

SPAIN IS STILL HOLDING OFF

The Tricky Diplomats Take Time to Consider Peace Proposals.

Sagasta Evidently Fears Political Agitations Will Result from an Acceptance of President McKinley's Peace Terms. Further Interesting Chapters Are Expected in the Roosevelt-Alger Correspondence—General Miles Will Repress Any Departure from Military Discipline That May Be Attempted—The Porto Rican Campaign Thoroughly Satisfactory.

Washington, Aug. 5.—When the president closed his official work today he had not received the reply of Spain, nor any intimation as to how soon the reply might be expected. The French ambassador was not heard from throughout the day, and he as well as our government officials, was waiting for Spain to give the final response. Two days have now passed without a word officially from Spain, either in the way of inquiry or response. From this it is clear that the Spanish cabinet fully realize the time for argument, counter-proposals or modification has gone by, and that there is only one simple issue to be met, namely, whether the American terms will be accepted as a whole or rejected. There is indeed reason to believe that the Spanish government has been directly advised that this stage of the negotiations is past and that only the matter of an answer, favorable or unfavorable, remains. That the answer has not come quickly is no matter of surprise to the officials here, for they realize the tremendous responsibility which Premier Sagasta must assume in making these peace terms sufficiently palatable to the Spanish people and the political leaders to permit its acceptance without an internal convulsion. In his conferences with the president and Secretary Day the French ambassador has brought out clearly the great task before Sagasta. It seems to be the general view here that if the premier and his ministry were untrammelled an acceptance would be now closed. But in preparing the Spanish public, and in guarding against political agitations hereafter by public men of other parties the Madrid officials are taking time for missionary work not only among themselves, but among all political and social elements. The best informed persons here fix next Monday as the time when the United States government is likely to receive Spain's final answer, but this is simply conjectural, for there is not the slightest means of knowing the tendencies at Madrid, all might come tomorrow but in the event of its coming late in the day, or on Sunday, the response would not be communicated to the government until Monday. There is the same confident belief among the officials that there has been no disclosure made by the American general at Santiago concerning the serious condition of our troops, might be a straw at which the Spanish cabinet would grasp. This is quite doubtful, however, as there is a question whether the statement of the American general ever got outside the borders of the United States, owing to the strict censorship imposed last night. Moreover, all the evidence reaching the officials here indicates that Spain is weary with the conflict and is convinced beyond the slightest question of the hopelessness of further opposition. Today would have been remarkably dull at the war department considering the existence of a state of war, but it is not being the publication in the newspapers of the round robin signed by the military commanders at Santiago, and the short but sharp correspondence between Colonel Roosevelt and Secretary Alger. These afforded food for much discussion among all classes of officials and the belief was general that there are to be further interesting chapters in the correspondence, provided it is deemed harmless to the best interests of the army to allow further publicity. In proof of the allegation that the war department had bestirred itself to succor the unfortunate army in Santiago before the united protest was made, the following statement is given out by the secretary of war regarding the shipments of troops north from Santiago: "Until quite recently it was supposed that yellow fever was epidemic in Santiago, and it was not believed that it would be safe to send ship loads north of men largely infected with yellow fever. This disease, it was believed, would spread rapidly on ship board and result in the death and burial of many at sea. On the 28th ultimo, the secretary of war telegraphed to General Shafter that as soon as the fever subsided the men of his command would be moved north to a camp that has been selected for them on Montauk Point. On the 30th of July General Shafter made known Secretary of War Alger's telegram that troops would be moved north as soon as fever subsided, and

MILES' CAMPAIGN.

The General Proceeds Regardless of Peace Negotiations. Ponce, Porto Rico, Friday, Aug. 5, via St. Thomas, D. W. I., Aug. 5.—Major General Miles is proceeding entirely without regard to peace negotiations. Krag-Jorgansens are being issued. The Second and Third Wisconsin are moving up to the Sixteenth Pennsylvania today. Colonel Bullman has captured 5,000 pounds of rice. Thus far the enemy has not molested him. Major General Brooke's landing at Arroyo is successful. The troops from the Roumanian, four batteries of the Twenty-seventh Indiana, the First Missouri, the First Pennsylvania and the Fifth Illinois, are disembarking there. The Morgan troop of the Fifth cavalry, and the Mississippi commissaries have arrived here. Lieutenant Hunter, of the artillery, was slightly wounded by a few firemen pickets last night. Captain Edgar Hugart, who died of typhoid fever, has been buried with military honors. General Roy Stone is repairing the road to Arcebo but a movement there is improbable.

