

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23, 1898

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ALL QUIET AT PORTO RICO

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THE CITIZENS REJOICE

General Good Feeling Prevails Over the Fact That the War Is Ended Among the Spanish Residents as Well as Natives, and Captain General Macias is Doing All in His Power to Assist the United States Officers-Residents of Ponce Are Raising a Subscription for Colonel San Martin-Sunday Is Observed for the First Time in the History of the Island.

Ponce, Porto Rico, Aug. 21.—(Delayed in transmission).—Major General Miles has decided to leave with his staff for Washington in a few days, possibly tomorrow. He will turn over his command to General Brooke, who is expected to reach here tomorrow for a conference.

General Miles has arranged matters generally with Captain General Macias, preparatory to the meeting of the peace commission at San Juan. General Macias, while maintaining his outposts, is steadily retiring his forces to the capital, preparatory to their embarkation.

Mail communication between Ponce and San Juan has been established and the overland telegraph wires which have been severed will be connected immediately.

All that will remain for the commission to do, General Miles says, will be to secure an inventory of government property transferred to the Americans to give receipts to the Spanish authorities.

Captain General Macias in his various communications with General Miles has shown the best spirit. He is anxious to co-operate in bringing about an evacuation at the earliest moment possible and is placing no obstacles in the way of the volunteers returning home.

Lieutenant Colonel Ramery, the highest Spanish volunteer officer in the island, reached here last night from Alibonito. Other officers have been coming through our lines all day. Lieutenant Colonel Ramery says that the Spanish forces at Alibonito were short of ammunition and water and entirely dependent for food upon Cayey. They must have succumbed, he declares, as soon as General Brooke struck Cayey.

SPANISH RESIDENTS REJOICE. According to a letter from San Juan the Spanish residents there who had fled from the city, have returned and there is great rejoicing among them that the war is ended, a feeling shared by the soldiery.

Colonel San Martin, former Spanish commander at Ponce who abandoned the city on the approach of the Americans, and who, it was reported, had been shot for forsaking the city, is in the hospital sick. He has been stripped of his rank. The Ponce merchants express their gratitude at his course because the fight of his command prevented the destruction of their property and they are raising a subscription for him.

General Miles will advise General Brooke to embark the Spanish prisoners here and send them immediately to San Juan. It is expected that Rear Admiral Schley will be there in a few days.

Most of the troops in the island will remain stationary until the final details have been settled, and they will then march to San Juan, where they will embark. General Miles will consult with the authorities at Washington as to the force that is to remain. The volunteers are anxious to go home.

Today, Sunday, the liquor saloons were closed and for the first time in the history of the island there was a public Protestant religious service. The officers and men on the monitors at Guanica think it unnecessary to keep the ships there any longer. These vessels are absolutely unsuited to a tropical climate like that here, and the Puritan's officers have sent a formal complaint to Secretary Long, at Aguado, north of Managua, the Spanish troops killed two natives last Friday.

Ponce, Porto Rico, Aug. 22.—(Morning).—General Miles and his staff will leave for home on the steamer Aranzas tonight. He is now holding a final conference with General Brooke, who arrived from Arroyo on the Stillwater this morning, and General Wilson, whose headquarters have been moved here.

Senator Lopez, editor of the San Juan Correspondencia, is here. He reports that Governor General Macias is pushing preparations for the evacuation of the island. The obstacles in the harbor of San Juan are being cleared away and a ship loaded with dynamite has been removed. General Macias, Senator Lopez says, will return to Spain in a few days, leaving the details of the evacuation to his subordinates.

General Henry's men are badly in need of provisions. The garrison here says it is impossible to transport supplies over the mountain trail and it has been arranged to send them to Arcebo, an open port. The Sixth Massachusetts and the Sixth Illinois regiments are without shoes.

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DOCUMENT UNIQUE IN ANNALS OF WAR

SPANISH SOLDIERS CONGRATULATE LATE AMERICAN VICTOR.

In an Effort to Show Their Appreciation of the Manly Warfare of American Troops and of the Kindness With Which They Have Been Treated the Spanish Soldiers Send a Farewell Greeting to Their Former Foes.

