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Strong Secret Organization Forming in Porto Rico

A Branch of the Organization in Nearly
Every City and Town.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—Private advices from Porto Rico say that a strong secret organization which is spreading over the islands, has for its object annexation to the United States. A branch of the society has been organized in nearly every city and town. The society's name is "Justitia." Its members are co-operating with Miles' army, and the Porto Rican insurgents are mobilizing in the mountains.

THE ANSWER WILL BE FINAL AND GENEROUS

The Cession of Porto Rico, One of the
Ladrones and a Coaling Station in
the Philippines, and Relinquish-
ment of Cuba Demanded.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The cabinet discussed the president's answer to the Spanish peace proposal, and reached a decision to demand the following general conditions:

Absolute surrender of Porto Rico to the United States. Recognition of the independence of Cuba. Cession of one of the Ladrones islands as a coaling station, and cession to the United States of at least a coaling station in the Philippines.

The question undecided is what disposition will be made of the Philippines. It can be stated there is practically no difference of opinion in the cabinet on the retention of the Philippines as a whole, all the members being opposed to the acquisition of these islands. There has been no decision as to what extent the government will go in its decision respecting the future of these islands, but it is expected the answer of the president will express the willingness of this government to leave the matter of the future government of the Philippines entirely in the hands of a joint commission, to be appointed by this government and the government of Spain.

Our answer will make no mention of money indemnity. Neither will there be any armistice at all. The answer will be in the nature of an ultimatum, and if Spain does not accept she will fare worse in the future.

The note from Spain, it is said, was a very adroit and equivocal document, implying that the only question involved was Cuba. Apparently Spain might not really have intended getting a direct answer from the United States, but only to open diplomatic correspondence. This government will not have any such correspondence.

WILL SOON BE ON THEIR WAY

Embarkation of Tonal Troops, It is Ex-
pected, Will Have Been Accom-
plished by August 15th.

SANTIAGO, July 29.—General Shafter has received advices to the effect that two Spanish transports have left Mantinque and are expected here tomorrow. In addition, three Spanish transports left Cadiz yesterday, and four others are to leave Cadiz July 30th. These vessels

are capable of carrying about 15,000 troops, and the embarkation will begin when all the vessels are here. It is expected all the Spanish prisoners of war will be embarked by August 15th.

The American commander has authorized the Spanish officers who command the troops that came to Santiago during the siege of Manzanillo to send for their wives and families in order that they may be able to take them back to Spain at the government's expense. In all there are about 750 women and children.

The telegraph operator at Manzanillo has notified the authorities here that Captain-General Blanco at first refused to permit the delivery of messages sent by these officers to their families, but later, under protest from General Shafter, the captain-general allowed messages to be delivered, and a schooner will be sent to bring their families to this port.

ENGLISH COAST STORM SWEEP

Considerable Loss of Property and
Several Fatalities Reported.

LONDON, July 29.—The northeast coast of this country has been swept by a great storm. Fishing fleets have had narrow escapes, being obliged to relinquish all their gear and nets and run to the harbor for shelter, where many other vessels were compelled to seek refuge. North-bound trains have been delayed by the force of the wind, which has caused considerable damage inland, crops having been flattened. There were some minor fatal wrecks in the North sea.

Mysterious Billy Smith Scores a Point.

NEW YORK, July 29.—In a 25-round contest at the Lenox Club tonight, Mysterious Billy Smith succeeded in demonstrating that his defeat by Geo. Green at Carson City in March, '97, was a fluke. After fighting the full twenty-five rounds scheduled, Referee White gave the decision to Smith. The eastern man was considerably stronger than the Californian, and clearly out-pointed the latter, who, though he fought gallantly, had hardly a chance at any stage of the battle.

Forest Fires Around Tacoma.

TACOMA, July 29.—A large section of the city is covered with smoke from burning woods in the southern suburbs. The brush is very dry and covers a large area. The firemen have been fighting the flames forty-eight hours. Several small houses have been burned. No valuable property is in danger, though the fire is approaching a magazine where a large quantity of powder is stored.

Havoc Caused By Lightning.

RED OAK, Neb. July 29.—Lightning killed three persons near here. Three farmhouses were destroyed and twenty-three head of cattle belonging to William Shapcott were killed.

The Swedish Lutheran church at Wallin was struck by lightning and burned. Nine horses were killed.

AMERICANS IN CONTROL AT PONCE

Porto Rican Town Capitulated Thurs-
day, the Port Having Surrendered
to Commander Davis the Previous
Day.