MACKENZIE'S TRIAL.

Makes 3 Knots Above Contract Speed—An Accident. Philadelphia, Aug. 5.—The torpedo boat Mackenzie, built at Hillman's ship yard in this city, was given a trial today by her builders and succeeded in making an average of about 23 knots an hour. Her contract required at least a 20 knot speed. The trial was made over a one-knot course in the lower Delaware, off the city of Wilmington, and among those on board beside her builders' representatives were Naval Constructor Hanson, Assistant J. E. Woodbridge, and several representatives of the engineer department. The run to the course was made in one hour and thirty-five minutes. She was then speeded over the course and rounded the last buoy in exactly 25 minutes. While under full speed she was put through a number of trials in turning and made the circuit in twice her length. While preparing for her homeward trip one of the tubes in the forward boiler blew out a few hours later. The names of the desperadoes are Charles and Jerry Sease, William Mitchell and Jacob Switzer. One of the Sease brothers is the oldest, his age being about 27 years, and the youngest is less than 21. They were originally arrested at Steelton, Pa., where the Pennsylvania steel works some weeks ago. They were apprehended in Lebanon this morning by Chief of Police Stein, of that city, who found them at the bolt works where they were working. They were taken to Steelton, but had not been in the lock-up long when they escaped. They boarded a freight train and came far as Columbia, where Detective Campbell, who had been notified by telegraph to look out for suspicious characters, took them into custody after a desperate chase. On Monday they were taken to Steelton, Pa., where they had to draw his pistol and afterwards club them into submission. They were brought to this city and officers from Steelton arrived tonight and took them there. The criminals who are desperate lot and have done time before are members of a band of thieves calling themselves the "Dewey gang" who have terrorized Steelton.

ROBBERS BREAK JAIL.

Young Desperadoes Remain in Duration Vile Four Hours. Lancaster, Pa., Aug. 5.—A quartet of young robbers who broke jail at Steelton this morning, were arrested at Columbia, Pa., after a few hours' flight. The names of the desperadoes are Charles and Jerry Sease, William Mitchell and Jacob Switzer. One of the Sease brothers is the oldest, his age being about 27 years, and the youngest is less than 21. They were originally arrested at Steelton, Pa., where the Pennsylvania steel works some weeks ago. They were apprehended in Lebanon this morning by Chief of Police Stein, of that city, who found them at the bolt works where they were working. They were taken to Steelton, but had not been in the lock-up long when they escaped. They boarded a freight train and came far as Columbia, where Detective Campbell, who had been notified by telegraph to look out for suspicious characters, took them into custody after a desperate chase. On Monday they were taken to Steelton, Pa., where they had to draw his pistol and afterwards club them into submission. They were brought to this city and officers from Steelton arrived tonight and took them there. The criminals who are desperate lot and have done time before are members of a band of thieves calling themselves the "Dewey gang" who have terrorized Steelton.

PROSPERITY PREDICTED.

London Looks for a Boom in American Securities. London, Aug. 5.—The Statist predicts a great wave of American prosperity which will result in a boom in American securities. "Cuba," it says, "will give employment to a vast amount of capital, and the stimulus to industry there will react upon the United States. The investments in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines will particularly benefit railroads."

FIVE PERSONS DROWNED.

One of Their Bodies is Still Unrecovered. New York, Aug. 5.—Of the five persons drowned from Frank Ruppert's launch on Thursday night off Richmond Valley, S. I., three bodies have been recovered. They are those of Gertrude Frohwein, 16 years old; Tillie Frohwein, 8 years old, and a man, one of the sailors, whose name is not known. While grappling today, the iron brought to the surface the body of Annie Sibenechen, 18 years old, but before it could be got into the boat it fell into the water, where it still lies. The body of Emma Frohwein is still unrecovered.

