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SAGASTA THE SCAPEGOAT

He Is Blamed for the Present Misfortunes of Spain.

DUKE OF TETUAN TALKS

Had Canovas Lived the Trouble Would Have Been Averted—The Late Premier Convinced That War with America Would Ruin Spain. Reasons Why Sagasta Should Be Deposed—Blanco Is Again Dissatisfied.

Madrid, Sept. 20.—The Duke of Tetuan, who was minister for foreign affairs in the cabinet of the late Premier Canovas del Castillo, is quoted as saying in an interview:

"Senor Canovas, if he had lived, would never have accepted war with the United States. Canovas and myself were convinced that war would lead inevitably to the ruin of Spain."

The duke blamed the Liberals, who, he said, could have averted war, either by accepting the proffered good offices of the United States minister, General Stewart L. Woodford, or by treating with the insurgents on the basis of Cuban independence, or by selling Cuba.

In conclusion, the duke said: "Senor Sagasta is responsible for all our disasters and must be ejected from power."

Captain General Blanco cables from Havana that he is not in accord with the Cuban colonial ministry, to which the government here replied that while Spanish sovereignty existed in Cuba he must apply autonomy, and, therefore, he could not turn out the colonial government now in office and appoint a new one.

The workmen of the Bilbao, where the cruisers which belonged to Admiral Cervera's fleet were built, have decided to go to Santander in order to make a demonstration against the defeated Spanish admiral on his return to Spain. The government, however, has taken measures calculated to prevent the plan being carried out and the ministry has also forbidden demonstrations welcoming Cervera home.

BRIDGEPORT'S MYSTERY.

No New Developments—The Police Maintain Secrecy.

Bridgeport, Sept. 20.—Official action today in the Yellow Mill Pond murder mystery has thus far been so covered as to render it impossible to announce any new developments of importance. Superintendent of Police Birmingham was back in his office at an early hour and remained at his desk during the forenoon. He had an early conference with the detectives, who immediately after left and renewed the work on which they have been engaged for eight days.

The only event which caused speculation about headquarters was the arrival about ten o'clock of two strangers, who were permitted by the police to examine critically the pieces of rubber cloth and wearing apparel which were found with the body of the victim.

Nothing further has been heard from New Haven and Meriden so far today with reference to the clues that are being investigated in those places.

TROPHIES FROM SANTIAGO.

Decorations from the Spanish Post Office Sent to Washington.

Washington, Sept. 20.—A large lead gargoyle and the royal arms of Aragon and Castile are now in possession of the post office department. They are trophies from Santiago, having once graced the Spanish post office at that place. In the open jaws of the gargoyle were deposited the letters of the patrons of the post office. The mouth served as a slot and the letters fell into a recepticle on the inside of the office.

The royal arms of Spain were also on the building. Both were sent to the department by Mr. Louis Kempner, the postal agent at Santiago.

WELCOME OF COMPANY K.

Thousands Greet the Soldiers at Bethlehem—A Sad Accident.

Bethelhem, Pa., Sept. 20.—Company K, of the Ninth regiment, arrived at Bethlehem early today and was greeted by 30,000 enthusiastic citizens. Captain Adams and his 77 soldier boys wer escorted by six bands of music, as many drum corps and twenty civic societies and 1,000 firmen to muncipal hall where a reception was held.

In the jam at the depot as the train bearing the soldiers came in Mrs. M. Talbot, 65 years of age, whose son is a private in company K, was pushed under an engine and ground to pieces.

SHOT HER SON AT SUPPER.

Mother Was Showing Guests How Harmless a Revolver Was.

New York, Sept. 20.—Frantic with grief over her fatal mistake, Mrs. Frederick Neiss, of No. 2915 Eighth avenue, who last night accidently shot and killed her 5-year-old son, Willie, while showing a supposedly unloaded revolver to guests at supper, was discharged from custody in the Harlem court.

FISHERIES COMMISSION.

Meeting Held at Quebec—Proceedings Held Behind Closed Doors.

