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CLOSE OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS

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WAR AND ITS FRUITS

Many Important Questions May Press for a Solution—A Law Giving Territorial Government to Hawaii May Be Enacted—Earnest Advocates Are Ready to Favor the Passage of Numerous Measures of More or Less Importance—The Bill to Increase the Standing Army of the United States Will Be Among the First for Consideration.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The curtain will ring up tomorrow at the closing session of the Fifty-fifth Congress. The war and the fruits of the American victory carry in their wake many problems which the national legislature must solve. But though many questions may press for solution, the brief space covered by this session, which expires by limitation March 3, precludes the possibility of much being accomplished beyond the passage of the regular money bills, the legislation for the increase of the regular army, which the administration deems necessary to meet the obligations imposed upon the nation by the result of the war, and probably the enactment of a law to give a permanent territorial government to the Hawaiian Islands. This covers all the important legislation which the congressional leaders expect to see enacted at this session. It is almost the unanimous sentiment of the leaders that no attempt should be made to legislate concerning the possessions acquired by the war with Spain at this session. There are earnest advocates of the Nicaraguan canal bill who will strive to secure its passage now and they may possibly be successful, but neither it nor any one of the other measures like the pooling bill, anti-trust bill, etc., which have strong friends, will be allowed to interfere with the bills, the passage of which is deemed absolutely necessary to prevent an extra session. The leaders at both ends of the Capitol have put their heads together and the work of the session is to be entered upon with the idea of avoiding an extra session. With this purpose in view, the appropriation bills are to be given the road at both ends of the Capitol and pressed through with all possible haste.

COMMITTEES AT WORK. Two sub-committees of the appropriation committee have been at work for a week. The deficiency bill, to meet the extraordinary expenses of the army and navy during the six months from January 1, 1898, to July 1, is ready to be submitted to the full committee tomorrow and the regular District of Columbia appropriation bill will be ready by the end of the week. It is necessary that the former should become a law before the holiday recess, which this year is to be shorter than usual, and Chairman Cannon hopes to see it through the house and into the senate before the end of the week. The Democrats of the house have not disclosed their position, but it is not believed that they will seek to obstruct an appropriation bill necessary for the maintenance of the army now in the field. Should there be a disposition to open up and prolong a debate on the conduct of the war upon this bill, it is safe to assume that the committee on rules will be invoked to bring in an order to close debate.

Intense interest is manifested in the president's message, which will be submitted to congress tomorrow, on account of the great importance of the many questions it will have to deal with, and no presidential message in years, it is safe to say, has been listened to with the eagerness and interest with which the reading of President McKinley's message will be heard tomorrow. The reading of the message will occupy probably two hours. The first thing in order after Speaker Reed calls the house tomorrow will be a call of the roll to determine the presence of a quorum. Concerning this there is little doubt, as the members are arriving by every train and the hotel lobbies are already thronged. A quorum having been developed, committees will be appointed to wait upon the president and the senate to inform them that the house is ready to proceed to business. Pending the arrival of the president's message several new members elected to fill vacancies caused by death or resignations will be sworn in and immediately after the reading of the message is completed the house will adjourn out of respect to the memory of Messrs. Love, of Mississippi, and Northway, of Ohio, who died during the recess. On Tuesday or Wednesday at the latest, the house will plunge into its work. Chairman Cannon will have the deficiency bill ready and it will occupy the attention of the house to the exclusion of everything else for the remainder of the week.

Mrs. Zellner Acquitted. Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—The trial of Mrs. Mary E. Zellner charged with the murder of her aged husband, Reuben Zellner, by poisoning, ended at five minutes before midnight last night by Judge Witherspoon instructing the jury to render a verdict of acquittal. The jury without leaving the box rendered a verdict of not guilty and Mrs. Zellner was discharged from custody.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Dec. 4.—Arrived: La Gacogne, Havre. Queenstown—Sailed: Umbria, New York. Antwerp—Arrived: Westernland, New York.