Washington, Aug. 22.—A document entirely unique in the annals of warfare was called tonight to the war department by General Shafter. It is in the form of a congratulatory farewell address issued to the soldiers of the American army by Pedro Lopez de Castillo, a private Spanish soldier on the half of 11,000 Spanish soldiers. No similar document perhaps was ever before issued to a victorious army by a vanquished enemy.

The president was much impressed by the address, and after reading it carefully authorized its publication. Following is the text of the address, as called by General Shafter:

Santiago, Aug. 22, 1898, 11.17 p. m. H. C. Cortis, Lieutenant General United States Army, Washington:

The following letter has just been received from the soldiers now embarking for Spain:

To Major General Shafter, command the American army in Cuba:

Sir: The Spanish soldiers who captured in this country are here. There is a considerable friendly rivalry between the different cities to secure the next meeting, and at this time Louisville and Detroit are running neck and neck. The supreme lodge will be in session here two weeks.

ADmiral SAMPSON VISITS THE PRESIDENT

He Spends Thirty-five Minutes Discussing the Situation at Cuba and the Commission's Plans.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22.—Admiral Sampson called on President McKinley and spent thirty-five minutes with him in a discussion of the Cuban commission's plans.

He reached here on the train from New York at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon and drove immediately to the navy department. There he spent some minutes exchanging courtesies with the naval officials when acting Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Sampson, arrived at the White house, the two joining the president at quarter past 4.

The president shook the admiral's hand very cordially and inquired about his experiences in commanding the fleet in the Cuban waters. Admiral Sampson referred briefly to a number of the important incidents in the war and in response to an inquiry from the president expressing his gratification at the achievement of July 3 when Admiral Cervera's fleet was annihilated, the details of the great battle were given quite thoroughly.

The president at the outset took occasion to express his thanks to the admiral for the success of the battle and showed deep interest in the story of the engagement as told by the admiral. He also bore on the reasons for not entering the harbor at Santiago and the placing of the mines and torpedoes in Cuban ports.

The plans of the commission to arrange for the evacuation of Cuba were talked over and the president was invited here by the president to confer on the plans of the commission, but Admiral Schley did not arrive this afternoon. Admiral Sampson looked somewhat fatigued.

At wear his uniform, being attired in an ordinary sack suit of light mixed cloth. He refused to talk for publication at this time. When asked how long he would remain here he answered: "No longer than necessary."

Before leaving the president he stopped just long enough to gratify several autograph enthusiasts and then drove off to his hotel, where Acting Secretary Allen left him. The latter announced positively that the admiral would retain his command of the North Atlantic squadron while one of the Cuban commissioners. No time had been fixed for the commissioners' departure. Pending receipt of the president's written instructions, Admiral Sampson will go to his home in New Jersey to spend a few days.

BIENNIAL MEETING.

Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias Opened at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 22.—The biennial meeting of the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, will begin tomorrow morning with every session of the world where there is a grand lodge represented. The national encampment of the Uniformal Rank was formally opened this afternoon. Nearly 10,000 uniformed men are in camp. The supreme temple, Rayburne Sisters, opens Wednesday morning, and the attendance will be greater than ever before.

The imperial palace Knights of Khorrassan began this morning and will last four days. The supreme lodge Pythian Sisterhood will open tomorrow morning.

People have come in from all parts of the country, the trains are loaded with passengers, and today all from the sixteen roads entering the city had numerous extra and special trains. It is estimated that there are 25,000 people in the city here. More than half that number are expected tomorrow. Camp Colgrove, with its 4,000 tents, is a great attraction.

No special business is to be transacted by the Uniform Rank at this encampment. The knights are here on a vacation and to have a good time. Tuesday evening will occur the greatest Pythian parade ever held in this city, and it is expected that there will be more than 15,000 men in line.

A feature of the parade is the contest between the subordinate lodges. Some of these lodges will be uniformed, and together about seventy-five lodges will participate. The liberal prizes offered has resulted in a great turn out of subordinate lodges as well as of the Uniform Rank and some of the best drill teams in the country are here.

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CASE OF FIRESTONE.

It Is Urged That He Has Served His Full Time.

Philadelphia, Aug. 22.—Return was made before Judge Butler in the United States district court to the writ of habeas corpus in the case of John B. Firestone, who was a prisoner in the Eastern penitentiary.