Quebec, Sept. 20.—The international commissioners met in joint session for an hour this afternoon and adjourned to meet again at 10.30 a. m. Thursday. The adjournment over tomorrow is taken because of the ceremonies attending the unveiling of the Champlain monument, in which the members of the high commission are to participate.

The American commissioners met as usual at 9 o'clock this morning and again at 4 p. m. They listened to the arguments of Messrs. Babcock, New York, and Fallon, of Ohio, who represent the interests of the United States inland fisheries.

As usual, all the proceedings were behind closed doors, but so far as the fresh water fisheries are concerned it is understood that the Americans and Canadians will agree with little trouble. Both sides desire the better protection of the fresh water fish, and, no doubt, this part of the proposed treaty will readily be disposed of.

Tomorrow the interests of the United States farmers will be heard. A number of the border states may be represented, but as yet the American commissioners have heard only from the national grange.

The indications are that the Canadian commissioners are going to take a very determined position on the lumber question. Hon. A. S. Hardy, premier of Ontario, and George W. Ross, minister of education, arrived here today and represent the Ontario government in the lumber question. They declare unreservedly that no concessions will be made on the part of the Canadian government in the way of permitting things to go free into the United States unless the United States makes some concession in the way of reducing or removing the present duty of $2 per thousand on Canadian sawed lumber. Last year the Ontario legislature passed a law that no logs cut on crown lands by American lumber men should be taken into the United States to be sawed into lumber in American mills. This law was no doubt a result of the $2 duty put upon all Canadian lumber in the Dingley law, but has been a disastrous law to such of the American lumbermen as own large tracts of crown timber lands in Ontario. These lumbermen contend that the Canadian government knew when it sold the lumber to the Americans that it was to be sawed in American mills, and, having this knowledge, the government has no right now to pass a law of this character, but the Canadians waive that point, and say it must be free logs and free lumber or no change at all.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS.

Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Opens Its Eighty-sixth Annual Session at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 20.—The supreme council of sovereign grand inspectors general of the thirty-third degree, Scottish Rite, for the northern Masonic jurisdiction, opened its eighty-sixth annual session here today. The supreme council was opened in full ceremonial form by Henry L. Palmer, most puissant sovereign grand commander. Divine blessing was invoked by Rev. Josiah Seward, grand prior. The calling of the roll of officers, active and emeritis members, occupied much time, after which the rest of the session was consumed in reading of the reports and examining credentials.

The officers of the supreme council participating in the ceremonies during the day and in the work of conferring the thirty-third degree tonight were:

Henry L. Palmer, M. P., sovereign grand committee, Milwaukee; Charles P. Woodbury, P., grand lieutenant committee, Boston; Samuel Croker, Lawrence, grand minister of state, Boston; Marquis Fayette King, Portland, deputy for Maine; George W. Currier, Nashua, for New Hampshire; Marsh O. Perkins, Windsor, for Vermont; Charles C. Damo, Boston, for Massachusetts; George H. Kenyon, Providence, for Rhode Island; Charles M. Carter, Norwich, for Connecticut; Charles E. Leede, Syracuse, for New York; Robert A. Sheriffs, Elizabeth, for New Jersey; James Isaac Buchanan, Pittsburg, for Pennsylvania; Enoch Terry Carson, Cincinnati, for Ohio; Hugh McCurdy, Corunna, for Michigan; Nicholas Bruckle, Indianapolis, for Indiana; John Smith, Chicago, for Illinois; Charles M. Cottrell, Milwaukee, for Wisconsin; Newton D. Arnold, grand treasurer general, H. E., Providence; Clinton Freeman Paige, grand secretary general, H. E., Binghamton; Charles C. Hutchinson, grand keeper of the archives, Lowell, Mass.; Thomas E. Balding, grand master general of G., Milwaukee; Robert Emmet Patterson, grand master general, Philadelphia; William Riley Hignee, grand standard bearer, Bridgeport, Conn.; George Otis Tyler, grand captain of the guard, New York; Joseph P. Abel, assistant grand secretary, Burlington, Vt.; Rev. Josiah L. Seward, grand prior, Lowell, Mass.; Henry C. Urner, marshal of camp, Cincinnati; George M. Moulton, marshal of camp, Chicago; Ozias W. Shipman, marshal of camp, Detroit; William J. Burnham, grand almoner, Auburn, Me.; Andrew Nembach, grand organist, Cincinnati; Theodore H. Emmons, grand seneschel.

