

SPAIN TAKES HER STAND

Refuses to Accept the Terms of America.

REPLY DELIVERED TODAY

Rios Declares That the Demands of This Country Are Outside of the Scope of the Protocol and Therefore Inadmissible—Adjournment of the Commission Until Tuesday in Order to Give the Americans Time to Consider a Reply—A Situation That Looks Decidedly Like a Deadlock—Messages From President Day Hourly Expected by Secretary Hay.

Paris, Nov. 4.—The Joint Peace Commission met two hours today and adjourned until next Tuesday.

The Spanish Commissioners submitted their reply to the American proposals in regard to the Philippines, which was that these terms are entirely outside the scope of the protocol, and therefore inadmissible.

The American Commission asked for time to consider the reply, hence the adjournment until Tuesday.

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WAR OFFICIALS ACTIVE

Preparing for a Possible Renewal of Hostilities.

In view of a possible rupture at Paris by the withdrawal of the Spanish Commissioners from the Peace Conference, it was reported at the War Department this afternoon that supplemental orders were in process of preparation by Secretary Alger to those issued yesterday for the occupation of Cuba.

The supplemental orders, it was stated, would provide for the immediate embarkation of a large force of troops for the purpose of making a demonstration or applying force if necessary to carry out the Administration's program.

In order to avoid delay it was further reported that the naval vessels in the South Atlantic would be at once employed as transports, in addition to the Government transports now available.

Color was given to these reports by the fact that Secretary Alger remained in conference with the President at the White House for more than an hour after the Cabinet adjourned this afternoon, and that Adjutant General Corbin was finally sent for and went over to the Executive Mansion to join the conference.

It was stated in the Navy Department, unofficially, that in order that the navy may be prepared in case a demonstration is decided upon or hostilities resumed, hurry orders have been issued for immediate repairs to the armor clads now at the Brooklyn and other navy yards.

A congregation of warships in Hampton Roads has been decided upon, and the New York Gun Club, which has already been ordered to proceed there after coaling at Newport News.

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BURNING OF A THEATER.

Flames Destroy the Once Famous Eldorado Casino.

New York, Nov. 4.—The Eldorado Casino, on the heights of Weehawken, which was made famous by the spectacular ballets and performances managed by Imre Kiraly, was totally destroyed by fire this morning. All the buildings surrounding the Casino had narrow escapes. Nine persons were asleep in the Casino when the fire was discovered. Fortunately they were awakened in time to escape to the street before the fast-spreading flames had penned them in.

The Casino was a famous resort several years ago. Such spectacular ballets as the "Fall of Rome," etc., were given with great success. In 1902, however, the success of the enterprise waned, and it was placed in the hands of a receiver. Since then it has retrograded to a vaudeville theater.

How the fire originated is not known.

ARRESTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

A Bookkeeper's Trip With an Actress Interrupted.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 4.—Ell Levy, for several years confidential bookkeeper of West & Levy, wholesale commission men of New York, was arrested here last evening just as he, in company with a variety actress, was about to take a train for Denver. Levy is charged with embezzling funds and admits having taken about \$300 from his employers during a period extending over five years. His recognition by his brother here led to his arrest.

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In the face of this fact, however, the public is not excited and awaits events with a feeling of calm confidence.

There are Englishmen who believe a conflict between Great Britain and France had better come now.

This sentiment is an outgrowth of the feeling that Russia is the real menace in the background. With the fact in view that a war between England and France would be waged chiefly on the sea, Russia is not ready at present to lend France vital assistance. Should France, entering the conflict alone, suffer the destruction of her navy, Russia's unrestrained for war would be indefinitely prolonged by the crippling of this strong naval arm which she found in the French alliance. Thus, the greater danger of a vast conflict, involving England in the East, would be obviated.

The growth of such a bold and radical sentiment as this is extremely likely to cause a misstep in the negotiations with France, and lead to the fighting point of the latter's martial spirit, already provoked anew by the enthusiastic welcome accorded to Gen. Kitchener here.

