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PEACE CONFERENCE AT WHITE HOUSE

M. Cambon, the Representative of Spain, Visits the President.

The Formal Note from Spain Requested More Explanations on Points Not Thoroughly Understood—More Troops Will Be Sent to Porto Rico at Once—Shafter's Health Report Fails to Show Any Improvement in Condition of Troops.

Washington, Aug. 3.—After a conference of the peace question lasting for just an hour this afternoon, between the president and M. Cambon, the French ambassador, the latter acting as the representative of Spain, Secretary Day emerged from the White House and announced that today's conference was inconclusive; wherefore the parties to it had agreed to say nothing publicly as to what had occurred. The secretary did not appear to be discouraged as he made this statement, though he admitted that no time had been set for another conference. From this it is gathered that the long expected answer of the Spanish government to the president's note, upon being received had turned out to be just as it was expected, either a counter-proposition or a request for a fuller statement in detail upon some of the heads of the president's note. Up to the middle of the afternoon it was stated by all parties concerned that the Spanish answer had not been received; that the only formal note that had come to hand was one from the Madrid cabinet of M. Cambon asking for information upon some points that were not clear to the Spanish mind. However, just after 3 o'clock the secretary of the French embassy, M. Thiebaut, called at the state department and arranged with Secretary Day for a meeting between the president and the ambassador as soon as possible. The meeting was set for 3.45 o'clock and Secretary Day was at the White House in season, but was obliged to wait about ten minutes for the French ambassador. As already stated, after conferring for an hour the parties separated, having been unable to reach a conclusion as to the acceptance by Spain of the peace conditions laid down by the president and binding themselves to the observance of the strictest secrecy as to the proceedings until further progress has been made. Thus, it is practically assured in advance that any attempt to state what occurred at today's meeting at the White House would be nothing more than pure guess work. Meaning, in consonance with the declared purpose of the president at the beginning of the overture, this conference is not operating to restrain military operations in any degree.

VAN WYCK A LIFE SAVER.

Mayor of Greater New York a Man of Nerve. New York, Aug. 3.—Mayor Van Wyck, who has been summing at Epprecht, L. I., today distinguished himself as a life saver of no mean ability by rescuing three young women from drowning. The rescued were: Miss Jennie Lowndes, daughter of Rev. Arthur Lowndes, assistant pastor of St. Thomas' church, New York; Miss Clara Fritz and Miss Eliza Heinstelmer, both of Cincinnati. The three young women went in bathing in Jamaica bay, about 200 yards from the hotel where Mayor Van Wyck was stopping. Miscalculating the depth of the water on account of the tide, Miss Lowndes, the only one of the trio who could swim, got out over her depth and could not get back to the beach. The other young women, although they could not swim, started to her rescue. They were instantly beyond their depth. The cries of the struggling young women attracted the attention of Mayor Van Wyck, who was sitting on the porch, and he immediately threw off his coat and ran to the rescue. Unaided he brought the three to the beach. They were all unconscious. The mayor then gave orders to the excited spectators to procure barrels. Three were brought and each of the unconscious girls was placed over a barrel, at the direction of the mayor, and rolled until revived. Miss Lowndes and Miss Heinstelmer regained consciousness in a few minutes, but Miss Fritz's condition is much more serious though not necessarily fatal.

PICNIC ACCIDENT.

Train Leaves the Track at Pittsburg, Many Are Injured. Pittsburg, Aug. 3.—A report was circulated here tonight that a serious accident had happened to the big Old Fellows' picnic train composed of 12 sections, on its return trip from Idlewild to this city, and that several people were killed. The report caused much excitement because many prominent citizens were on the train. The nearest approach to definite information obtainable up to midnight is that no one was killed, and while quite a number were badly shaken up and bruised, only seven needed medical attention. One lady, Mrs. McClelland of New Florence, Pa., is a severely wounded and may die. She was taken to her home on the fast line. Mrs. M. L. Adair, of Apollo, was badly injured but will recover. The other injured, whose names could be learned are: Miss Margaret Kauch, of Long Branch, N. J.; Miss Mary Elliott, and Flagman Hayden. The accident occurred at Blairsville intersection when the West Penn section, consisting of 16 coaches was being switched from the Pennsylvania

SOUTH AMERICAN UNION.