SPANISH COMMISSION.

The Personnel of the Peace Representatives is Announced.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The personnel of the Spanish peace commission has been communicated officially by the Madrid government to the French embassy, and through Ambassador Cambon to the state department. The list is the same as that given in press dispatches, with some additional information as to the several members. Senor Montero Rios, chairman of the commission, is the presiding officer of the Spanish senate. Senor Abarsuza is a member of the senate and was the Spanish ambassador at Paris during Spain's brief regime as a republic.

General Cerero has had long experience in colonalal matters and is regarded as an expert in that line. Senor Villa Urrutia is the present Spanish minister at Brussels. Senor Garnica is counsellor of the court of cassation, or supreme court.

Alger Will Not Resign.

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 20.—Secretary Alger when asked by the Associated Press about his reported resignation, said: "There is not a word of truth in it, that's all."

EIGHT MEN DIE BY CREMATION

MOST DISASTROUS FIRE THAT EVER OCCURRED IN TOLEDO.

The Grain Elevator Owned by Paddock, Hodge & Co., Is Ignited by Spontaneous Combustion—In Addition to Deaths Eight More Are Fatally Burned—Several Are Missing.

Toledo, O., Sept. 20.—Eight men were cremated and eight more fatally burned tonight in the most disastrous fire that ever occurred in Toledo. The spontaneous combustion of dust in the grain elevator owned by Paddock, Hodge & Co. at 9 o'clock caused this terrible destruction of life, and none of those who were taken out after the fire started were far enough from death's door to tell any of the details.

The dead are:

SAMUEL ALEXANDER.
BERT WAINWRIGHT.
FRED GARRETT.
HAROLD PARKS.
JOHN SMITH.
GRACE PARKS.
FRANK VAN HOUSON.
JOHN CARR.

The injured are: David Kemp, Barney Welch, Charles Keifer, Fred Pargillis, —— Eliot, Charles Brocker, Everett Smith, Hamilton Parks, William J. Parks, S. C. Jordan, Peter Haas, Al Baldie, four others, names unknown.

William J. Parks, the superintendent, was blown through the window of the lower story. He said that about 8.30 a terrible explosion occurred on the south side of the elevator and that he knew there were about thirty men at work on the seven floors of the enormous building. None of the injured will survive their burns and bruises. Besides those regularly employed at the elevator, the three children of Superintendent Parks were visiting him at the time. One of these may recover from his burns, but Grace, a 17-year-old girl, is burned almost beyond recognition, and Harold, the third child, has not been found.

At 8.30 o'clock this evening the people of East Toledo were startled by a terrific explosion which caused a panic all over the neighborhood. Houses were shaken as in an earthquake and windows were shattered for blocks around. Those in the vicinity of the Union elevator soon noticed flames bursting from the building. It was but a few minutes till the fire department of the city began the work of rescue, which was rendered difficult by the terrific heat. The river cut off escape on one side and there the flames seemed to be less fierce. The families of a dozen men who were known to be at work within rushed to the scene and women calling for their imprisoned husbands, brothers and fathers made a scene indescribable.

SHOCKING INJURIES.

It was learned that a force of twenty men expected to load 20,000 bushels of grain during the night. Not one of the entire number could be seen in any part of the building, and it was impossible to reach them in any way. William Parks was found first. He was twenty feet from the building, frightfully burned and his clothing almost entirely torn off. He had been hurled from his place in the main room through a window, and his agonizing cries were most pitiful. Another employe, John Carr, was hurled from the fifth floor of the building and was found bleeding and burning with many bones broken. He did not long survive. Fireman David Kemp and Charles Keifer, the engineer, were found at their places in the engine rooms. They were wounded by falling timbers and their faces were charred to a crisp.

The little daughter of William Parks was sitting near the desk in the office at the time of the explosion, and she was hurled out of the door. She walked down the elevation on which the building stands and then fell unconscious, suffering from wounds from which she cannot recover.