Newlands in the Race. Winnetka, Nev., Dec. 4.—Congressman Newlands, en route to Washington, in an interview yesterday stated that he is a candidate for the United States senate.

TO DISBAR A LAWYER.

Report of a Committee in the Burke-Dellenbaugh Case in Cleveland. Cleveland, Dec. 4.—The report of the trial committee of the bar association on the proceedings to disbar Senator Vernon H. Burke was presented at a special meeting of the association yesterday afternoon. The report says in part: We find that Judge Dellenbaugh, while acting as judge of the court, introduced and sent to Mr. Burke Mrs. Edith Manning, that Mr. Burke performed services for her in connection with a settlement of a claim asserted by her against a woman for alienating the affections of her husband, and in connection with the preparation and hearing of a divorce case against her husband, and that Mr. Burke received from Mrs. Manning for these services about \$2,500, of which was paid by him to Judge Dellenbaugh, as follows: \$1,000 on July 8, 1886, and \$150 on July 18, 1888.

The committee finds Mr. Burke guilty of misconduct in his conduct as an attorney at law, and in introducing to the Cleveland Bar association, in that he wrongfully connived and conspired with Judge Dellenbaugh to procure a divorce for Mrs. Manning in an irregular manner, contrary to law and without proper evidence, and in that he wrongfully conspired with Judge Dellenbaugh to fabricate a record of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county. The committee made the following recommendations: First—That Vernon H. Burke be expelled from the Cleveland Bar association. Second—That the secretary of the association be directed to present a copy of these findings to the committee of investigation, to be treated as a complaint in writing, authorizing such proceedings against Frank E. Dellenbaugh as they may deem proper. Third—That the secretary of the association be directed to present a copy of this report to the court of Cuyahoga county for such action in the premises as the court may deem proper.

EIGHT MARINERS ARE RESCUED

British Steamer Angers Brings in the Crew of the Water-Logged Schooner Harry B. Ritter—Crew of the Buffalo.

New York, Dec. 4.—The British steamer Angers arrived in port today in distress, having encountered terrific seas on the Atlantic. She also brought aboard eight mariners who were taken from the dismasted and water-logged American schooner, Harry B. Ritter, in mid-ocean. The Angers left Norfolk on Nov. 29 with a cargo of flour. Three days later in latitude 37° longitude 78° 11', the dismasted hull of the schooner was sighted and eight men could be seen on her decks. The unfortunate men were transferred from the wreck. The Ritter, commanded by Captain Clark, was bound from Portland for New York with a full cargo of yellow pine lumber. Captain Clark reported that his vessel had met the terrible hurricane of Nov. 27 and had become a total wreck. The masts were swept out of her by the terrible seas and winds. The decks were flooded and the boats were smashed. The vessel filled up and became water-logged and unmanageable. This state continued with unabated fury throughout the 28th and 29th and the crew was compelled to lash themselves to the wreck. The Ritter was built at Morristown, N. J., in 1878 and registered 587 tons. Her home port was Philadelphia. Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 4.—The schooner Three Stars, under command of Captain George W. Stanley, arrived today from the Georges, with the crew of the Buffalo barge Porter, rescued Tuesday night, two days after the barge had parted from the steamer Aragon, which was towing her with two other barges. The Porter was under charter to the Atlantic Transportation company and was on the way from Buffalo to New York.

STEAMER SENECA ARRIVES.

An Insane Yeoman's Attempt at Suicide—Colon Cannot Be Saved. New York, Dec. 4.—Among the passengers on the steamer Seneca from the south side Cuban ports were Surgeons Byrnes, of the United States steamer Cincinnati, and H. V. Vardachy, of the United States steamer Glacier, having in charge W. W. Seymour, engineer's yeoman of the Glacier, who is suffering from insanity. He will be taken to the naval hospital at Washington. During the voyage he jumped overboard in an attempt to commit suicide, but was rescued.