Deputies From Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua in Convention. Managua, Nicaragua, July 16.—The convention of deputies from Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua is being held here. The committee appointed to report on the articles for constitution for the states of the union, under the name of the "greater republics, under whose call they have convened, have reported many modifications of the states in question, having a federal district, composed of part of the civil departments of Chinandega, bordering on the Pacific ocean and the Gulf of Fonseca, in Nicaragua; of Amapala, bordering on the Gulf of Fonseca, in Honduras, and of the Limon, bordering on the Pacific and the Gulf of Fonseca, in Salvador. Amapala, which is situated on the island of Tigra in the Gulf of Fonseca, as the capital city. The convention, however, voting by a large majority the centralizing idea, and favored a confederation of the three states under the name of "United States of Central America." Evidence of a serious division developed when the delegates reached the discussion of the question as to whether there should be an executive consisting of a tribunal of three persons or of only one person. The Nicaraguans in the convention are in favor of President Zelaya of Nicaragua being the first executive of the proposed confederation and having full control as such of the arms, ammunition and other war material and the soldiers of Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua. The newspapers of the other states, however, protest against that and they are full of bitter charges charging President Zelaya with entering the present war, and denouncing the changes of the condition of Nicaragua from peace and prosperity to bankruptcy. The papers also accuse President Zelaya of inhuman acts against thousands of native Nicaraguans, and of the execution of those who have opposed his administration. The president's friends are about to issue a circular in defense of his government of Nicaragua, and thus, by noticing the charges against him and endeavoring to combat them, and denouncing the bitter antagonism displayed toward him. That may probably result in the disruption of the convention without formulating a constitution.

TROOPS FOR PORTO RICO.

Orders went out today for a conference of leaders of the regiments to accompany General Wade to Porto Rico and within twenty-four hours some of the troops for this expedition will be boarding the transports at Newport News. It is felt that even should an armistice be declared before these troops see active service at the front, it will be beneficial for them to have made the trip for otherwise there was danger of the morals of the troops being destroyed through their craving to get away from the big concentration camps and at least see the shores of Cuba or Porto Rico. Profiting by its last experience General Wade's expedition is going to be the most complete in detail of any that have yet left our shores and the soldiers will be protected in their health and comfort to the utmost degree. Secretary Alger has himself conducted an inquiry into the conditions that led up to the fearful experience of the wounded soldiers who returned to the United States on the steamer Clincho and he has taken the necessary steps to prevent a repetition of the bad management exhibited in that case. Thus there may be some delay in getting the troops away with General Wade, in view of the determination to have everything ship-shape before the men are on board and as the transportation was taken somewhat by surprise by the suddenly announced decision of the secretary of war to start this expedition, some days must elapse before the necessary transports can be gathered at the ports of transportation. Shafter's daily health report failed to show any improvement in the health conditions of the Fifth army corps so that it is a matter for congratulation that the war department was able to announce today that it ordered five of the cavalry regiments of that corps to be embarked at once for the new camp at Montauk Point, L. I.

INDIANA REPUBLICANS.

Platform of State Convention Endorses Our National Policy. Indianapolis, Aug. 3.—The Republicans of Indiana completed the organization of their state convention this afternoon and adjourned until tomorrow when nomination was made. The platform heartily endorses every act of the present national administration and praises the soldiers and sailors of the present war.

FORESTERS MEET.

Officers Elected at the Gathering at Altoona. Altoona, Pa., Aug. 3.—At today's session of the high court of Foresters the following officers were elected: High chief ranger, J. D. Clark, of Erie; past high chief ranger, George W. Strickland, Scranton; vice high chief ranger, Philip Wintch, Pittsburg; high secretary, Charles W. Minn, Philadelphia; high treasurer, John Hughes, Philadelphia; high physician, Dr. C. B. Chichester, Erie; high councilor, J. D. Hern, Pittsburg; high auditor, Senator Cochran, Kittanning, and G. A. Schechter, of Philadelphia. Dr. H. E. Rumbaker, of Altoona, was appointed high chaplain. Pittsburg was selected as the place and August, 1899, the time for the next session of the high court.

REVENUE DECISION.

Nomination Papers Not Affected by the Law. Harrisburg, Aug. 3.—Attorney General McCreary, acting as deputy secretary of the Commonwealth, has issued an opinion in which he states that the revenue act does not contemplate that certificates of nomination and nomination papers of candidates filed in the state department, shall have revenue stamps attached. He says also that the recording or registering of an instrument, paper or document in the state department is not within the revenue law and stamps are not needed.

BANK TO CLOSE.