John Smith was fatally burned. The missing men are doubtless all dead. No trace can be found of any of them and as they were all employed at the top of the elevator their chances for escape were but slight.

TWENTY CARS BURNED.

The heat became so intense that 20 cars standing on a siding near the burning building were added to the loss. The fire department had a hard struggle to save other elevators and property. The bridge across the Maumee river was on fire several times, but outside of the loss of the elevator the damage is slight.

Mr. Paddock, a member of the firm owning the plant said that between 500,000 and 600,000 tons of grain were in storage at the time, most of it being winter wheat. The property and the grain is an entire loss and will reach $450,000. Insurance is $135,000 on the building, and the grain is covered with $258,000 insurance. At 12.20 o'clock the flames were fully under control.

BANQUET TO MILES.

The Commander of the Army Will Be Honored by Bankers.

New York, Sept. 20.—General Nelson A. Miles, major general commanding the army, will in a few days receive from the chief bankers in New York and prominent commercial men an invitation to a banquet in his honor, which, should he accept, will be held in this city next month, the date to be set by General Miles.

Circulars to this end were sent around the Wall street district today. J. Edward Simmons, George F. Baker, Frederick D. Tappan, Henry W. Cancer and Richard Apgar are foremost in the project to honor the general.

Cavalry Captain Arrested.

Berlin, Sept. 20.—Count Stolberg Wernigerode, a cavalry captain, has been arrested on account of the death of Sergeant Scheinhardt, from the effects of a sword cut behind the ear inflicted by the count for impertinence during the recent manoeuvres.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Sept. 20.—These Pennsylvania pensions have been issued: Original—William Miller, Plymouth, Luzerne, $6; William Miller, Shickshinny, Luzerne, $10 to $30.

COLONEL BRYAN WILL RESIGN.

He Has no Desire to Join the Regular Army.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 20.—Colonel W. J. Bryan, of the Third Nebraska volunteers, will shortly resign his commission in the United States army and resume the discussion of public questions. This statement was not made upon the authority of Colonel Bryan, however. When asked to express himself on questions of public interest he said:

"You can say that I refuse to discuss any matters connected with politics, the army or myself, except that I see no reason to change the views in regard to expanding the territory of the United States, as I expressed in my Omaha speech, made before entering upon this army life."

This is all Colonel Bryan would say, except to add: "You might also say that I am not so enamored of camp life that I would at the close of war apply for a commission in the regular army.

ANNUAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC KNIGHTS

Sessions Held at Philopatrian Hall, Philadelphia — Patriotic Resolutions—Reports of Officers.

Philadelphia, Sept. 20.—The ninth annual council of the Catholic Knights of America, state of Pennsylvania, held its sessions in Philopatrian hall. The president, John J. O'Rourke, presided at the council and welcomed the attending delegates. Before entering on the business of the council, which was of the usual nature, dealing with the accounts, growth and general interests of the society, a resolution was passed congratulating the president and government on the successful termination of the war with Spain, extending sympathy to the friends of the brave boys who lost their lives and to those wounded in battle, and reiterating the societies' determination to stand by the American flag.

The secretary, Charles J. Bigley, and the treasurer, James J. Bonner, presented their reports, which were of a gratifying nature and showed the society in this state to be in a most healthy condition. There are thirty-one branches in Pennsylvania with a membership of 1,370. Throughout the country there is a membership of 24,000 with a total insurance of $36,803,000.

The reserve fund amounts to $423,000 and the amount of death benefits paid in the state for two years was $32,500.

William P. Sinnot, Philadelphia, and Robert T. Graves, Erie, were elected delegates to the supreme council, which meets in Kansas City in May, 1899.

Rev. B. A. Conway, of St. Gregory's Catholic church, was unanimously re-elected state spiritual director, and John J. O'Rourke was re-elected president. The following were also elected: Vice president, Andrew Moyer, Harrisburg; treasurer, James J. Bonner, Philadelphia; secretary, Gottfriend Diehl, Philadelphia.

