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DISCUSSING EVACUATION.

The Two Commissions Meet—American Position Defined.

San Juan de Porto Rico, Sept. 12.—The two evacuation commissions held an hour's session today and adjourned until Wednesday.

AWFUL FIRE IN JEROME, ARIZONA

Terrible Calamity in Loss of Life and Property—Number of Persons Missing Placed at Fifteen.

Prescott, Ariz., Sept. 12.—Yesterday's fire in Jerome was one of the greatest calamities in the loss of life and destruction of property that ever occurred in Arizona.

Among those who lost their lives are the following: Mexican woman and her two children; Wilford, an undertaker; a dry goods clerk, name unknown; two laborers, names unknown.

Many people familiar with Jerome place the property loss at figures ranging from a half to three-quarters of a million dollars.

Contracts for rebuilding are already being entered into.

The Washford-Burmister company, S. Hill and others have sent over ten and to this stock constant additions are being made and a subscription list is being circulated and liberally signed.

MAINE ELECTION. Victory for the Entire Republican Ticket.

Portland, Me., Sept. 12.—The state election today resulted in the success of the full Republican ticket as follows:

Governor—Llewellyn H. Powers, of Houlton.

Congressman—First district, Thomas B. Reed, of Portland; Second district, Nelson C. Lewis, of Lewiston; Third district, Edwin C. Bruleigh, of Augusta; Fourth district, Charles A. Boutelle, of Bangor.

The election was marked by comparative apathy on the part of the Republicans, who felt secure, while the Democrats, taking perhaps a little more interest with an apparent desire to make a better showing than in 1894 or 1895, put some vim into the campaign, the result of which was seen in nearly every town.

BONNER'S EASY VICTORY. Creodon's Ankle Injured in the Second Round.

New York, Sept. 12.—Jack Bonner, the middleweight pugilist from Summit, Pa., gained an easy victory over Dan Creodon, the Australian boxer, in the second round of their fight at the Greater New York Athletic club last night.

GOOD NEWS FOR AUNON. Spanish Gunboats Defeat an Insurgent Flotilla.

Madrid, Sept. 12.—Captain Aunon, minister of marine, received today an important despatch from the Philippines describing a conflict between the Spanish gunboats and an insurgent flotilla, in which the former successfully prevented an insurgent landing in the Visayas.

CAROLINE ISLANDS HAVE BEEN TAKEN

REPORTED WRESTED FROM SPAIN BY THE NATIVES.

An Expedition to Guam, Ladrones Islands, for Aid, Found our Forces in Possession—The Combined Strength of the Blacks Too Much for the Spaniards—The News Brought to This Country by Way of Honolulu.

WILL STAY AT ELVADADA.

Places of Residence of Evacuation Commissioners. Havana, Sept. 12.—4 p. m.—The American evacuation commissioners, it is thought probable, will select places of residence, during the stay of the commission, at Elvadada, a beautiful village, five miles west of Havana on the coast, just beyond Punta Brava.

SPANISH PROTEST. Residents of the Philippines Object to the Continued Warfare of the Insurgents—Otis Endeavors to Stop Hostilities.

Madrid, Sept. 12.—French Ambassador Cambon has cabled the Spanish government the American reply to the Spanish note protesting against hostilities upon the part of Philippine insurgents despite the peace protocol.

WRECK ON THE RAIL.

Passenger Train on the Texas and Pacific Goes Through a Bridge. Four Persons Killed.

Texarkana, Tex., Sept. 12.—A passenger train on the Texas and Pacific railroad consisting of an engine and four coaches plunged through a bridge at a point 12 miles south of Texarkana shortly after noon today.

SHOULD BE DISGRACED. Count d'Almenas Creates a Scene in Spanish Senate.

Madrid, Sept. 12.—The session of the senate today was stormy. Count d'Almenas, challenged to give the names of the generals who he recently said ought to be disgraced, replied:

MASSACRE AT CANDIA. Turks Slaughter Six Hundred Men, Women and Children.

London, Sept. 12.—The correspondent of the Times at Candia, island of Crete, who has just landed after five days in the roadstead, says:

CADET WHEELER BURIED. General Wheeler's Son Laid at Rest at Montgomery.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 12.—Naval Cadet Thomas H. Wheeler, the youngest son of General Joseph Wheeler, was buried with military honors today in the family burial ground on the general's estate at Wheeler's station, Ala. Fully 5,000 people were present.