Buffalo Commercial Bank Will Have Charge of Affairs. Tonawanda, N. Y., Aug. 3.—The following notice has been posted here: "The German-American bank of Tonawanda, N. Y., desiring to go into liquidation, has arranged with the Buffalo Commercial bank, of Buffalo, to take charge of its affairs with that end in view." John E. Oelkers, cashier of the German-American bank, said today: "The creditors of the bank will not lose anything and every depositor will be paid in full."

INJUDICIOUS LOANS.

Whitehall, N. Y., Aug. 3.—The banking house of John Hall & Co., at Fort Ann, N. Y., has closed its doors. The cause of the failure is said to be injudicious loans. F. Melville, manager and cashier, has been confined to the house for some time with nervous prostration. The bank was organized in 1858.

GENERAL SHAFTER'S REPORT.

Washington, Aug. 3.—General Shafter's report of the sanitary conditions of his army on August 1, received at the war department today, is as follows: Total sick, 4,239; total fever cases, 1,179; new cases of fever, 698; cases fever returned to duty, 679. There were fourteen deaths on August 1.

AMERICAN ARMY AT PORTO RICO

NINE THOUSAND OF OUR MEN AT PONCE.

Gen. Garretson's Brigade and the Expedition on the St. Louis Arrived Yesterday—Cheered Enthusiastically as They Marched Through the Streets—Pickets of the Advance Guard Exchange Shots With Spaniards—The Americans Eager for an Encounter. The Dixie Scares San Juan. Ponce, Island of Porto Rico, Aug. 2 (1 a. m.) via St. Thomas, D. W. I.—The Porto Ricans of Ponce lined the streets and filled the air with cheers on the arrival of General Garretson's brigade from Yauco. With General Garretson's troops and those on the St. Louis the fighting strength of the Americans operating near Ponce is now about 9,000 men, equal to the entire force of Spanish regulars on the island. General Garretson's camp has been pitched temporarily near the Second and Third Wisconsin regiments, on the outskirts of the town. The brigade marched seventeen miles from Yauco to Ponce, where they arrived travel-stained and mud-bespattered. Almost the entire population saw the troops pass through the city and gave them cheer after cheer, applauding the artillerymen as they lumbered by, particularly.

NEBRASKA FUSIONISTS.

Ticket Selected After Twenty-four Hours Deliberation. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 3.—The fusion forces of Nebraska today selected the following ticket, after twenty-four hours' deliberation: Governor, William A. Poynter; lieutenant governor, J. Gilbert; secretary of state, William F. Porter; auditor, John F. Coppel; treasurer, John B. Meserve; superintendent of public instruction, William R. Jackson; land commissioner, Jacob V. Wolfe; attorney general, Constantine J. Smyth. All are Populists, but the lieutenant governor, who is a free silver Republican, and the attorney general, a Democrat.

ORDER OF HARAGARA.

State Grand Lodge in Session at Wilkes-Barre. Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 3.—The state grand lodge of the German Order of Haragara is in session in this city. The proceedings are secret. The press committee gave out the following tonight: "The secretary's report shows that \$9,680.68 has been paid out in sick benefits the past year; \$4,535.75 paid out to survivors of deceased members, \$468.79 in donations and \$8,269.39 for rent and taxes. The aggregate amount in the treasuries of the lodges of the state is \$70,736.62. The following officers were elected: Grand bard, John Meyer, Wilkes-Barre; deputy grand bard, Julius Hesch, Nanticoke; grand overseer, Gustav Obeschke, Plymouth; grand secretary, Gustav Kuntzel, Wilkes-Barre; grand treasurer, Adam Haas, Wilkes-Barre; representatives at large, Jacob, William Stahl, Philadelphia; Jacob Haas, Scranton.

FELL 200 FEET TO DEATH.

A Young Chicagoan Killed on the Valdez Glacier, Alaska. Seattle, Wash., Aug. 3.—The details of another fatality on the Valdez glacier, in which Frank C. Fleming, of Chicago, lost his life, are told by miners from Copper river, who came here in the steamship Oregon. In a dangerous place on the glacier, just after his father had warned him to be more careful, Fleming's foot slipped and he fell 200 feet. Almost every bone in his body was broken and death was instantaneous.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Thunder Showers; Cooler. 1 General—Inconclusive Peace Conference at the White House. Our Policy with Regard to the Philippines. Progress of the Army in Porto Rico. 2 General—Philadelphia Experiences a Terrible Electrical Storm. Financial and Commercial. 3 Local—Uncertainty of the July Coal Trade. Report of Health Officers. 4 Editorial. Proposed Change of Party Rules. 5 Local—Colonel W. A. Stone Speaks at Lake Ariel. Recent Internal Revenue Rulings. 6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 7 News Round About Scranton. 8 General—News of the Day from Camp Alger.

