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WANT PEACE QUICK Palma Issues Decree Suspending Hostilities. FEARS COMING OF TAFT AND BACON. Secretary of War and Assistant Secretary of State Leave Tampa For Havana-Relief Attack Sent to St. Domingo City.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.-A special dispatch from Havana says: "After a consultation with the leading men who are under arrest here charged with conspiracy and emigration of the revolutionists the government has announced the indefinite stoppage of all hostilities on its part with the object of making peace before Secretary of War Taft arrives or the United States intervenes."

Members of the government state that they are making the efforts in accordance with the advice contained in President Roosevelt's letter, that they have no objection to the friendly assistance of the United States in the matter if it becomes necessary, but that they believe they can settle it without the government and the revolutionists without the necessity of any intervention. At least, they say, they are making an attempt to accomplish this end unaided and with fair prospects of success.

A decree signed by President Palma on the recommendation of Secretary of Public Works Montalvo is as follows: "All campaign operations are suspended, and in consequence the government forces will act only on the defensive throughout the republic. The secretary of the interior will issue all necessary orders for the execution of this decree."

Paris Looks For Annexation. PARIS, Sept. 17.-Lively interest is manifested here over President Roosevelt's decision to send Secretary of War Taft and Acting Secretary of State Bacon to Cuba, and many of the newspapers jump to the conclusion that this will sound the knell of Cuban independence.

WRECK OF THE SAUSAGE. Miss Fannie Day's Remarkable Escape From Death in the Sea. NEW YORK, Sept. 17.-A party of eight, composed of four men and four women, ventured upon the waters of the lower bay in the auxiliary sloop Sausage on Friday night after a jolly dinner at Sheephead Bay. The boat was small and the sea ran high, and the voyage ended in a fatal disaster.

Two women and a man were drowned. One of the women was known as Mrs. Saunders, whose address is not known. She was tall and dark and wore eyeglasses. It is said she came from Boston and was a guest of Mabel Cooke. The names of the other woman and the man are in doubt. The dinner party was not one of friends, but merely of chance acquaintances.

Fannie Day was saved after one of the most remarkable experiences ever known in the history of accidents on the water. When the launch was struck she sank deep in the water and came up beneath the scow.

By sheer good fortune she found a haven through the open floor of the dump scow beneath the water, which luckily had not been closed. Hanging on to a chain for her life, she was towed up the harbor, to be found only when the scow had reached its dock.

Ex-Governor Bliss Dead. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 17.-Former Governor Aaron Thomas Bliss of Michigan is dead at Sacred Heart sanitarium of apoplexy. He came to Milwaukee for treatment last July, but returned to Saginaw, Mich., in August. He suffered a relapse and came back a week ago. Early in the morning while returning from the bathroom he was stricken with a second attack of apoplexy while four feet from his bed and fell to the floor. His private physician, Dr. L. S. Davis, his private physician, who was asleep in an adjoining room, but the former governor was dead.

No Attempt on Witte's Life. HOMBURG, Sept. 17.-Count Witte, ex-prime minister of Russia, who is being treated here for polyp in the nose, is much annoyed at the utterly untrue report published in the United States that an attempt was made on his life by an anarchist named Rosenberg at Baden on Saturday. Count Witte is taking no precautions to guard against an attack on him, as he is not in fear of any one. He is out of Russian life now, his friends say, and is not regarded as the object of a terrorist plot.

HATED TREPPOFF DEAD Ozar's Iron Fisted Councillor Dies at Peterhof. LIVED IN FEAR OF ASSASSINATION. Many Attempts Made to Kill Commandant of Imperial Palace, and For Years "Reds" Had Marked Him For Slaughter.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 17.-General Dmitri Fedorovich Treppoff, commandant of the imperial palace, is dead in his villa at Peterhof of angina pectoris. General Treppoff, whose name was indelibly linked with reaction and oppression in Russia, was in many respects a remarkable man. He was a natural despot, a tyrant by inclination, education and conviction. He was one of those men who have constantly appeared, like evil geniuses, in Russian history just at the time when conditions were most promising for putting an end to despotism to turn the Russian rulers from liberalism back into the paths of reaction.



promising the people a share in the government. Molding the position of the master of the palace, in league with the court intriguers who were determined to restore the old regime, he constantly had the emperor's ear and was in a position to poison the emperor's mind against Witte and all who stood for the Liberal regime.

General Treppoff would have been sixty-one years old Dec. 15. For several months he had been suffering from a heart affection and asthmatic troubles and some time ago was forced to abandon a large amount of the routine work included in his duties as commandant of the palace, but remained in office and was still in touch with the emperor.

Though for two years he was constantly living under the threat of assassination, with even members of his own family among those seeking to take his life, General Treppoff's death was due entirely to natural causes. But the revolutionists can at least claim partial responsibility for his end, as his illness was superinduced by the constant strain due to perpetual fear of death, which, with lack of exercise and recreation during the last two years, wore down his originally supple constitution. He had become so nervous of late that recently when a military attaché of a continental power was unexpectedly ushered into his room General Treppoff sprang to his feet and stood in an attitude of defense. But when he recognized his visitor he sank into his chair almost unnerved.

Treppoff was called the Iron Fisted and was said to have been the most hated man in all Russia. The staff of the Drujina, the fighting organization of the revolutionists, has been surrounded and arrested in a deserted schoolhouse at Okhta, a suburb of this city. The police have also arrested fourteen revolutionists in Peterhof, including several students. The fact that one of the men arrested was a court servant gave rise to a rumor that a plot against the emperor had been discovered.