ST. THOMAS, July 29.—The port of Ponce, Island of Porto Rico, surrendered to Commander Davis, of the auxiliary gunboat Dixie, on Wednesday. There was no resistance, and the Americans were welcomed with enthusiasm. The capitulation of the town of Ponce took place Thursday afternoon.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The war department has received the following dispatch from General Miles:

"Port Ponce, via St. Thomas, July 29.—Secretary of War, Washington: On the 26th, the garrison had a spirited engagement with the Spanish line. Our casualties were four wounded. All are doing well. The Spanish lost three killed and thirteen wounded. Yanco was occupied yesterday. Henry's division is here today. Last evening Commander Davis, of the Dixie, moved into this port, followed by Captain Higginson with his fleet this morning. General Wilson, with Ernest's brigade, is rapidly disembarking. The Spanish troops are retreating for the southern part of Porto Rico. Ponce and the port, with a population of 50,000, are now under the American flag. The populace have received the troops, and saluted the flag with wild enthusiasm. The navy has several prizes, and also 70 lighters. Railway stock partly destroyed is now restored. Telegraph communication is also being restored. Cable instruments have been destroyed. Have sent to Jamaica for others. This is a prosperous and beautiful country. The army will soon be in the mountain regions. The weather is delightful. The troops are in the best of health and spirits. The results thus far have been accomplished without the loss of a single life. MILLS, Major-General."

PEACE EXPECTED THIS WEEK

The Latest Version of McKinley's Terms
—Cambon Instructed to Accept
Any Terms that are Honorable—
War Appears Practically Ended.

NEW YORK, July 30.—Peace will in all probability have been attained between the United States and Spain within a week. It was learned by the Journal's Washington correspondent from the very best authority after meeting of the Cabinet Council today that Cambon, French minister to Washington, had been made envoy extraordinary to arrange peace details for Spain with the United States. Terms will probably be the cession of Porto Rico to the United States, independence of Cuba under American jurisdiction until Cubans have manifested their ability to form a stable government, evacuation by Spain of all other islands in the West Indies and commission to settle disposition of conquered Spanish islands in the Orient. This will not mean evacuation of the Philippines, Ladrones and Carolines by American troops, at least not until after the question of coaling stations in those places for the United States is settled by the Commission. Cambon is instructed to accept almost any terms that are honorable.

PHILIPPINES NEED MORE TROOPS

All the Troops Available Will be Or-
dered to the Far East—The Arizona
and Scandia Will Leave as Soon
as Possible.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—Dispatches received by General Merritt from General Merritt today created no little excitement in military circles and every officer here believes from the tenor of these dispatches that every man now

appointed to the expeditionary forces will soon be ordered to the Philippines for active service. Generals Merriam and Miller are very reticent in regard to the contents of the dispatches, but have admitted to members of personal staffs that thousands more troops than those already here will probably be ordered to the far east. An officer who saw dispatches said it could not be doubted General Merritt had found the situation in Manila very grave, and would apprise Washington of the necessity of a large body of troops there.

Preparations for dispatching the big steamships Arizona and Scandia are being pushed to the limit. Both vessels are scheduled to sail August 10, but the Arizona may have to go alone as the Scandia cannot possibly be gotten ready inside of two weeks.

GENERAL MERRITT IN COMMAND

Attack on Manila Delayed Until the
Arrival of the Monterey—Aguinaldo Shows His Fangs—Provi-
sions Scarce at Manila.

CAVITE, Philippine Islands, July 28.—General Wesley Merritt, governor-general of the Philippine Islands, is now here and in command of all the American troops now encamped about the defenses of Manila. General Merritt arrived on the transport Newport yesterday. The other vessels of the expedition—Morgan City, City of Para, Ohio and Valencia—are expected in a few days. The vessels all left Honolulu together; but an accident occurred to the Ohio, and all the transports, except the Newport, turned back.

General Merritt has sent an important cable to Washington and to Generals Merriam and Miller at San Francisco, but the contents have not been made public here.

General Merritt believes that the monitor Monterey is now at Guam island, one of the Ladrones group, and expects her along in a few days.

The General has had an extended confab with Admiral Dewey, and in his letter said they would rather wait for the arrival of the Monterey before making an attack on Manila.

Captain-General Aguinaldo still entertains false hopes of relief by the Spanish fleet.

There are all kinds of rumors afloat. Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader, is showing his fangs to the Yankees. He has done everything in his power to delay and harass the Americans, and there is no doubt that Admiral Dewey would enjoy a crack at the impudent, ungrateful, self-styled dictator as much as he enjoyed the downfall of Montojo's fleet.

Owing to the blockade, provisions in Manila are selling at enormous prices. The belief is growing that the Spanish will surrender upon the demand from Dewey.