A dispatch to the Central News from Paris says that the evacuation of Fashoda is assured. The ministry has been largely influenced in taking this course by the pressure of representations from various towns which memorialized the government. The tone of the newspapers is now less pessimistic.

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SIDE ROUTE TO THE POLLS

Fourth Ohio Regiment Will Reach Here Tomorrow.

REVIEW BY THE PRESIDENT

Buckeye Volunteers Are Being Hurried Home to Vote at Mark Hanna's Request, But Are Generously Granted Time to Shake Hands With Mr. McKinley.

The Secretary of War was notified today that the Fourth Ohio Volunteer Regiment will reach Washington from New York between 6 and 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The following dispatch was received at the War Department this morning:

Quarantine, S. I., Nov. 3, 1898.

Report arrival of Fourth Ohio, with 43 officers, 1,866 enlisted men, 4 nurses, 17 civilian employees. Avey L. Betzer, Company B, Dubuque, Ohio, died October 31, and buried at sea. Two sick will be left at hospital. Balance of command in good condition.

COIT.

Colonel Commanding.

The information was conveyed to the President by Secretary Alger and it was decided that Mr. McKinley will review the Ohioans between 10 and 11 o'clock tomorrow forenoon in front of the executive mansion.

After the review the troops will stack arms and be received by the President in the East Room. Forming by twos they will pass Mr. McKinley and shake his hand.

Soon after the review and reception the troops will be given a quick lunch and then hurried on the cars and started for Ohio so that they can proceed to their homes in time to register and cast their votes.

It is said a majority of the men of the Fourth are Republicans and that the President and Senator Hanna are anxious that they should reach Ohio in ample time to participate in the battle of the ballots.

Gov. Tanner has given up all hope of having the Third Illinois Volunteers reach their State in time to vote. The War Department has replied to his latest anxious telegraphic query about the route of the ship that it has not yet sailed from Porto Rico, but will probably embark this evening or tomorrow.

It is stated that the Ohio regiment was hurried home from Porto Rico by special request of Senator Hanna.

LEUTENANT ROSS RETURNS.

Comes Home to Visit His Father, Commissioner Ross.

Second Lieut. Tenney Ross, Third U. S. Infantry (son of District Commissioner Ross), who distinguished himself by his gallant conduct during the Philippine campaign in Minnesota, registered at the War Department this morning. The lieutenant afterward called upon Gen. Miles and Adj. Gen. Corbin.

After his departure from the building Gen. Corbin spoke of Lieut. Ross in the highest terms. He said Mr. Ross was one of the 195 young men who were commissioned second lieutenants from civil life at the beginning of the war with Spain, and that a number of them had made excellent records for gallantry and efficiency.

Lieut. Ross is on leave for fifteen days, owing to the illness of his father.

He is stopping at the Hotel Varnum, New Jersey Avenue and C Street southeast, and it is reported that when he leaves Washington it will be with the knowledge that he is to be promoted to first lieutenant for bravery.

Suit Against Telephone Company.

Three suits for injunction against the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company were filed today in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. The petitioners are James and Lewis Holmes, doing business at First and B Streets; C. A. Denton, trading as Denton & Co., at No. 282 South Street, and Collins & Gaddis, at No. 511 Eleventh Street.

Thrown Out of a Wagon.

New Brunswick, N. J., Nov. 4.—Hurling out of a light wagon in a runaway, John Hendrick, sixty years old, a contractor, was seriously, if not fatally, injured yesterday afternoon. The team of horses, driven by his son-in-law, Dr. E. L. Larkin, started to run away on the Albany Street bridge. They collided with a truck and Hendrick was thrown out and his skull fractured.

Orders for Future Delivery.

Laurel, Md., Nov. 4.—The second case brought against a tea company of Washington has been abandoned. The purpose was to enforce the payment of a license fee by agents soliciting orders here for future delivery.

A Tanker Love Feast.