JUST ONE GIRL. Mattituck Village School Opens With a Single Pupil. MATTITUCK, N. Y., Sept. 17.-Mattituck has a graded school, but some of its more progressive residents wanted a union school. As a substitute a district school has been given to the West Mattituck section, in which there are many families with children of school age.

A teacher was engaged at a salary of \$45 per month, and a few days ago the doors were opened. One small girl walked in, sat down and began to study. The teacher carefully concealed a smile in her handkerchief. She sees an easy time ahead if her class does not increase in size. The trustees of the school district are wondering what to do about it. The customary manner of breaking contracts with pretty schoolteachers in Suffolk county is to marry them to the sons of rich farmers.

BASEBALL SCORES. Games Played Saturday in National and American Leagues. NATIONAL LEAGUE. At New York-Brooklyn, 6; New York, 1. At Pittsburgh-Cincinnati, 4; Pittsburgh, 1. At Boston-Philadelphia, 7; Boston, 3. At St. Louis-Chicago, 5; St. Louis, 1 (three innings).

A Past Pitchers' Battle. CHICAGO, Sept. 17.-The Chicago Americans shut out Detroit 2 to 0 yesterday in a fast pitchers' battle. Chicago scored once in the third on a pair of singles and a sacrifice. Another run came in the eighth on a force out, a single and a double and the visitors' only misplay. At no stage of the game did the visitors get a man past second base.

Howell Lost Game For St. Louis. ST. LOUIS, Sept. 17.-The Cleveland Americans defeated St. Louis yesterday 2 to 0. Howell lost the game through wild pitching in the first and sixth innings, when the visitors scored their runs.

Giants Not Hard to Beat. NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 17.-In an exhibition baseball game played here yesterday the Newark Eastern league team shut out the New York Nationals by a score of 3 to 0.

Cloudburst in Nebraska. JACKSON, Neb., Sept. 17.-Water from a cloudburst yesterday rushed down the valley of Elk creek, sweeping away hundreds of tons of hay, drowning hogs, flooding cellars, washing away railroad tracks and doing other damage, aggregating \$100,000. The waves of water in the creek when it struck Jackson was seven feet high.

W. J. BRYAN ON CUBA Holds That Fifty Per Cent Output Forms a Trust. STATEMENT TO IRON TRADE REVIEW

Commenting on steel trust, points out he has adopted a standard for his paper at Lincoln and refuses certain business. ROANOKE, Va., Sept. 17.-William Jennings Bryan last night gave the first expression he has made on the present Cuban situation. When interviewed in his car just before he left for Lynchburg and asked if he would say anything about the situation in Cuba and whether in his opinion the United States should intervene Mr. Bryan dictated the following statement:

"I am very glad that the administration recalled the troops landed at Havana. While we should do all in our power to bring about peace by offering the good offices of our country, we have no business interfering with the local affairs. They must settle the disputes among themselves, but I would be glad if both parties were willing to accept mediation with the idea of bringing about an agreement through the good offices of our government."

Mr. Bryan pointed out that this expression was the first he has made on the present situation in the island, and this was all he cared to say. Mr. Bryan spent the day resting at Hollins' institute, a college for young women, six miles from Roanoke, in the country, where his daughter, Grace, has been entered in school. He delivered an address to the students in the college chapel. The college chaplain read the thirteenth chapter of the first Corinthian, and Mr. Bryan followed in a talk that lasted one hour, dwelling on faith, hope and love.

Mr. Bryan, with his wife, left at 7 p. m. for Raleigh, N. C., via Lynchburg and Greensboro. He will speak at Raleigh, Durham, Burlington and Greensboro today and at Kennesawville, Winston, High Point, Lexington, Salisbury, Concord and Charlotte tomorrow. He will speak at Columbia, S. C., on Wednesday.

The Iron Trade Review obtained from William J. Bryan a more definite statement of his position in regard to the so-called trusts. In a letter to Mr. Bryan, George Smart, the editor of that paper, said: "In your recent address at Madison Square Garden, New York, you defined a trust to be 'any corporation which controls so much of the product of any article that it can fix the terms and conditions of sale.' Later in your address you say, 'It is far easier to prevent a monopoly than to watch it and to punish it, and this prevention can be accomplished in a practical way by refusing a license to any corporation which controls more than a certain portion of the total product, this proportion to be arbitrarily fixed at a point which will give free operation to competition.'"

"If you consider the percentage too large, to what extent would you compel the corporation to sell or dismantle its plants so that it will not be a trust?" To this letter Mr. Bryan responded as follows: "Your favor at hand. I thank you for the information given in regard to the steel trust. I note that in some cases it controls more than half of the product and in some cases less. I am not prepared to state just how much a proportion a corporation can control without becoming a trust, in the sense that it limits competition, and competition controls the price and terms of sale. For the conduct of my own paper I draw the line at 50 per cent and do not accept an advertisement of a corporation controlling more than 50 per cent of the product in which it deals. I have only been contending for a principle. The details are less important, as they can be determined according to experience and expert opinion. I am inclined to believe, however, that the steel trust controls more of the product than it is good for the American people that one corporation should be licensed when it controls enough to eliminate competition. I do not mean to say that the individual industries that are under one management should be destroyed. The corporation should simply be compelled to reduce its factories until its production is in the limit fixed by the law."

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