THE STUDENT VOLUNTEERS.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 5.—At the United Presbyterian Young People's Christian union this afternoon R. E. Speer, of the student volunteers movement, of New York city, made an address on "Missionary." Rev. T. H. Hanna, Jr., Steubenville, O., submitted the title committee's report, and Rev. Dr. John C. Sculler, of Philadelphia, presided over the general conference on Christian benevolence. Rev. Dr. B. M. Russell, of Pittsburg, this evening delivered a discourse on "Be ye like Christ, or the Church's Need in the Presence of Her Missionary Opportunity."

TENNESSEE ELECTIONS.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 5.—The elections held in the various counties yesterday for county officers were generally marked by a small vote. In some counties local contests aroused considerable interest and brought out a good vote, but in all of these usual interest was not displayed. In upper East Tennessee the Democrats elected a few officers in the silver Republican caucus. In most of the counties the Democrats elected their tickets by safe majorities.

PUT PEPPERS TO SLEEP.

Philadelphia, Aug. 5.—The fight between the two colored boxers, Henry Peppers, of California, and Joe Butler, of this city, at the Arena tonight, and which was to last six rounds, was all over in a minute and a half, Butler putting his California opponent to sleep.

FRENCH CRUISER SAILS.

St. Johns, N. F., Aug. 5.—The French cruiser Mancheval sailed today for the straits of Belle Isle to investigate the reported loss of a trans-Atlantic liner.

SAGASTA LABORS FOR PEACE

ENDEAVORS TO SECURE OPINIONS FROM STATESMEN. General Chincella Believes That the War Should Be Continued—General Azcarraga Thinks That Better Conditions Could Be Secured by Holding Out Longer. Madrid, Aug. 5 (6 p. m.)—In the conference between Senor Sagasta and Senor Silveira, the latter urged that it was imperative to summon the cortes for the negotiation of a treaty of peace. General Polavieja, who was present, declined subsequently to speak of the conference to representatives of the press on the ground that his duty as a soldier imposed secrecy upon him, but General Azcarraga said that if Spain possessed adequate resources the war should be continued in order to secure more acceptable conditions; otherwise peace ought to be immediately concluded. General Chincella, captain general of Madrid, said: "We have a brave and well disciplined army and it is ready to go wherever it is sent."

Late Senor Sagasta conferred with Senor Salmeron, the Republican leader, who told the premier the course of a long conference, that he blamed the government greatly for closing the cortes and stifling the press. After the interview he said he assured Senor Sagasta that he would reserve his opinion on the general situation until the cortes was convened, but that, neither directly nor indirectly, would he support the "existing oligarchy, which is the cause of all Spain's misfortunes."

BIG RATIFICATION.

Chairman Garman Arranges a Gathering of the Faithful. Pittsburg, Aug. 5.—State Chairman John M. Garman and Permanent Chairman Levi McQuiston, of the Altoona convention, met here today and completed arrangements for the big ratification meeting to be held at Bedford Springs. The notification committee will be announced tomorrow. The meeting is to be held Wednesday, Aug. 17.

NO DECISION TAKEN.

Madrid, Aug. 5 (9 p. m.)—At the cabinet council this evening Senor Sagasta recounted to his colleagues what had been said in the conferences with the various political leaders earlier in the day. No decision was taken. Senor Polavieja, minister of finance, read a proposal to increase the note circulation and guarantee of the Bank of Spain.

CUBAN CUSTOMS.

They Are Discussed at the Cabinet Meeting. Washington, Aug. 5.—The Cuban customs tariff was discussed by the cabinet today at some length, particularly the tobacco schedule, and it was agreed that the present rates of internal revenue taxation now in force in the United States should be made the custom rates for Cuba. Following is the schedule: Manufactured tobacco and snuff, 12 cents a pound; cigars weighing more than 3 pounds to the thousand, \$3.60 per 1,000; cigars weighing not more than three pounds to the thousand, \$1.50 per 1,000; all tobacco cigarettes of this weight, \$1 per 1,000.

PROTEST AGAINST DUTY.

President Hears from a Maryland Steel Company. Washington, Aug. 5.—A Maryland Steel company has protested to the president against the export duty fixed on iron ore shipped from Santiago de Cuba. It is stated that the tax as now fixed is absolutely prohibitive and the 9,000 workmen employed by this company will have to be discharged.