The following delegates were present: William Kerford, T. J. Donohue, William P. Sinnot, John E. Cambridge, Charles A. Sparmaker, P. McGinty, Thomas E. Comber, Pat F. Cooke, William J. Buckley, James McDevitt, Gottfriend Diehl, Daniel Wade, Thomas McComesky, William T. Simms, William J. Nagle, of Philadelphia, and Patrick Donohue, Blossburg; B. F. Graves, Erie; H. L. Spiesman, Corry; F. J. Stade, Latrobe, Andrew Moyer, Harrisburg; H. W. Furtwangler, Greensburg; Richard McGowan, Altoona; C. P. Kelly, Pottsville; Michael F. Wymbe, Scranton; Thomas C. Kintz, Beatty; H. A. May, Connellsville; Michael Dougherty, Bristol.

A number of committees were appointed. Father Conway gave the benediction, and the proceedings terminated, but many of the delegates will remain in the city sight seeing.

ARBITRATION ACCEPTED.

Coal Miners' Strike at Monongahela City Is Ended.

Monongahela City, Pa., Sept 20.—The coal miners' strike in the third pool is over and work will be resumed in all the pits tomorrow pending a settlement of the differences by arbitration.

Both sides have agreed to abide by the decision of the arbitrators. The acceptance of the arbitration proposition is regarded as a victory for the miners.

Under the terms of the settlement the operators have agreed to withdraw the suits against the miners who are now locked up in the Washington county jail charged with riot, and to refund the money withheld from the employes under the individual contract. About 2,000 miners were affected by the strike, which threatened to spread to all points in the Pittsburg district.

SLAIN BY GUNNING MADMAN.

In Intoxicated Frenzy He Kills a Man and Wounds a Woman.

Pendleton, Ore., Sept. 20.—In a drunken frenzy C. C. Cunningham, of Milton, this county, shot and killed O. C. Young, a well-known railroad man, and seriously wounded Mrs. Julius J. Worcester, wife of a prominent mining operator, at the Oregon Railway and Navigation depot.

Cunningham with a cocked revolver, also chased Miss Effie Worcester for a block, firing three shots at her, but the young woman ran into a saloon and eluded the murderer. He ran through the saloon into the Great Eastern hotel, where he snapped his revolver twice at Mrs. Johnson, the proprietor's wife.

Mr. Chamberlain at Portland.

Portland, Me., Sept. 20.—Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, British secretary of state for the colonies, arrived here today to visit William L. Putnam and inspect the city of Portland and surroundings. During the afternoon Judge Putnam and his guest were driven about the city, Mr. Chamberlain and Judge Putnam later ate luncheon with Captain Rogers at Fort Preble.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Sept. 20.—Sailed: Servia, Liverpool; Trave, Bremen, via Southampton. Cleared: Kensington, Antwerp, via Southampton; Germanic, Liverpool.

Queenstown—Arrived: Majestic, New York for Liverpool and proceeded.

PROBLEM FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT

MANY SICK SOLDIERS WITHOUT MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION.

They Had Not Been Paid While on Furloughs and Many of Them Had No Regiments to Return to When Leaving Hospitals—Colonel Roosevelt Looks After Rough Riders

Washington, Sept. 20.—The payment of such soldiers as were not with their commands when the regiments were mustered out is one of the problems that has been presented to the war department officials. Some time ago orders were issued directing regimental and other commanders to have soldiers on sick leave or furlough furnished with descriptive lists so that they might be paid if they were not with their commands. Some of the officers have neglected to do this. Then again cases have arisen where soldiers have gone into the hospitals and their commands have been transferred to other camps or sent home to be mustered out and nothing was left with the sick soldiers to identify them for the receipt of their pay. An instance of this was discovered by Secretary Alger in a hospital at Lexington. He telegraphed Paymaster General Stanton that there were 95 men in the hospital there who had not received their pay for July. There was nothing to identify the men to the paymaster as their regimental and company commanders had not furnished them with any means of identification. General Stanton immediately ordered that they be paid for July and will now undertake to trace down their records so as to keep his accounts straight. Such a payment was irregular to some extent, but General Stanton concluded to take his chances, believing that the records of the men could be obtained and the amount paid them charged to them in the future.