Died While Boxing.

Ashland, Pa., Dec. 4.—During a friendly contest at Mahanoy City last night between John Cull, aged 23, and William Farns, aged 21, the former sank to the floor and died in a few minutes. None of the blows exchanged was of very great force and it is believed that over exertion accounted for the death. A post mortem will be held tonight.

The Helena at Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, Dec. 4.—The United States gunboat Helena, on her way to Washington, which left Bermuda on November 19, for Madeira, has arrived here and is coaling. The Helena is on the way to join the United States squadron under Admiral Dewey at Manila.

Number of Carlists Arrested.

Bilbao, Spain, Dec. 4.—The local papers report the discovery of 206 rifles carefully secreted under ground. A number of Carlists have been arrested on charge of being connected therewith.

THE SENATE WILL PUSH ITS WORK

BUSINESS WILL BE WELL ADVANCED BEFORE HOLIDAYS.

First Day's Session Will Be Given Up Almost Entirely to the President's Message and Great Interest Is Manifested in the Forthcoming Document—The Nicaragua Canal Bill Liable to Be One of the Most Prominent Subjects for Discussion.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Senators express a determination to take up the work of the session vigorously in the beginning with the hope of having it well advanced before the holidays and they are continuing their work on the appropriation bills at a very early date for the purpose of preventing an extra session due to any failure of part of the national budget. It is expected that the army deficiency bill will reach the senate during the present week, the understanding at the north end of the Capitol being that the house will dispose of it within a very few days after assembling. The committee on appropriations will bring it in early for the double purpose of having it passed quickly and of testing the feeling of the senators on questions connected with the war.

The first day's session will be given up almost entirely to the president's message and there is great interest manifested in hearing the minutest details of the president's reconstruction policy. After the reading of the message, the senate will adjourn until the next day. All plans for legislation of general scope await the promulgation of this document and as a consequence one hour less than usual measures to be introduced.

It is impossible to say what matters will occupy the week after the disposal of the message, but it is probable that some speeches will be delivered upon the policy indicated by the message and also that the calendar may be taken up. There are many measures which have been reported and there will be no difficulty to find employment if the senate is disposed to settle to routine so early in the session.

NICARAGUA CANAL BILL.

During the closing days of the last session Senator Morgan gave notice of his intention to call up the Nicaragua canal bill at the beginning of the present session. He unquestionably will review this matter and it would doubtless seek the first opportunity but for the possibility of change of sentiment in favor of having the government undertake the entire responsibility of building the canal. All the indications are that this intention will be one of the most prominent subjects under consideration during the session.

Opposition is developing to the bill which the Hawaiian commission will bring in and for which early consideration is being urged. There is a considerable contingent in the senate opposed to constituting the islands into a territory, because of the apprehension that it may be converted into a state and deliberate consideration of the subject will be asked. While it is quite too early to reach a definite conclusion, there are decided indications of a disposition on the part of the senate to confine the session's work to routine measure and the appropriation bills, and it would surprise no one if the close of the session would demonstrate that this general policy had been pursued.

JUDGE DAY HOPEFUL.

Believes the Peace Treaty Will Be Signed in Due Time. Washington, Dec. 4.—Advices from Judge Day, of Paris, peace commissioner, received during last night's cabinet meeting are of a gratifying character and hopeful of signing the peace treaty within a reasonable time. Members of the cabinet express satisfaction at the progress being made and say negotiations are progressing smoothly.

PICQUART'S ARREST.

He Has Applied to the Court of Cassation for Release. Paris, Dec. 4.—Colonel Picquart, now in custody and waiting trial on a charge of having communicated to his counsel documents that had come into his possession in a military document of secret service, has applied to the court of cassation, now engaged with the Dreyfus affair, to declare whether he is amenable to military or civil jurisdiction. His application is based upon various articles in the code of criminal procedure.

HOSPITAL TRAIN ARRIVES.