Frederick, Md., Nov. 4.—The annual lovefeast of the German Baptists was held in their church in Frederick yesterday. At the evening session the foot-washing ceremony took place, after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

Killed by a Sawmill Explosion.

Grantsburg, Ill., Nov. 4.—A portable engine used in a sawmill near Brownfield, Pope County, exploded yesterday. The engineer and the owner of the mill were killed, and Scott, Frank, and St. John, and Tim McAllister were seriously injured.

Shot His Wife and Himself.

Scottsburg, Ind., Nov. 4.—Falling to wife effect a reconciliation with his wife, he left her last summer. Marion Tyler, of Indianapolis, shot her last night and then turned the revolver upon himself, inflicting fatal wounds.

Mrs. J. W. Robinson Dead.

Martinsburg, W. Va., Nov. 3.—Mrs. James W. Robinson died at her home, at Shanghai, this county, after a long illness. She is survived by a husband and several children. Mrs. Robinson was the daughter of the late Congressman B. M. Kitchener.

A Distinguished Trio in St. Louis.

London, Nov. 4.—Madame Nordica, Olga Netherole and Justin McCarthy are among the passengers who will sail for New York tomorrow on the American liner St. Louis.

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Have you outhouses to build?

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NEWS FROM THE ORIENT.

Disastrous Conflagrations in Australia and Japan.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 4.—The Australian liner Aorangi has arrived at Victoria from Australia via Honolulu, with the latest advices.

A terrible fire broke out in Sydney, October 8, and in a few hours had destroyed twenty large mills. The fire was heavy and the fire raged through an entire section of the city before extinguished.

Fire at Hankow, a Chinese river port, destroyed 10,000 houses and 1,000 inhabitants were burned to death or killed by falling buildings. The damage was \$8,000,000.

Hankow is a city of nearly 1,000,000 inhabitants, and is situated at the junction of the Han and Yang-tze-kiang rivers, about 600 miles from the Eastern coast of China. It was destroyed during the Taiping rebellion, but has since been rebuilt. English and American vessels ply regularly and frequently between Hankow and Shanghai, their principal cargo consists of tea.

Since 1780 the value of the trade of this city has greatly increased. In 1875 the exports and imports were respectively valued at \$25,000,000 and \$25,000,000.

GUILTY OF WIFE-MURDER.

Jury Refuses to Believe Hotel Keeper Smith's Ingentious Plea.

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 4.—George A. Smith, keeper of a hotel at Churchville, this county, was this morning found guilty of wife murder.

Smith claimed that two burglars pulled him from bed, gagged and tied him to a table, after allowing him to put on his trousers so as not to catch cold, after which they knocked his wife in the head with a club and then shot her dead.

The prosecution alleged that Smith killed his wife to secure insurance and other funds; that he himself tied the knots that bound him to a table.

LONDON HONORS THE SIRDAR.

Sword of Honor Presented to General Kitchener.

London, Nov. 4.—The freedom of the city and a magnificent sword of honor were conferred upon Maj. Gen. Kitchener at the Guildhall today. The sword is of the finest steel, Damascused with gold, the hilt bearing the Sirdar's monogram in diamonds, rubies and sapphires.

A crowd lined the route of the Sirdar's journey to the Guildhall. He was in full uniform and rode in an open carriage with three officers.

The crowd greeted Gen. Kitchener with repeated cheers, which he acknowledged by bowing.

A BRUTAL LONGSHOREMAN.

Beats His Mother and Nearly Murders a Policeman.

New York, Nov. 4.—Owen Murray, a longshoreman, beat his mother at their home in Brooklyn last night. When Acting Detective Behren, of the Greenpoint Avenue station, Nov. 4, Steve Brodie, the bridge-jumper, is here. He states that he has leased a plot of ground on Main Street, and will erect upon it a vaudeville theater, costing about \$150,000.

HE PASSED BOGUS BILLS.