DEATH OF COLONEL SMITH.

Philadelphia, Aug. 5.—Colonel I. Heber Smith, who has a winter residence at 212 Walnut street, died suddenly this morning at his home at Joanna Furnace, near Birdsboro, last night, of heart trouble. Colonel Smith was 68 years old. He commanded the 72nd regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, during the civil war. At the battle of Chancellorsville he was taken prisoner, and spent some time in Libby's prison, near Richmond. He was a Republican in politics and the party's candidate for congress in Berks-Lehigh district several years ago.

ENTERTAINED ADMIRAL CERVERA.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 5.—Admiral Cervera and his staff were entertained by Commodore Farquhar at the navy today, being taken there by Medical Director Clyburn in his private car. The party returned to the naval hospital and Captain Concha was again visited. He is a Republican in politics and the party's candidate for congress in Berks-Lehigh district several years ago.

REV. ROBBINS A CAPTAIN.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Rev. Robbins, of Pennsylvania, in the full uniform of a captain of Pennsylvania volunteers, now in camp at Chickamauga, called on the president today and will leave for Porto Rico with the other officers and men of Wade's division.

DR. PEPPER'S FUNERAL.

Philadelphia, Aug. 5.—The body of the late Dr. William Pepper, the distinguished physician, who died in California a week ago, arrived here today. The funeral will take place tomorrow and will be strictly private.

PENNSYLVANIA PENSIONS.

Washington, Aug. 5.—These Pennsylvania pensions have been issued: Original—Benjamin Lowe, Monroe, 2.

NEW NATIONAL GUARD.

General Orders Are Being Prepared by Adjutant Stewart. Harrisburg, Aug. 5.—General orders are being prepared by Adjutant General Stewart announcing the formation of the new National Guard of Pennsylvania. The recruitment was supervised by General Stewart and is practically completed. The uniforms for the new organization are being manufactured at the state arsenal under the direction of Major William F. Richardson. Springfield rifles and Webb cartridge belts will be issued to the troops.

The Third brigade will be composed of Battery D of Philadelphia; Second troop, Philadelphia city cavalry, and Nineteenth and Twentieth regiments. These two regiments will be composed of twenty-one companies in Philadelphia and one each at Norristown, West Chester and Chester. The second brigade will be made up of Battery E, of Pittsburg; Second Sheridan troop, of Tyrone, and Seventeenth and Twenty-first regiments. The Seventeenth will consist of eight companies in Allegheny county, one each at New Brighton, Uniontown, Washington and one yet to be mustered in. The companies for the Twenty-first regiment are located at Oil City, Indiana, Meadville, Warren, Bradford, Hollidaysburg, Butler, Sharon Erie, Franklin, Huntingdon and Bellefonte.

BIKES SCORES.

Bulletin Issued by the Chairman of the L. A. W. Baltimore, Aug. 5.—The bulletin issued tonight by Chairman Albert Mott, of the League American Wheelmen racing board, gives the following as the score in the national championship: Arthur Gardner, 63; Cooper, 45; Fuld, 29; Major Taylor, 29; O. L. Stevens, 21; Freeman, 16; McFarland, 14; Tom Butler, 9; Kimble, 9; Mertens, 8; Bowler, 7; Fred Sims, 5; Dr. Brown, 5; Jaap Eden, 4; Becker, 4; Nat Butler, 3; Karl Kaser, 3; Bourtois, 2; C. M. Bly, 2; Hills, Jr., 2; Kiser, 2; Watson Coleman, 1.

ARKANSAS HANGINGS.

Charles Clyburn and Coleman Fleming Are Executed. Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 5.—Charles Clyburn and Coleman alias Fluke Fleming, were hanged today. The execution of Clyburn, who killed Deputy Sheriff Rollins, March 17, 1898, while the latter was attempting to arrest him for burglary, took place at Prescott. Clyburn had invited the governor to be present at the execution but the governor declined.