Sixty Soldiers Removed at Philadelphia—Others Too Ill. Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—A government train loaded with convalescent soldiers, who had been under treatment in the local hospitals, left here today for Fort Meyer, Va. The train was in charge of Major Richards and Captain Shaw and about sixty soldiers were removed. Over one hundred still remain and these will be removed as soon as their condition will permit.

Ellis Children in Jail.

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 4.—Ellis Children, ex-convict of the Creek nation, was convicted in the United States court at Wagoner today in the celebrated fraudulent warrant case and was brought to Muskogee and placed in jail. The issuing of \$2,704 of fraudulent warrants of the nation was charged against Children and his associates.

Life Imprisonment.

Frankfort, Ind., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Sarah Shenkberger, charged with poisoning her daughter-in-law, was declared guilty by a jury yesterday and sentenced to life imprisonment.

SPANISH DEBTS.

The Cabinet Displeased at the Speculation on the Bourse.

Madrid, Dec. 4.—The government has not reached a full decision regarding the Philippine and Cuban debts, but the official Gazette today publishes the announcement that the drawing for the redemption of the Cuban bonds was held on Dec. 3. The speculation in the Cuban and Philippine debts on the Bourse has seriously displeased the cabinet. The rise in those securities is attributed to the report that the government will devote the indemnity received from the United States to the colonial indebtedness, regarding which no decisive resolutions have been taken by the ministers. An official dispatch from the Visayas islands in the Philippines announces that the insurgents are redoubling their attacks upon Iloilo. The government advises say: "The rebels have now their guns trained on the city and fire on the defenses nightly. Our troops maintain a spirited defense and have killed large numbers of the enemy."

REPORT OF MR. CAMPBELL

Annual Statement of the Factory Inspector—Laws Amended by the Last Legislature Have Proved Beneficial and Justified Their Enactment.

Harrisburg, Dec. 4.—Factory Inspector Campbell transmitted to Governor Hastings the annual report of the factory inspector for the fiscal year ended Oct. 31 last. The inspector says that the factory laws amended by the last legislature have proved beneficial and justified their enactment. He recommends that the department be empowered to enforce the factory laws in public halls, and that the "sweat shop" law be amended to give the department power to confiscate goods made in unlawful and unhealthy places and dispose of them in such a manner as to protect the public health. Mr. Campbell thinks some of the sickness in the army during the war with Spain came from uniforms manufactured in unsanitary places containing germs of disease. He says the "bake-shop" law enacted by the last general assembly has been a blessing to those who labor in bakeries and to the public at large. He thanks Attorney General McCormick for the services rendered the department the past year and commends the government for the assistance he has given the department the past four years, and the firmness with which he has upheld the inspector in the enforcement of the laws and the performance of his official duties. During the year 1,828 inspections were made. Of the four hundred and eighty thousand, nine hundred and seventy-nine, two hundred and ninety-six thousand were reported as native-born and forty-five thousand, six hundred and thirty-three as naturalized, and one hundred and eighty-six as aliens.

There were one thousand, seven hundred and fifty-four accidents reported this year; seventy-three were fatal, eleven of which were due to carelessness, and the remainder were serious. One hundred and twenty-seven were serious, one hundred and fifty of which were due to carelessness. Thirteen hundred and four were less serious, six hundred of which were due to carelessness.

BERYL BARNES STOLEN AGAIN.

The Magawans Make Use of a Ruse and Disappear from Erie, Pa. Erie, Pa., Dec. 4.—Frank Magawan and wife have betrayed the confidence placed in them by Erie friends and have run away from the city, taking with them Edith Beryl Barnes. The child was in the custody of Mr. N. J. Whitehead, having been remanded there by Judge Walling until Dec. 16. The Magawans were the guests of the Whiteheads and a ruse was made up and Mrs. Wynn had called for. She was called down town ostensibly to talk to her sister, Mrs. Wynn, of Toronto. She took the child and, leaving Mrs. Whitehead at the telephone office, went out in search of her husband, whom Mrs. Wynn had called for. She was joined by Magawan, and the two, jumping into a hack, were driven to the station just in time to catch a west-bound train. It is believed that they went to Toronto.