Firestone was in the Dillburg National bank, and on Nov. 15, 1897, was sentenced to an imprisonment of five years, to be computed from June 1, 1897, for making false entries, etc. In the books of the bank, President McKinley on July 11 last issued an order directing the sentence to be one year's actual imprisonment.

Firestone had been in Moyamensing prison about five months awaiting trial and it was urged for him that, although he had not been actually in the Eastern penitentiary for a year, the time should be counted against him.

SHOT HER SISTER.

Terrible Crime of One Who Has Been in a Lunatic Asylum.

New Market, Ont., Aug. 22.—Minnie Sexton today deliberately fired four bullets into the body of her elder sister, Marie Sexton, killing her instantly.

Just before the murder the two girls were heard laughing joyously. Immediately after committing the deed the woman gave herself up. At one time she was confined in the lunatic asylum and of late has been acting strangely.

The dead woman was 35 years of age and was to have been married shortly. Her sister opposed the match and declared it should never take place.

ARRESTED FOR MURDER.

Albert Smith Accused of Giving His Wife Wrong Medicine.

Harrisburg, Aug. 22.—Albert Smith, colored, aged 40 years, was arrested in New York today charged with the murder of his wife in Virginia last December.

Smith has ever since been employed in the iron works about Harrisburg, and he was apprehended through a woman with whom he has been keeping company. She alleges that she saw Smith give his wife medicine in which he had introduced poison.

Luzerne Nominations.

Quay Men Successful in Five Out of Six Districts.

Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 22.—The Republican district convention nominated candidates for the legislature was held today. The Quay men were successful in five out of the six districts. The following are the nominations:

First district, Jacob Roberts; Second district, E. A. Coray; Third district, C. B. Miller; Fourth district, Frank Snyder; Fifth district, Patrick T. Norton; Sixth district, Ellsworth Riley.

PAY FOR MERRITT'S MEN.

Three Paymasters Ordered to Proceed at Once to Manila.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Paymaster General Stanton has ordered three paymasters with funds to go at once to Manila to pay the troops there. They will sail from San Francisco in a day or two.

SPAIN NAMES HER COMMISSIONERS

M. THEBAUT NOTIFIES THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

The Official List Differs from Those Given in Press Dispatches—Significance Attached to the Naming of Marquis Montoro—Spain Desires to Go Into the Future Government of Cuba.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The state department received a call today from M. Thebaud, secretary of the French embassy, and in charge during the absence of Ambassador Cambon, who bore a notification from the Spanish government of the military commissioners for Cuba and Porto Rico.

Under the protocol each government was to name its military commission within ten days, their meeting to begin within thirty days. The ten days were up today and accordingly Spain gave the official notice of the appointments. They are as follows:

For Cuba—Major General Gopazes Parada, Rear Admiral Pastor y Landero, Marquis Montoro.

For Porto Rico—Major General Ortega y Diaz, Commodore of First Rank Valerino y Carrion, Judge Advocate Sanchez de Aguilera y Leon.

The foregoing official lists differ from some of the lists given in press dispatches which have included Admiral Montijo, General Blanco, General Macias and several other prominent Spanish officers. Considerable significance attaches to the naming of Marquis Montoro on the Cuban commission as it indicates a purpose on the part of Spain to go into the future government of Cuba. He is the only commissioner, Spanish or American, taken from civil life. He is secretary of the treasury of the Cuban autonomous cabinet, and all his interests are connected with the government of Cuba, rather than with the military question of the Spanish evacuation of Cuba.

He is named, it is believed, in order to carry out Spain's desire to have an understanding as to the future government of the island, he being intimately familiar with the questions of the civil administration of Cuba. As secretary of the Cuban treasury he is also very familiar with questions affecting the Cuban debt.

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1 General-General Miles Will Leave Porto Rico. Spanish Soldiers Congratulate American Victors. Spain's Cuban and Porto Rican Commissioners. Havana in the Throes of Starvation.

2 General-Troops for the Philippines. Financial and Commercial.

3 Local-Controller Evans Arrouses the School Board. Death of Rev. John Davy. Fire Department Parade.

4 Editorial.

5 Local-Attorney J. C. Lange Dead. Langstaff-Kelly Contest.

6 Local-West Side and Suburban.

7 News Round About Scranton.

8 General-Speculation as to the Thirtieth's Destination.

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