before the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, said the United States is enjoying a wonderful prosperity.

The National Farmers' Congress commenced a four-days' session at Fort Worth, Texas.

The American Flag Day Association adopted a bill to be presented in Congress providing a penalty for using the United States flag for advertising purposes. After an orderly trial, lasting several hours, by the committee of citizens of Benton, La., it was decided that two negroes, Hearn and Richardson, who were under arrest there, were guilty of the murder of Larry Vance, and they were at once taken

to the place of execution, half a mile north of town, where they were hanged by citizens. The crowd was very orderly. Antonio Terry, the Cuban millionaire and husband of Sibyl Sanderson, the California gust 8, 1776, and run to October 30. prima donna, is, according to private letters received in New York, dying of liver complaint at Nice, France.

MAY SELL THE PHILIPPINES.

#### Japan, It Is Stated, Has Offered to Give \$200,000,000 For the Islands.

A Washington dispatch to the New York Herald says:

In a conversation between President Mc-Kinley and a United States Senator it is said on the authority of the Senator, that the President signified his approval of the policy of selling the Philippines: Moreover, it was developed during the conversation that at the proper time a measure to that effact would be introduced in the Senate.

The Senator stated that Japan had already offered \$200,000,000 for the islands, and, al though the authority for this statement was not forthcoming, the Senator said it was semi-official. He favored, if such a thing was necessary for the preservation of the "balance of power," selling portions of the islands to Great Britain, France, Germany and Spain, and leaving to these nations the problem of properly governing the people of the archipelago.

Such a measure, it was stated, would not, probably, be introduced during this session of Congress, but would be maturely considered pending the military regime, which would continue until the meeting of the Fifty-sixth Congress. It was urged that the holding of the Philippines by the United States would demonstrate the inconsistency of this country in insisting upon the Monroe doctrine. It was believed by the Senator that the proposition would command streng support in the country. The United States should retain as a naval station the Island of Luzon.

# TREATY IS DONE.

Paris Peace Commissioners Conclude Their Work.

## READY TO BE SIGNED.

Points Covered by the Agreement Include Little Besides Those Mentioned in the Protocol-Spaniards in a Resentful Frame of Mind About Allusions to the Maine.

Paris, (By Cable.)-The United States and Spanish peace commissioners concluded their work Thursday and finally settled the terms of the treaty of peace.

They will meet once more in formal session, when the Spanish commissioners sorrowfully, and the Americans with feelings of relief, will write their signatures upon the document which embodies the result of the war, and the preparation of which has consumed eleven weeks. In the meantime the treaty will be engrossed under the supervision of Mr. Moore and Senor Ojeda, the secretaries of the respective commissions.

The essential features of the treaty are embodied in eight articles, as follows:

First-The customary preface of treaties in the nature of an expression of amity and of hope for perpetual peace.

Second-The relinquishment by Spain of her sovereignty over Cuba.

Third-The withdrawal of the Spanish troops from Cubs.

Fourth-The relinquishment by Spain of her sovereignty over Porto Rico.

Fifth-Spain's cession of the Philippines. Sixth-The withdrawal of the Spanish troops in the Philippines.

Seventh-Payment by the United States of \$20,000,000 for the Philippines. Eighth-The provision for the "open-

door" commercial policy in the Philippines. Rios and Ojeda Prostrated.

The Spaniards are exceedingly bitter over the result, though observing the forms of friendliness and courtesy to the end. Senor Montero Rios, whose strong and persistent struggle to save for his country every possible asset from the wreck of her colonial empire, has commanded the respect and admiration of his opponents, went from the council chamber to his bed in a state of complete collapse as the result of the long strain and his chagrin over the small fruits of his efforts. Secor Ojeda has been prostrated. The Spaniards charge equal blame upon

the European powers and the United States for their downfall. One of the Spanish commissioners said:

"The European nations have made a great mistake in deserting Spain and leaving her to be despoiled by the brute force of a conscienceless giant. They all know that in the Philippines America has taken more than she can digest. She will ultimately sell the islands to England or Germany, and when the transfer is attempted it will precipitate general European strife.

"We have refused to sell any island in the Carolines. We never thought of considering an offer, nor have we consented to negotiate upon any questions except those directly involved in the protocol signed at Washington."