OTHER INSTANCES.

Other instances are constantly brought to the attention of officials of the war department. Today several members of Roosevelt's Rough Riders were at the department with a note from Colonel Roosevelt asking that the department take some steps looking to the payment of the men and giving them transportation to their homes. These men were on furlough or sick leave when the regiment was mustered out. They were in Santiago when the former order was issued regarding the identification of the troops on sick leave or furlough. They returned from their leaves to Camp Wikoff and found no regiment to report to. They were apparently without any status before the war department. General Wheeler did not know what to do with them. Colonel Roosevelt decided to send them here. At the department their records were looked up and after General Stanton remarked: "We provided them with papers so they could get their pay." These men were given all that they were entitled to under the law and sent home feeling well satisfied. They had a pleasant interview with Acting Secretary Meiklejohn, who asked them many questions about their campaign in Cuba and about the hardships they had endured. He told the soldiers that the department wanted to do all it could for the men who had so ably and creditably sustained the reputation of the American soldier in trying times.

THEY OWN THE CITY.

Junior Order of American Mechanics Take Possession of New Castle. Nominations Made.

New Castle, Pa., Sept. 20.—The Junior Order United American Mechanics own the city. It is a low estimate to say that 20,000 strangers are in New Castle. The hotels are crowded, the private houses have opened their doors and still many of the visitors could not find accommodations last night.

The fight for state vice-councillor is waxing warmer and seems to have narrowed down to Grall, Westerman and Campbell. These candidates are the only ones who are waging a vigorous campaign.

This morning the meeting was called to order by Jose S. Rice, as chairman of the joint committee. Rev. Dr. C. E. Bartholomew, of Cressona, Schuylkill county, opened the session with prayer, after which Judge William D. Wallace, of this city, who is a member of the order, delivered the address of welcome. This was responded to by Rev. Dr. M. D. Leichliter, a past councillor, of Sharpsburg. The session then went into a secret meeting. The election will take place tomorrow and every member of the society is going about fairly loaded down with badges, emblems and ribbons, stating his preferences.

Nominations made at noon were: State councillor, George B. Bowers; vice-councillor, Dr. H. E. Campbell, Charles S. Crall, Charles A. Westerman. The names of Joseph Cully and J. B. Herchey were placed in nomination, but they withdrew. Treasurer, John Calver, Philadelphia; eastern representatives to national council, William Moore, Frank Sorber; middle district, Allan Pfleiger, H. C. Zeigler, of York; western, George Hartman, McKeesport; Charles Temple, Johnstown; Jose Rice, New Castle. There is one to elect from each district.

Deadlock at Clearfield.

Clearfield, Pa., Sept. 20.—The Republican conferees of this, the Thirty-fourth senatorial district, comprising the counties of Clearfield, Center and Clinton, were in session here all the afternoon and after taking twelve ballots, making twenty-six in all, adjourned to meet in DuBois tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The candidates are W. A. Osburn, Clearfield; F. E. Womeldorf, Center, and G. W. Miller, Clinton.

Second Hospital Train.

Philadelphia, Sept. 20.—The second hospital train sent to Camp Meade by the Red Cross society of Philadelphia arrived back in this city tonight with forty-nine sick soldiers. They were all removed to the Pennsylvania hospital. Although many of the men are seriously ill, the physicians at the hospital are confident that the men will all recover. The soldiers are all volunteers and hail from nine different states.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:
Fair; Light, Variable Winds.

1 General—Old Glory Floats Over Havana.
Duke of Tetuan Blames Sagasta.
Another War Department Problem.
Eight Men Cremated and Eight Fatally Burned in a Toledo Fire.
2 General—Evacuation of Porto Rico Began.
3 General — Whitney's Weekly News Budget.
Study of the Violin.
4 Editorial.
5 Story—"On the Footboard."
6 Local—Installation of Rev. R. F. Y. Pierce.
Loyal Knights of America Will Not Disband.
7 Local—Members of the Staff of Colonel Watres.
Annual Meeting of the W. C. T. U.
8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
9 Local—Court Proceedings.
News Round About Scranton.
10 General—New Order for the Commander of the Thirteenth.