VICTORY FOR VON DER AHE.

St. Louis Base Ball Magnate Is Again on Easy Street. St. Louis, Dec. 4.—Chris von der Ahe was today re-elected president of Sportman's park and the base ball club. Mr. Muckenfuss, the club's receiver, did not attend the meeting, although he was invited. Mr. von der Ahe was immediately elected to the board and also to the presidency.

KILLED BROTHER ON A TRAIN.

A Family Row Ends in Fratricide on the Cars at Girard, Ill. Girard, Ill., Dec. 4.—William Kent met his brother, Noble Kent, on a Chicago and Alton train here at 6 o'clock last evening and shot him dead. Both men were farmers, living near this city. About a year ago their father died, leaving the bulk of his estate to William and disinheriting Noble. Six weeks ago the disinherited brother attempted to kill William. He fired through a window in William's house with a shotgun heavily charged with buckshot, hitting a woman. She made his brother a cripple for life. Noble then disappeared, but was arrested at Springfield, and William was notified of his arrest, for which he had offered a reward.

LANDSLIDE CAUSES WRECK.

Disaster on New York, Susquehanna and Western. New York, Dec. 4.—A landslide brought on by the rain and melting snow caused a bad wreck on the New York, Susquehanna and Western railroad near Swartwood, N. J., early today. Three trainmen were badly injured and the track is blocked to traffic and it is probable that it will be morning before the tracks are cleared, as dynamite will have to be used. Engineer Herbert Wayne was thrown down the hill and sustained internal injuries and fireman Jerome Posten was badly scalded.

Porter Denounces Rochefort.

Paris, Dec. 4.—Henri Rochefort, editor of the Intransigent, having declared in that paper that General Horace Porter, United States ambassador to France, recently said England had financed the Dreyfus syndicate with a view of dividing and weakening France, General Porter, on being shown the paper, replied that Rochefort's statement was a fabrication, pure and simple.

Death of a Princess.

London, Dec. 4.—A dispatch from Stuttgart announces the death there yesterday of Princess Augusta of Saxe-Weimar, nee Lady Augusta Lennox, daughter of the fifth duke of Richmond and Gordon, and sister of the present duke.

LARGE FIRE IN NEW YORK

Awful Work of Flames Among the Sky Scrapers.

FIREMEN ARE POWERLESS

Conflagration Starting in the Rogers, Peet & Co. Building Creeps to the 20-Story Edifice Where It Is Impossible to Reach the Flames with Water—Postal Telegraph Company's Offices and United States Life Insurance Building Burning at Midnight.

New York, Dec. 4.—Fire that broke out tonight in Rogers, Peet and Company's retail clothing store, occupying a five story block at the southwest corner of Warren street and Broadway, utterly ruined the building and its contents in a short time. Then the flames attacked the sky-scraper building of the Home Life Insurance company adjoining to the south, and gutted the upper ten stories, the firemen seeming utterly helpless against the flames so far from the ground. Next the upper floor of the big Postal Telegraph company building at Murray street and Broadway, one of the handsomest in the city, burst into flames and at midnight was still burning fiercely.

The loss is at least a million dollars already, and the fire in the insurance and Postal buildings is unchecked. There has been no loss of life so far as known.

MAIL DELIVERY DISTRICTS.

Recent Appointment Made by the Postmaster General.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The postmaster general has directed the division of United States into seven districts, with one agent or more in each of them, for the better arrangement of the rural free delivery system. The agent or agents in each district will have general supervision of the rural delivery work within his jurisdiction, including the inauguration of all petitions and all places where it is to be undertaken. The grouping of the states, with the agents assigned to each group, is as follows: The eastern division comprises the New England states and New York and Pennsylvania, with S. O. Edison as special agent. The Ohio division, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and the lower peninsula of Michigan, T. G. Blackburn and A. B. Smith, special agents.