KILLS HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Greenless Also Fatally Wounds Walter Flew. Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 5.—George Greenless, a blacksmith, shot and instantly killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Addie Messner, and probably fatally wounded Walter Flew today. Greenless, who is separated from his wife, quarreled with his mother-in-law over the separation, and shot her dead.

STRANGE QUARREL.

It Results in the Death of James St. James. Detroit, Mich., Aug. 5.—John W. Battishill, of Escorse, early this morning shot and killed James St. James.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather indications today: Fair; variable winds.

1 General—Spain is Still Considering Our Proposals. Garrison at San Juan Wants Fight. Spanish Cabinet Labors for Peace.

2 General—Santiago Merchants Fear the Cubans. Financial and Commercial.

3 Local—Religious News of the Week. Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow.

4 Editorial. Comment of the Press.

5 Local—Soul-Stirring Letter from Santiago.

6 Local—Fine Showing of Collector Pennam's Internal Revenue District. Poor Board Will Not Permit Match-making in its Rooms.

7 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.

8 News Round About Scranton.

9 General—Soldier Spirit at Camp Alger at Very Low Ebb.

THE SAN JUANITES WANT TO FIGHT

They Say That the War Is Not Yet Over.

American Troops Will Be Resisted When They Arrive—Off San Juan the Cruiser New Orleans Alone Maintains the Blockade—The Daughter of the Captain General Helps to Drill the Gunners.

(Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.) On board the Associated Press dispatch boat, off San Juan de Porto Rico, Aug. 4 (via St. Thomas, D. W. I., Aug. 5).—The Americans have taken peaceful possession of the eastern portion of the island. Small parties of marines have been landed, who have lighted the lamps in the lighthouse at Cape San Juan and on other lighthouses along the coast. They met with no resistance. Indeed, at Cape San Juan deputations of citizens came out to meet them.

The warships now in this vicinity are the Montgomery, the Annapolis, the Puritan and the Amphitrite. The two former are looking for the transports, with troops, which left the United States and have scattered all about the island. The Annapolis rounded up the Whitney, the Florida and the Raleigh yesterday and they are now at Cape San Juan.

There seems to have been a serious mistake as to the rendezvous, for no two ships go to the same place, and it shot and killed James St. James, of St. Ignace, a corporal in Company I, Thirty-fifth Mississippi infantry, which is in camp at Island Lake. St. James yesterday married Bertha May Welsh, who is Battishill's sister-in-law. He intimated that he wished to leave his bride at Battishill's house so that she could be watched.

CLONDIKERS RETURN.

Steamer Dirigo Arrives From St. Michael with \$200,000. Seattle, Wash., Aug. 5.—The steamer Dirigo arrived today from St. Michael with one hundred passengers, some of which went north recently, but being unable to get up the river, returned. About forty were Klondikers. They brought down \$200,000 in dust and nuggets. Two men, Charles Moore and J. H. Brown, of Midland, Ont., had \$70,000 between them. Captain E. W. Spencer, of this city, had \$40,000.

THE INFANTA AFLOAT.

The Spanish Vessel Said to Be in Good Condition. Norfolk, Va., Aug. 5.—The Merritt Wrecking company have received advice from Santiago that making certain that Infanta Maria Teresa is now floated and is found to be in fairly good condition as to her machinery and boilers. She will shortly start for Norfolk under her own steam.

GRAND CIRCUIT RACES.

Columbus, O., Aug. 5.—This was a day of great racing for the grand circuit at Columbus Driving park, though no records were broken. It was likewise a bad day for favorites, as only one in four races won. The track was in fine condition, but not as fast as it would have been with continuous weather. In the 2 1/2 mile, Eagle Flanagan captured the first, fourth and fifth heats. The Abbot taking the other two. In the second heat, "The Abbot" won by a neck in the fastest heat of the season, 2:04 1/2.

CAPTAIN CLARKE ORDERED HOME.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Captain Charles Clarke, commander of the battleship Oregon, has been examined by a medical board and as a result ordered home.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Forecast for Sunday: For Eastern Pennsylvania, fair, with variable winds; for western Pennsylvania, fair; light winds, becoming southerly; easterly.

New York, Aug. 5.—In the mid-day, slightly sultry weather, light to fresh southeasterly and southerly winds and slowly rising temperature will prevail.