WISKEY COMBINE.

United States Spirit Association Permanently Organized. Cincinnati, O., Aug. 3.—The United States Spirit association was permanently organized here today by the election of the following seven members of the executive committee: Chairman, W. K. Hobart, Cincinnati; secretary, J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati; treasurer, F. T. Corning, Peoria, Ill.; P. J. Hennessey, Chicago; Samuel Woolner, New York; Frank Turill, New York; Charles A. Webb, New York. The committee appointed at a conference yesterday was busy all day, preparing, with attorneys, the rules and regulations which were reported and adopted before adjournment this evening. The plan comprehends control of the entire output of all distilleries in the country that will not deal direct with the trade and only with such distributors as are in the combine and none other. And the distributors are to buy from none other than those in the combine. These regulations were approved in anticipation of new concerns. All existing ones are excluded in this, the strongest combine yet organized. The rebate system has again been established but they are small in accordance with making and selling every five months. In addition to rebates from distillers to distributors there will be small rebates from the distributors to their trade for continuous patronage every five months. The organization is said to be the strongest ever formed.

DRUNKEN AT HAWLEY.

Paul Bonitz Sinks in the Canal While Aid Is Near—The Body Recovered. Hawley, Pa., Aug. 3.—About seven-thirty o'clock this evening, Paul Bonitz, a German, aged twenty years, of Brooklyn, N. Y., while boating in the canal at this place was drowned while others stood up on the road and saw him struggling in the water and supposed he was only fooling. When they realized he was powerless to help himself they ran for a pole, but before they could render assistance he had gone down for the last time. Mr. Bonitz, who is a knitter by trade, came to this place about a week ago to visit Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Turpe, the latter being his sister. He expected to return to Brooklyn Saturday. The body was recovered two hours after the drowning occurred.

MINERS' UNION APPEAL.

They Ask the Sheriff to Disarm Deputies from Denver. Lafayette, Colo., Aug. 3.—The miners' union have appealed to Sheriff Thompson to disarm the deputies brought from Denver by the Northern Coal company to guard the men working in the Mitchell mine. As the sheriff sympathizes with the strikers, it is believed he will attempt to do as requested. The union miners are incensed at the refusal of the company to accept the decision of the state board of arbitration.

BISMARCK OBSEQUES.

Yesterday's Services at Friedricksrue Over the Remains. Berlin, Aug. 3.—Yesterday's services at Friedricksrue were the only obseques over the remains of Prince Bismarck until the mausoleum, on the

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OUR NATIONAL EASTERN POLICY

How the President Views the Philippines Puzzle.

His Position Outlined by a Member of the Cabinet—If the Natives of the Islands Are Willing We May Annex or Establish a Protectorate Over the Whole Group—Otherwise We May Leave Them to Spain—In Any Event, However, Manila Is to Be Ours—The President Anxious That None of the Fruits of Admiral Dewey's Victory Should Be Sacrificed.

Washington, Aug. 3.—A member of the cabinet said this morning: "We have no direct advice that General Aguinaldo is showing hostility to the American troops, and we do not look for any serious trouble in that direction. At the same time we are not indifferent to the press reports from Hong Kong and Manila. Admiral Dewey and General Merritt have been instructed to report fully by cable as to the exact situation and the exact relations between the American forces and the insurgents. The president feels his responsibility in this affair and is anxious that nothing won by Admiral Dewey should be sacrificed. He is also anxious that no claim which the people of the Philippines may have on this government should be ignored, but he wants whatever is done by the United States in the Philippines to be satisfactory to the people who are in revolt against Spain."

THE SITUATION.

"Here is the situation as to the Philippines in a nutshell. This government proposes to place them under the American flag if that can be done without keeping a large standing army there to make the people submit to our rule. If Aguinaldo and his followers are ready to throw off the yoke of Spain and have the United States give them an honest and liberal government, such as the people of this country enjoy, the Philippines as a whole will be annexed to the United States."

EXAMINE YOUR TENS.

A Dangerous Counterfeit Bill in Circulation. Washington, Aug. 3.—Chief Wilkie, of the treasury secret service, has announced the discovery of a new ten dollar counterfeit. A number of notes of the series of 1891, check letter C, plate No. 18, Tillman register, Morgan treasurer with a portrait of Sheridan. The general appearance of the note is good.

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