CHOWNSKI VICTORIOUS. Had an Easy Session with Joe Goddard at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—Joe Chownski had all the best of his bout with Joe Goddard tonight at the Arena. There was but little fighting in the opening round. In the second round Chownski landed several hard lefts on Goddard's face, but the latter could not get in a good blow.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Sept. 12.—Arrived: Rotterdam, Rotterdam; Cleared: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, Bremen via Southampton.

Chiles Drafted. Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—First Baseman Chiles, of the Lancaster (Atlantic league) team, has been drafted by the Philadelphia club.

THE ASSASSIN OF THE EMPRESS

LUIGINI TELLS THE STORY OF HIS LIFE.

An Outcast from Birth and at the Age of Ten Years Thrown Upon the Streets Without Resources. While in the Employ of a Prince He Became an Anarchist.

SHOULD RETAIN THE PHILIPPINES

Mr. Denby, Former Minister to China, Gives Reasons Why the Islands Should Remain Possessions of the United States.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Mr. Charles Denby, former minister of the United States to China, arrived here today from Peking, and in the afternoon paid his respects to the president.

DR. ECKMAN'S SUCCESSOR. Will Be Selected at Binghamton Tomorrow.

Buffalo, Sept. 12.—Bishop Fowler will meet the presiding elders of the Wyoming conference at Binghamton Wednesday.

EMPEROR'S INTENSE GRIEF. Vienna, Sept. 12.—The Emperor of Austria and his daughter attended mass this morning in the private chapel of the Schoenbrunn palace.

WHEELER EXPECTS TROUBLE. Is Prepared to Go Into Action Again on Account of Philippines.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 12.—The Advertiser will tomorrow print the following account of an interview with General Joseph Wheeler, commander of the United States volunteers.

NO PARADE OF TROOPS. Conference Between President and General Miles Settles It.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The plan of having a parade in New York of the troops returning from Porto Rico and those at Montauk has been definitely abandoned.

BATTLESHIP CONTRACTS. Navy Department Has Agreed on a Satisfactory Award.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The navy department has arrived at what it regards as a fair and satisfactory settlement of the question of awarding the contracts for the construction of the three battleships.

Will Make Smokeless Powder. Washington, Sept. 12.—The contract for supplying the navy department with smokeless powder has been awarded to the California Powder company and the Dupont Powder company, each to supply half a million pounds.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather Indications Today: Fair; Rising Temperature. 1 General—Admiral Dewey Says Philippine Situation is Critical. 2 General—Miners Bring Gold from the Klondike. 3 Local—Teachers Appointed by Board of Control. 4 Editorial—Comment of the Press. 5 Local—Letter Carriers Home from Corvinton. 6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. Letter from Porto Rico. 7 News Round About Scranton. 8 General—Thirteenth Regiment Will Remain in Service.

LAST DAYS OF CAMP WIKOFF

All Troops Will Be Removed as Soon as Possible.

Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point, Sept. 12.—The entire attention of the 15,000 soldiers still quartered at Camp Wikoff, is now directed toward the latest developments in regard to the abandonment of the camp here, and their removal to the barracks occupied by them before the commencement of the war.

TO FREE THE HOSPITALS

Medical Board is Engaged in Making Examination to Determine What Patients are in Condition to Be Moved—Detention Hospital Has Been Abandoned—Patients Will Be Taken to New York and Other Places.

Relief arrived here from New York this morning and during the day the steamer took aboard about 250 sick men.

ERNE-LAVIGNE AFFAIR

The Fight Stopped by Sheriff's Deputies—A Lively Circus.

Buffalo, Sept. 12.—The twenty-round bout for the light-weight championship of the world between Frank Erne and "Kid" Lavigne, that was to have been the opening contest at the Hawthorne Athletic club at Cheektowaga, was stopped by Sheriff Kilgallon before the men came together in the arena.

GRAND CIRCUIT RACES.

Portland, N. H., Sept. 12.—The September meeting of the Grand Circuit races, with a small attendance and ordinary racing, one of the events went off in straight heats and it required but one extra trial to settle the others.

GARRISON AT CUBA.

Washington, Sept. 12.—General Miles said today that the troops to constitute the garrison of Cuba had not been selected.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Forecast for Thursday: For eastern Pennsylvania, clear, with light breeze; temperature, 65 to 75.

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