Frank Scelmer Fined \$1,000 and Sent Up for Five Years.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 4.—Frank Scelmer, the New York counterfeiter, who was yesterday convicted in the United States District Court of passing counterfeit \$5 bills on a Jersey City merchant named Morris Craig, was this morning sentenced by Judge Kirkpatrick to pay a fine of \$1,000 and to serve a term of five years in the New Jersey State penitentiary.

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GIVES GRAVE-DIGGER WORK.

Last Note of a Man Unable to Get Employment.

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 4.—Poverty and a dark outlook for the future caused a gray-haired old man to take his life in a room at the Jefferson Hotel. The body was found at a late hour last night. When the body was examined a note was found, saying: "My name is Smith, brass moulder by trade, live in Boston; out of work; gave up the fight; by the grave-digger do the rest."

The man had taken poison.

Sulfur May Be Ignored.

Vienna, Nov. 4.—It is believed in diplomatic circles here that in the event of the Sultan's failing to sanction the nomination of Prince George of Greece, as civil governor of the island of Crete, the latter, forming an investiture by firm of the Sublime Porte, will sail direct for Buda Bay and the admirals will install him by public proclamation.

Horses Shipped to Boston.

Warrenton, Va., Nov. 3.—Mr. Roger Williams shipped yesterday from here seven fine hunters and harness horses, also nine from Delaplane Station, to his stables in Boston.

"Jock" Taylor, colored, town crier and bell ringer here for years, and quite a local character, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning.

Mrs. Williams Acquitted.

St. Louis, Nov. 4.—Mrs. Hattie D. Williams, who on May 4 last shot and killed Richard Rogers at her home, has been acquitted of the charge of murder. She pleaded self-defense, claiming Rogers made indecent proposals, threatened her life and finally attempted to shoot her, whereupon she drew a revolver and killed him.

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LONG AND HOBSON CLASH

A Lively Interview at the Navy Department.

SUNKEN SHIPS THE THEME

The Secretary Alleged to Have Made Caustic Comment on the Lieutenant's Plans—Characterized as Visionary—Naval Board Expected to Abandon the Plans.

Lieut. Hobson called upon Secretary Long at the Navy Department this morning, and it is said a lively interview followed, during which the Secretary made some caustic comments concerning the Lieutenant's plans for raising the sunken Spanish warships.

Mr. Long declined positively to further consider what is termed the Hobson process or plans, and announced that the work now in progress would be ordered stopped forthwith.

It is said Lieut. Hobson pleaded with the Secretary to allow him to continue the work as his professional reputation was at stake. To these pleading Secretary Long consented that the Lieutenant might go before the naval board of construction again, at a season being held this afternoon, to allow him to make a final showing and appeal.

Secretary Long spoke of Hobson's plans as visionary and stated if the Spanish ships were to be raised the work would be done by contract and not by the department direct. He added that three wrecking companies had made business propositions to him to undertake the work and that they might be allowed to do so, but at their own risk.

The secretary spoke rather curtly, it is said, and when Lieut. Hobson left the office his friends say he appeared as a heart-broken man.

At the meeting of the board of construction at the Navy Department this afternoon, it is understood that in accordance with Mr. Long's expressed desire, the Hobson plans will be utterly abandoned, because, as a naval attaché said:

"More than \$300,000 have already been expended under his direction, and nothing tangible accomplished. He had no part in the saving of the Infanta Maria Teresa, and will have none in the work on the other ships. His air-bag flotation process is visionary. Not enough air-bags could be made between here and China to raise the Colon and Vizcaya."

It is probable that Lieut. Hobson will be ordered early next week to the Annapolis Naval Academy, to resume his duties as instructor, which were broken off when the war with Spain began.

DIES IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR.

Charles Nelson Executed in Columbus Penitentiary.

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 4.—At 12:31 this morning Murderer Charles Nelson died in the electric chair. His electrocution was in many respects the most successful which has yet been accomplished at the penitentiary. There was not a slip.