MR. M'KINLEY AT FORT MEYER

The President Inspects the Hospital and Extends Personal Greeting to Each of the 400 Patients.

Washington, Sept. 20.—President McKinley this afternoon made a personal inspection of the hospital at Fort Myer, Va. Accompanied by Adjutant General Corbin, the president left the White House at 1.30 p. m. and drove unannounced to the fort. He proceeded directly to the hospital, and, introducing himself to Major Davis, the United States army surgeon in charge of the hospital, informed him that he had come to make an inspection of the institution and to pay his respects to the patients and those in change.

Major Davis, the attendants and patients alike were surprised and gratified at the honor done by the president, and he was afforded every opportunity to make a thorough examination of the hospital. The president passed an hour and a half in the various wards and departments of the institution, going from cot to cot and extending a personal greeting to each one of nearly 400 patients. Major Davis presented him to each one of the assistant surgeons and nurses, and subsequently the president talked informally to the convalescent patients.

The president carefully inspected the kitchen and examined the food supplied to the hospital patients. At the conclusion of his examination he expressed himself as well satisfied with the arrangements made for caring for the sick, but desired it to be understood that the patients were to wait for nothing that would improve their condition or render them more comfortable.

The patients were particularly pleased at the visit of the president, and Major Davis said, as the party left the hospital, that it would do more to cheer up the sick men than any quantity of medicine.

IN MEMORY OF GARFIELD.

An Unknown Lady's Pilgrimage to the White House.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 20.—A neatly-attired old lady approached Officer Cissle, at the main entrance to the White House yesterday, and said: "Seventeen years ago today President Garfield died. I don't know whether others think of it, but I do, and on every 19th of September for the past seventeen years I have made my quiet, lonely pilgrimage to the White House in remembrance of that sad event."

She entered the mansion, passed into the east room and stood there for several moments in deep meditation, and then left the mansion. Who this old lady is or where she came none of the White House attaches know.

SICK AT SANTIAGO.

Nearly 1,200 of the American Troops Are Afflicted.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Nearly 1,200 of the American troops at Santiago are on the sick lists and General Lawton reports these new cases of fever today, this report sent to the war department tonight is as follows:

Santiago de Cuba, Sept. 20.

Adjutant General, Washington:

Sick, 1,178; fever, 679; new cases, 88; returned to duty, 289. Deaths—William Johnson, Eighth Illinois infantry, teamster, thermic fever, Sept. 19; Felix Boswell, D, Ninth United States volunteers, bilious fever, Sept. 18; Albert Richardson, nurse, L, Ninth United States volunteers, pernicious malarial fever.

Sept. 17—John J. Nickoden, K, First Illinois, typhoid fever, Sept. 17; John J. Blake, private, F, Fifth United States infantry, typhoid fever, Sept. 19; Robert L. Coudson, private, B, Third United States volunteers, yellow fever, Sept. 19; Walter Gray, private, Third United States volunteers, pernicious remittent fever, hemorphysis.

(Signed) Lawton, Major General.

Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.

Boston, Sept. 20.—The second days' session of the sovereign grand lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, opened with a full attendance of delegates. As has been anticipated, Alfred S. Pinkerton, of Worcester, was unanimously elected grand sire; deputy grand sire, A. C. Cable, of Chicago. J. Frank Grant, of Baltimore, was re-elected grand secretory, and Richards Muckle, of Philadelphia, grand treasurer, by the casting of one ballot each. The next annual session will be held in Detroit.

Mr Bayard Losing Ground.

Dedham, Mass., Sept. 20.—Thomas F. Bayard continually loses ground, although his wonderful constitution makes a strong resistance. He passed a restless night last night and today was considerably weaker than at any time during his sickness. The end is looked for in the course of a few days, although he will probably have a number of rallies.

The Quebec Conference.

St. Johns, N. F., Sept. 20.—Premier Winter started last night to rejoin the Quebec conference. The commercial interests of the colony urge him to retain absolute control of the bait supply unless the Americans make generous concessions in the shape of the free admission of our fish to United States markets.