The Maryland division, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and the two Carolinas, M. S. Plummer and F. E. Bach, special agents.

The Indiana division, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas, Francis M. Day, special agent.

The southern division, all the southern states except those named, and Indian and Oklahoma territories, W. E. Galtree and Roger Murphy, agents.

The Wisconsin division, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the two Dakotas, Iowa, Nebraska and the upper peninsula of Michigan, James Houston, agent.

Pacific coast and Rocky mountain state division, all the western states and territories not already mentioned, Thomas H. Houpt and S. B. Rathbone, Jr., agents.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Fair; Decidedly Colder.

1 General—Closing Session of the Fifty-Fifth Congress. England and American Expansion. Annual Statement of the Factory Inspector. Forecast of Work Before the Senate. 2 Local—St. Thomas' Team Wins at Foot Ball. Financial and Commercial. 3 Local—The Elks Lodge of Sorrow. Search for the Duray Murderers. Effects of the Storm. 4 Editorial. Comment of the Press. 5 Local—Hotelkeeper Murdered at Duray. Mr. Burns Sprung Another Surprise in Court in the Gibbons Case. 6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 7 News Round About Scranton. 8 General—Life of Our Soldiers at Camp McKenzic. Letter from R. C. Colburn.

BIG BICYCLE RACE AT MADISON SQUARE

The Riders Called to the Scratch at 12.05 This Morning—Contestants Will Be Examined by Physicians Daily.

New York, Dec. 5.—Thirty-one men started in a six-day bicycle race at Madison Square at five minutes past 12 o'clock this (Monday) morning. The starters are all in excellent physical condition and the plank track, ten laps to the mile, is in perfect order. The attendance at the race is not large, owing to the stormy weather. When the numbers of the riders were distributed, the referee could find no one who would take "12," Irish, English, American, French and Russian riders seeming to be afraid of it. However, 13 will be represented on the track. When at one minute after 12 o'clock the riders were called to the scratch, the following responded: Charles W. Miller, American and winner of last year's six-day race; Joseph H. Rice, American, second name in the race of last year and the previous year; Fred Schiner, German, third in last year's race; Teddy Hale, Irish, winner of the 1000 race; Frederick Michel, Swiss, riding under name of Frederick; Theodore Joyeux, French; Frank Clouse, French; Ulysses Munochan, Swiss, holder of French record 24-hour race; Joseph J. Gorman, French; Frank Waller, German; Fred Foster, German; Burns Pierce, Nova Scotia; Frank Albert, American; Louis Gimm, German; John Lawson, Swede; Oscar Jullus, Swede; Earl D. Stevens, American; G. M. Bliven, American; Mungus Gross, German-American; Charles Neal, American; James A. Rafferty, American; Jack Burke, Irish-American; Oscar A. Arson, Swede; Louis J. Kline, American; Henry Pillsbury, American; Stephen Fallon, American; Charles Turville, American; Bert Leslie, American; Edward Beacom, American; E. C. Smith, American.

Miller, the winner of last year's six days race, was the favorite among the spectators before the start was made. Little betting was done and there is likely to be little until the riders are well on their water later in the week.

To avoid the disagreeable scenes of last year's race, when some of the contestants became temporarily deranged from their exertions, the management said that medical examinations will be made of the contestants every 24 hours by competent physicians and that any man showing signs of becoming permanently injured by the contest will be ruled off the track.

AN ACTRESS ARRESTED.

As No Warrant Could Be Shown, She Escaped. Trenton, N. J., Dec. 5.—Adele Leclair, a New York actress, was arrested here yesterday to await the arrival of a warrant from New York charging her with the larceny of \$250 from Joseph Brown, a New York bicycle dealer. The woman had been stopping at a Trenton hotel several days. Brown came here last Wednesday and finding her, reported the matter to the police and returned to New York to swear out a warrant for her arrest.