Nelson was composed though by no means stoical. At 12:28 Deputy Dawson entered the annex and brought Nelson out. He was clad only in shirt and trousers and a pair of rough shoes. Chaplain Winget made a brief prayer as Nelson was being strapped in the chair. Warden Coffin asked Nelson if he had anything to say.

"No, sir, except to say good-bye to you all," was his reply. Warden Coffin pressed the lever and 1,700 volts passed through his body for seven seconds and then the charge was reduced to 250 volts, which lasted fifty-three seconds. At the expiration of that time Nelson was pronounced dead.

Nelson, who was a negro, murdered James Zimmerman, a Bowling Green grocer, because the latter would not give him money to pay a colored woman's fine.

TO BE MUSTERED OUT.

Second Virginia Regiment Cannot Fill Its Ranks.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 4.—The indications are that it will be almost impossible for the Second Virginia to get enough men to remain in the service. It is estimated that only 200 men of that command can be induced to remain. One hundred and fifty of the Third, it is said, may be willing to be mustered into the Second. This will not give Col. Baker enough men to make up a regiment.

A Change of B. & O. Agents.

Oakland, Md., Nov. 4.—Mr. G. D. Seidensicker, traveling auditor of the Baltimore and Ohio, is here auditing accounts of the Oakland agency, preparatory to a change of agents. Mr. C. F. Schroeder, the retiring agent, will be succeeded by D. M. Mason. Mr. Schroeder was stricken with a slight attack of paralysis, and has not been able to perform the duties of his office.

To Establish an Electric Plant.

Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 4.—Mayor Edwin M. Schindel last night at a meeting of the council appointed committees to report upon the advisability of Hagerstown owning its electric plant, and also upon a project to let a contract for the construction of a system of sanitary sewerage.

Struck by a Locomotive.

Frederick, Md., Nov. 4.—Neal Hopkins, a colored man, was struck by a helper engine at Bartholomew switch, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and sustained injuries which may prove fatal. His left arm was badly mangled and his head and face badly cut.

Fatally Kicked by a Horse.

Fredericksburg, Va., Nov. 4.—Harry Somerville, son of Dr. Henry Somerville, of Culpeper County, who was kicked by a horse Tuesday, died yesterday from the effects, lockjaw having set in.

Will of John Hughes.

The will of John Hughes, dated January 12, 1867, was filed today. Deceased leaves all his estate, real and personal, to his wife, Bridget Hughes, in fee simple, with the full confidence that she will deal justly with the children of their marriage. Hughes named James Fitzpatrick as the executor of his will.

How about Laths at \$1.95 thousand?

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The weather—Libbey & Co. say:

Fair tonight and Saturday.

MACHINISTS HURLED TO DEATH

Terrific Explosion of a New Oil Works Boiler.

Oil City, Pa., Nov. 4.—While a crowd of machinists employed by the Oil City Boiler Works were testing a new boiler this morning a terrific explosion occurred, instantly killing Machinists McCloskey, of Erie, Pa., and Frawley, of Oil City. An employe named McMahon, whose home is at Shively, was taken to the hospital in a dying condition.

The boiler let go with terrific force, blowing the roof off the building and scattering iron beams and debris of all kinds among 30 men employed in the ship shops. Several other employes were badly injured but it is thought that the only fatalities are those mentioned.

PRESIDENT CARO ACCUSED.

Colombia's Chief Magistrate Charged With Political Misconduct.

Colon, Colombia, Nov. 4.—A dispatch from Bogota, the capital, says that congress is discussing a bill for the impeachment of President Caro for misconduct in the last elections.

Senator San Clemente, the newly elected president of the republic, will arrive in Bogota today. The political situation is threatening.

MRS. GILL DEAD.

She Expired at the Emergency Hospital This Afternoon.

Mrs. Emma Gill, who was knocked down by a bicycle yesterday at the corner of Ninth and P Streets, died at the Emergency Hospital this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

TOO MANY BOND DEALS

The Republicans Realize the Battle Is Lost.

ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE

Algerism Will Cost the Party the Next House—Driven to