OLD GLORY AGAIN WAVES AT HAVANA

First American Flag is Raised on Staff of Trocha Hotel.

COMMISSIONERS CHEER

An Interesting Ceremony That Took Place in Havana—The Stars and Stripes Float on the Breeze for the First Time Since the Departure of General Lee—Starving Residents Accept American Hospitality—Military Govenor of Marianoa Offers Protection for Reconcentrados.

Havana, Sept. 20. 8.55 p. m.—At ten o'clock this morning the first American flag in Havana was hoisted on the flagstaff of the Trocha hotel, the headquarters of the American evacuation commission. A guard of marines was posted at the entrance to the grounds. Colonel Clous and Captain Paine stood on the roof of the hotel at either side of the flagstaff. At ten o'clock sharp a quartermaster of the steamer Resolute hoisted her flag, which unfurled and fluttered proudly in the breeze. All the members of the commission raised their hats and cheered the stars and stripes. The approaches to the grounds at either end of the street were patrolled by squads of the Guardia Civile in order that the commissioners might not be molested.

This morning a widow and two children, evidently persons of refinement, but in abject want, approached General Wade, the president of the commission and pleaded for relief. The widow and children were seated in the dining room of the hotel and given a hearty meal. Others in need were equally well treated, all who applied receiving relief of some sort.

The commissioners had nothing to say concerning the reports of a protest at the length of time asked by the Spanish commission for evacuation, denying such knowledge of such action. They maintain a strict reserve.

Major Allison, who sprained his ankle yesterday by falling over a hatch on the Resolute is still on board that vessel, as the injury, though not serious, is causing him much pain. Captain Griscom remains on board with him.

The Spanish mail steamer, Alfonso XIII, sailed for Spain this afternoon, carrying, besides the 1,200 passengers, most women and children, 1,000 sick soldiers.

AID FOR RECONCENTRADOS.

Marquis Cervera, military governor of Marianao, has issued an order for the return of refuges from the country—reconcentrados—to their farms and fields, offering absolute protection to all those going back to their homes and lands. To this end he has arranged for three omnibuses to run twice a week from Marianao to different interior points in the vicinity, taking free of cost, the families and baggage of those who wish to return to their homes. The civil governor, beside issuing orders to the mayors of Cano and Bauta to co-operate with the mayor of Marienao, has to the same end set aside the sum of $500, to be distributed among those families who return to labor on the farms.

Advices from Matanzas continue to report great distress and spread of sickness, to remedy which, it is asserted the city officials do absolutely nothing.

Bishop Santander, of this diocese, this morning had a long interview with Captain General Blanco, supposedly for the purpose of considering the position of the clergy after the evacuation of the island. Dr. Joseph Congosto, secretary general of Cuba, who is accredited to the Spanish commission at Paris, will sail on Saturday via New York and Europe.

WAYNE REPUBLICANS.

They Hold One of the Most Harmonious of Conventions

Honesdale, Pa. Sept. 20.—The Republicans of Wayne county today held one of the most harmonious conventions in years. There were a number of anti-Quay delegates in the conventions, but they joined in the proceedings and no resolution was offered to antagonize them. The only contest was over candidates for the legislature. There were six in the field. W. W. Wood, of Honesdale, won on the eighth ballot, and W. C. Norton, of Aldenville, on the fourth for the second member. John C. Riefler, of Tanners Falls, was nominated for county treasurer and Dr. C. E. Foster, of Honesdale, for coroner, unanimously.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing McKinley's administration, the gold standard, demanding equalization of taxation and the retention of all the islands over which the stars and stripes now float. The candidates for the legislature are unpledged.

Socialists Squelched.

Berlin, Sept. 20.—The police authorities have prohibited the holding of five projected Socialist meetings in Hamburg called for the purpose of discussing Emperor William's recent speech regarding the imprisoning of the provokers of strikes.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Forecast for Wednesday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair; continued light variable winds. For western Pennsylvania, fair; light variable winds becoming northeasterly and increasing.