Americans Were Nerrous. The American commissioners entered into

on in a pervone frame of mind

winding the ends of her bonnet-strings church and Sunday-school. close against her ear.

something like a smile softening the wearisome. lines of pain and weariness about his! Too sick at heart to return to his ternate fire and flood at the time the there. Marion house on the hill burned down: "If we had ever so small a waterhad saved the life of the only son and course here," said one of the proprieheir, at the risk of his own, the result tors, gloomily, "it would be worth---of which was a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism, which had settled into a chronic form. compil-

grew thin and angular; his cheeks silver mad." hollowed; his form bent; a slight per- "What would you give, though, for shudder. While sitting in a chair he sistent cough backed at his lungs; his a good spring less than a mile from can cause his heart to beat alternately strong, supple joints were stiff and here?" asked Yankee Ned, for he slow and fast. Then with a mighty terribly painful, and the kind-hearted remembered how the water crept out effort he can make the vital organ neighbors said, "Poor Ned," and shook through the rocks, and he had found stop for an instant. This cannot be their heads sadly, but no one expected a spring. him to live until winter came again.

was," said Sibyl, answering his ques- and large, bony hands, and said, slow- pulse the phenomenon can be fully aption; "but it must have been a long | ly: way off. It was not at all like this place."

dreamed often of the camp in the for. thousand in solid silver bricks." est, and the wind among the pines."

oracle, "it was somewhere among slender water course across the intermountains, for I could see such a vening gulches, but the fountain head certain postoffice official. His face long way; and now, good-night, for I was found and success was sure. must go. Remember you are to write laughingly lightly, away she ran, Treasure City is still a thriving place. dow, whence he watched her tiny fig- is known as Sibyl's Dream. ure tripping swiftly across the field. swinging the basket in which she had brought his daily custard and baked apple.

She was nearly seventeen, but so same as his rider. As the column night." small that everybody treated her like swings into line and waits, the horse a child; even her father, grave Squire grows nervous over the waiting. If Rogers, often called her baby, and the wait is spun out, he will tremble laughed at her queer whim in caring and sweat and grow apprehensive. If for Ned Edwards.

After she had flitted out of sight, the knows every bugle call. As the call young man stood thinking. The vig- comes to advance the rider can feel zen, with a hoarse chuckle. orous climate of Maine would only him working at the bit with his tongue hasten his death; was life worth pro- to get it between his teeth. As he longing in his present state? Would moves out he will either seek to get It kill him to travel?

While he debated thus, a farmer's cannot bolt, however. The lines will had nodded to him from the yard, and carry him forward, and after a minwalked in.

around her plump fingers. She felt In the early twilight Ned wandered shy about telling him that in her out to look once more at his work. The dream little children played about excavation that, with much trouble, her feet, two soft baby arms circled he had made was very slowly filling ability to perform unusual things. her neck, and a dimpled face nestled with water. He could see the treach-

erous liquid filtering between two "And yet he ought to know it," she shelving rocks and dripping down, thought to herself, "for all the old wo- down. He was discouraged. To atmen say it is a sign of good luck to tempt to work in that wet place dilating his pupils in the light and con dream of children-'specially a baby." meant cold, fever and all his old tracting them in the dark. Or he can "Where was the house you saw?" he troubles returned. To bail it out asked, looking at her curiously, with would be a weary task, and endless as state.

mouth; for Edward Edwards had poor cabin, Ned wandered down to been sick for a year, and sickness, to the "Tricolor" and heard a man just body. It matters not if it be an artery a strong man is a grevious affliction. from the "Eberhardt" telling wonder- or vein. The hole caused immediately He had been exposed all night to al- ful stories of "brick making" going on closes up and not a drop of blood is-

"How much?" asked Ned.

Th: man shrugged his shoulders,

"Ten thousand dollars?" was the that two men cannot bend it. During cated with a tendancy to consumption, reply. "I believe there is plenty of his state of complete catalepsy he is water up yonder, but I have no time in a semi-conscious condition. His broad, full chest and shoulders to hunt for it, and the boys are all

The man looked sharply at the young for the gurgling sound caused drowns "I do not know where the house fellow with his pale, cadaverous face, the beat. However, by feeling his