The police kept her under surveillance and yesterday morning, when she was apparently going to leave town, arrested her. She was permitted to remain at her hotel under guard. She demanded a hearing and last evening, when no warrant had arrived from New York, Justice Harrison ordered her release. The women left town shortly after for New York. Shortly after her departure, Detective Barrett, of New York, arrived with the warrant but he was too late.

RELIEF FOR CUBANS.

Admiral Sampson Designates Stores for Shipment. New York, Dec. 4.—Admiral Sampson has cabled to the Cuban general relief commission advising that relief supplies be sent for distribution among the destitute old men, women and children in the vicinity of Sancti Spiritus, Cuba. Accordingly the following list of stores has been prepared for shipment: 40,000 pounds rice, 5,000 pounds beans, 10,000 pounds bacon, 5,000 pounds cod fish, 150 barrels hard bread, 1,000 pounds coffee, 200 cases condensed milk, 3,000 suits women's and children's clothing, 3,000 yards cotton goods for making clothing and a quantity of salt, spices and medicines.

DEATHS IN LONDON.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Forecast for Monday: Fair; decidedly colder; northwesterly gales; hurricane on coast.

THE SYMPATHY OF ENGLAND

British Press Unanimous That Expansion Is the Proper Thing.

UPON A NEW CAREER

The United States in Future Destined to Be Closely Associated with England in Interests and Sympathies—The Anglo-Saxon People Drawn Together in Harmonious Working Relations—America Has Taken Her Place Among the Great Powers of the World.

London, Dec. 4.—The successful issue of the labors of the Peace commission continues to supply the English press with its chief topic of current discussion. The dominating note is the historic importance of the entrance of the United States upon a new career, in which it is destined to be closely associated with England in interests and sympathies. The nation which has been steadily enlarging its empire by a series of annexations beginning with Jefferson's great purchase and ending with Alaska and Hawaii, and also exercising an effective protectorate over tropical America in the Monroe doctrine, and exempting the Western hemisphere from the European scramble going on in Asia and Africa, has been doing a good deal of work in the modern world. This work has not interested Englishmen, because Americans have acted independently of them on lines of their own.

The essential feature of the new career of expansion is the fact that it is not one of splendid isolation, but the Anglo-Saxon peoples have been drawn together into harmonious working relations. Sympathies have displaced animosities, and excepting the Western hemisphere from the European scramble for promoting the ends of peace and progress. The war with Spain began after England had thwarted an unsuccessful attempt to establish a European concert on the Cuban question, and assistance and moral support in their diplomacy in the Far East. Hardly a single English journal fails to lay stress upon this assurance of the future co-operation of the Anglo-Saxon race as the greatest result of the war with Spain.

THE "OPEN DOOR."

Proofs of this common action are already found in the probable adoption by America of the "open door" principle in the Philippines, the possible purchase of the Caroline Islands by Germany, and the ultimate consent of England to modify the Clayton-Bulwer treaty so as to enable the United States to construct and control the Nicaragua canal under guarantee of neutrality similar to those maintained for the Suez canal. Today's spectator again advocates the abrogation of the treaty by England, with the single condition that the Americans shall complete the canal under guarantee of neutrality.

While the attention of the English people is now centered upon the work of the peace commission, now virtually finished, as marking a new landmark in the world's history and disclosing the trend of future tendencies and events of far-reaching importance to the fortunes of the Anglo-Saxon race, there is no doubt that the most vigorous and most energetic effort on the part of the Anglo-Saxon people to send out 200,000 regular troops within two years to its colonies can be in serious danger from a revival of the Carlisle movement in the northern provinces. The theory is that the Madrid government is exaggerating this menace of civil war in order to give employment to the troops now returning, and also to divert public attention from the loss of the colonies and the national defeats abroad.

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