SHORTAGE OF IRON AND STEEL

Contractors Unable Promptly to Fill
All Their Orders.

CHICAGO, July 30.—Iron and Steel today says:

Whatever may be the trade in American iron and steel—and that question is now a most vital one—there can be no uncertainty about the domestic consumption. Within the past week conditions among some of the sellers, who weeks or months ago booked many orders for future delivery, have been growing more serious. The buyers wanted the material they had bargained for; they, in many instances, wanted it in even larger quantities than they had arranged to receive it; and when in reply to their specifications they were favored with explanations, excuses and promises, their business became more or less deranged.

It is remarkable that quite a number of the large consumers of iron and steel are now running their works day and night. Their surplus product has been cleaned out, their stocks are bare, and although the season is ordinarily ended at this time, they are making strenuous efforts to fill an urgent demand that lingers.

California Town Burned.

RENO, Nev., July 30.—The town of Beckwith, Cal., having a population of about 500, on the Sierra Valley railroad, 35 miles north of here, was almost wiped off the map yesterday afternoon by fire. Loss, \$40,000.

AN IMPORTANT CABINET MEETING

Spain's Application for Peace Considered--
Spain Must Get Out of the Western
Hemisphere Altogether.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The cabinet today held a long session in which it decided Spain's application for peace. The decision seems to have been reached by McKinley and his advisers that Spain must get out of the western hemisphere for good. The cabinet, guided by public sentiment, seems sure to retain the Philippines, though this decision has not yet been announced.

MORE TROOPS FOR THE PHILIPPINES

General King Likely to Command the
Next Expedition—Seventh Cali-
fornia to go on the Arizona.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—It is reported as probable that Brigadier-General King will command the next expedition to the Philippines. The Seventh California will likely go on the Arizona.

The removal of the Fifty-first Iowa regiment to the Presidio greatly pleased the officers and men, all of whom hope, however, that the change does not mean that they are not to be sent to the seat of war.

Only 12 of the horses left at the Presidio by officers gone to Manila have been accepted by the government.

The case of J. A. Young, quartermaster-sergeant of the Twentieth Kansas volunteers, accused of defrauding the government, will come up before the Second brigade court-martial today.

Information has been received at the headquarters of the First regiment of New York volunteers that Colonel Barber, now on his way to Honolulu, will soon be made a brigadier-general, and that his junior officers, Lieut.-Col. Stackpole, of the regiment at the Presidio, will at the same time be promoted to colonel, while Major Chase, commanding the First battalion, will be raised to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. There are 250 cases in the military hospital as against 230 on Thursday.

Our baby has been continually troubled with colic and cholera infantum since his birth, and all that we could do for him did not seem to give more than temporary relief, until we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Since giving that remedy he has not been troubled. We want to give you this testimonial as an evidence of our gratitude not that you need it to advertise your meritorious remedy.—G. M. Law, Keokuk, Iowa. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

Remarkable Scenes Witnessed in Porto Rico.

CHICAGO, July 30.—A special cable to the Inter-Ocean from Ponce, Porto Rico, says:

The most remarkable scenes were enacted at the capture of that town by General Miles. Before the entrance of the American troops the Spanish soldiers became wild with fear and ransacked the town for pillows, rags or any old thing that they could stuff under the backs of their uniforms to act as protection from Yankee bullets. The flight of the Spanish forces from the town looked like a burlesque act of lot of circus clowns.

The American troops are being treated like conquering heroes, who came with the gospel of justice and equality. The transition of the city from a staid old Spanish town into a lively American center of business activity, is one of the wonders of the Spanish-American war.

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Tarrosch Wins the International Cham-
pionship.

NEW YORK, July 30.—Cable from Vienna says: Tarrosch today won the chess championship from Pillsburg at the close of the great international chess tournament last Saturday. Pillsburg and Tarrosch were tied in number of games. A series of five games played ended as follows: Tarrosch, 3½; Pillsburg, 1½. Both will probably play in the international tournament at Cologne.

Persons troubled with diarrhoea will be interested in the experience of W. M. Bush, clerk of the hotel Dorrance, Providence, R. I. He says: "For several years I have been almost a constant sufferer from diarrhoea, the frequent attacks completely prostrating me and rendering me unfit for my duty at this hotel. About two years ago a traveling salesman kindly gave me a small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Much to my surprise and delight its effects were immediate. Whenever I felt symptoms of the disease I would fortify myself against the attack with a few doses of this valuable remedy. The result has been very satisfactory and almost complete relief from the affliction." For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

The Worst is Feared.
BERLIN, July 30.—Bismarck's condition has become so serious that the worst is feared.