"You look as though you had pluck Grandall is twenty-four years old and common sense. Go ahead, and and is well known in the city. His "Was it like the woods down in if you can find as good a water course wonderful freaks of nature are inter-Maine? You know I was down there as they have down in the 'Yellow esting to the medical profession, beone winter logging: and since I have Jacket.' I'll give you a hundred thou- fore a number of whom he has exbeen chained to this room, I have sand dollars in 'Tricolor' stock, or fifty hibited himself .- St. Paul Globe.

preciated

There was plenty of work to do in "Perhaps," she answered, wise as an digging and tubing and bringing the

\* to me when you have found that The canvas walls of the old cabin right for you to make your letter carwonderful land, else I shall fret," and disappeared several years ago, but riers do double duty." "What do you mean?" exclaimed the leaving him still standing by the win- and one of the prettiest nooks in town official.

"Why, we've got a carrier over our way who is at it night and day." The Horse in Battle. "At what?"

A voteran cavalry horse partakes of "Why, he carries mails all day, and the hopes and fears of battle just the then has an extra male to carry at

> The official looked puzzled. "That's queer," he said; "I'll inquire into it." Then his face brightened up. "Hold on," he cried; "what does that

he has been six months in service he night mail weigh?" "About nine pounds," said the citi-

The official grinned. "Guess he'll have to stand it," he

said; "it's just a short route, you on faster than he should or bolt. He know."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

One swallow will do away with at ute he will grip, lay back his ears, and least 6,000 flies a day.

was not a little mortifying to hear Mr. Gandall's Remarkable Self-Control. them play this tune when their army Frank G. Gandall has lived in Minmarched down to our surrender." neapolis some time, but not until about

Such is the history of the etymoltwo months ago did he discover his ogy of the word "Yankee."

## How Hobson Was Pleased.

Now that Lieutenant Richmond Pearson Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, is no longer our guest, it may not be ungracious to relate a little incident that occurred during his stay here. It is a proof of the loyalty of the Scotch for their own, although the principal in this affair is truly American, having a son who was in the volunteer army throughout the war. Lieutenant Hobson was attending a reception given in his honor by a prominent physician of the city, and many of the fair women of the municipality were crowding around him. eager for a handshake or a passing word of conversation. The Scotch lady was standing by his side with friends, and they were carrying on quite a conversation with the Nation's hero. After satisfying herself that she had actually stood in the shadow of a famous man and had talked with him, one of them, with an attempt to be superfluously complimentary, said to her friend, "My Mrs. H., don't you wish you had a son like that?" "I don't know about that," quickly replied the one appealed to. "I have three sons, and I think every one of them is every bit as good as our honored and brave Lieutenant here." All those within hearing were astounded at the temerity of the Americanized Scotch mother, but Hobson, with characteristic gentlemanliness, bowed and remarked, "That's right, Mrs. H.; though the skins from which it is tanned stand up for your own bairns. I was glad to hear you say that." Before

parting he presented a rose as a token of his appreciation of the mother who was loyal to her sons.

#### Annual Fire Waste in United States.

Few people outside of the underwriters appreciate the extent of the business and the magnitude of the saloons and barrooms and 735 church- some years. es, besides 31,00S other buildings-the total destruction being 65,779 buildings, or an average of over 172 buildings for each day in the year. It will per annum, but losses during the past paying expenses and losses the comprofit.

## FIELD OF LABOR.

Tennessee is to have limbless cotton. Michigan loggers welcomed the snow. The Philippines boast 50 varieties of wood Belgium has 183,000 liquor establish ments.

London, Ont., garment workers organ-Ized. Greater New York has 233 idle union

printers. Newburg, Ind., miners struck for 35 cents

a top. Many Sonora (Mex.) schools are closed,

owing to lack of teachers. Utab farmers will form a State union to obtain better prices for products.

Albany maisters have been conceded \$11 a week, and only unionists are to be employed.

Ruskin, Tenn., a co-operative town, is to have a sash and door factory added to its industries.

Cleveland, Ohlo, liquor dealers will fight the ordinance that compels the closing of saloons at midnight.

The New York Legislature will be asked to pass a law compelling brewers to manufacture a pure grade of beer.

Short Brothers, shipbuilders of Pallion England, declare that their employes under the eight-hour system do more and better work than when the day was longer.

St. Louis brewers boycotted a firm five years, and last week its employes were conceded union wages and the eight-hour day. The Philippines derive their greatest wealth from the growth and export of sugar. The cane grows on practically every island in the great archipelago.

The most costly leather in the world is known to the trade as plano leather. The secret of tanning this leather is known only to a family of tanners in Germany, come almost entirey from America

Bolton Hall, second son of the Rev. Dr. John Hall, whose enthusiastic advocacy of Henry George's theories and support of labor unions are said to have been the reason prompting his father to discriminate against him in his will, is a bankrupt. Mr. Hall is a lawyer.

Terre Haute miners struck for an advance of 10 cents per ton. The demand for Indiana coal is better than it has been for a number of years. One of the noticeable losses of the fire insurance companies. facts about the increased demand is that in-There were burned in the United quiries are coming from the natural gas States in 1897 33,033 dwellings, 913 field, which has not been buying coal for

The monthly returns that have so far been issued by the engineering trade unions of Great Britain show a continued reduction in the number of unemployed members, The Steam Engineers' Union has also be seen from the above that while now very little over % per cent. of its total nearly three barrooms are burned ev- membership on donation, while in the Manery day in the year, two churches are chester district practically a "clear book" also destroyed every day in the year. is reported. In the United Machine Work-The net premiums collected by fire ers' Association there are now only 3% per insurance companies amount to the cent. on donation, and it is interesting to enormous sum of about \$135,000,000 note that three-fourths of the total number of unemployed are members of the Oidham and Bolton branches. Throughout Lancayears have been so heavy that hfter shire this society has about 5 per cent. on donation, while in the Manchester district panies have made little over 2 per there are only 1 1-3 per sent, on the benefit, cent as a profit on the entire business, as compared with 2 per cent, last month It is said that no other business of like The returns as to the state of trade conmagnitude shows such a low ratio of tinue of a most favorable charactor, activity being reported from practically all the leading centers.

had reason to believe that a possibility existed, even at that late hour, that there might be a rapture.

This feeling was based on the temper which the Spaniards bad displayed lately. The commissioners of Spain had not concealed the fact that, having failed to gain all the important points, they were inclined to be indifferent as to whether or not the conferences result in the signing of a treaty by which Spain loses all her colonies. A miscarrage of the negotiations would leave their political prestige at home no worse, if not better, than any if they signed the treaty.

Bad Feeling About the Maine.

The Americans were anxious not to give the Spaniards any pretext to break off the negotiations, or take offense, so far as the exercise of patience and diplomacy could steer clear of protests;

The Madrid papers had been disposed to revive the question of the Maine and excite public opinion against the United States on account of the reference made to this subject in President McKinley's message to Congress. It was reported that Senor Montero Blos, president of the Spanish commission, made an impassioned denunciation of President McKinley at the last joint meeting of the commissions. But this was incorrect. Senor Rios did refer to the Maine, but in only one sentence, in which he expressed regret that the Spanlards thought, unjustly of them.

The Spaniards had proposed, at the conference, to have the responsibility for the Maine explosion reported upon by a joint commission of the European powers. The American commissioners refused to accede to this and permitted Senor Rios' reference to the President's message to pass unchallenged.

Several points upon which the commisrioners were unable to agree were left open for diplomatic negotiations. The Spaniards refused to admit that they had failed to respect the former treaties guaranteeing religious freedom in the Caroline Islands, or that there was necessity for new guarantees in that line.

Reaching the End. The conclusion of the work was marked. by politeness and outward evidences of good feeling. There was great relief that the task was accomplished.

When all the propositions had been discussed Judge Day, president of the Ameri-

can commission, said: "There seems to be nothing more to do but to engress and sign the treaty."

President Rios, of the Spanish commission. acquiesced in this, and the Americana bowed themselves out before the Spanlards, according to their custon

Possible Trouble With France. Diplomatic circles in Paris predict, as one of the results of the treaty, a diplomatic contest between France and the United States, which may make an important chapter in history.

The French government is reported to have resolved to take up the case of the French holders of Cuban bonds. It is beleved that France will deciare that the probable repudiation of the bonds is a result of the treaty which the victorious nation imposed upon Spain. She will argue that, through the treaty, responsibility has been shifted upon America, and therefore the French government will seek to exact some ledge for the payment or guarantee of the

#### CABLE SPARKS.

Many persons in Paris believe that an army plot to selze the supreme power of France has been formed.

A Postal Joke. A West Sider recently approached a

was serious; so was his volce. "Say," he said, "I don't think it's