

CUBAN QUESTION

Has Not yet Been Settled by Peace Commission, BUT MAY BE CONCLUDED

Before the End of the Week—Spanish Commissioners Brought to Time by the Intimation of the United States Government that Negotiations were Proceeding too Slowly—The Philippines will be Taken up Next Week—It is Believed that Nothing Short of the Union of the Eastern Group will be Accepted by this Country.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—The President was enabled to say before the cabinet to-day very encouraging reports from Paris regarding the progress of the peace negotiations. The administration now fully believes that the negotiations will be concluded much sooner than was expected from the outlook a few days ago. It can be stated authoritatively that the commissioners have not yet actually begun the discussion of the Philippine question, and further, that it will not be taken up until next week. Since the Spaniards have found exactly what they say, and that their presentation of the side of the United States is in reality an ultimatum, the uselessness of prolonged debate, it is said, has become apparent to the Spaniards, and it is now believed that the Philippine discussion will be less protracted than reported some days ago. The recent action of the United States government in intimating that the negotiations were proceeding much too slowly has had its effect upon the Spanish commissioners, and they are not likely to debate remaining propositions to the length they did the settlement of the Cuban debt.

The United States has not assumed responsibility for the so-called municipal debt of Cuba or other municipalities, but it is expected that such debts will be paid by the municipalities incurring them, for by no reasoning could they be charged upon Spain. Our government, it is said, in official circles, would look upon any attempt at evading the payments of such debts as repudiation and dishonesty, and whatever government is established in Cuba will be expected to see that these obligations are carried out in good faith. Moreover, some of the bonds of Cuban municipalities are held by the United States, and the United States might insist that the investments of her citizens in such securities are made good. The state department has no information as to the amount of these municipal liabilities.

Attorney General Griggs and Secretary Case and Long, on account of their absence from the city, were not present at to-day's cabinet meeting. Secretary Hay said that the Cuban question had not yet been published, but a complete settlement, it was expected, would be reached by the end of the present week. The Philippine question, he thought, would be taken up next week. The members of the cabinet are extremely reticent on the subject of the acquisition of the Philippines, there is now little or no doubt that nothing less than the cession of the entire group of islands will be accepted by the American commission.

Secretary Wilson brought up at the cabinet session the fact that Blanco is still charging \$10 a head for beef cattle going into Cuba ports controlled by the Spaniards while the United States officials are taking possession of the duty to ports controlled by American officials. The cabinet concluded that it has no power at present to change this state of affairs, and that Blanco must bear the responsibility. As soon as the United States takes possession of the various ports, however, this will be changed. Some of the ports near Havana will be opened to the free entry of beef cattle and other things, and that may result in benefit to Havana.

WILL STAND AS A UNIT

Before the Spaniards American Commissioners and Philippine Question. PARIS, Oct. 23.—Whether or not there be divergent views among the American peace commissioners, they will stand as a unit before the Spaniards. Whether differences of view may have existed or shall in future exist, the entire commission will array itself firmly behind and in support of the preponderant opinion therein. This statement may at this hour be accepted as settling any rumor that resignation might follow any member's variance of the opinion from that of his American colleagues.

A NEAR-BY KLONDIKE

That Alleged Gold Find Near Canal Dover, Ohio. CANAL DOVER, Ohio, Oct. 23.—The gold excitement at Malvern is still spreading and there now seems to be sufficient evidence to indicate that gold really exists in paying quantities. The details so far from the field have been meagre because of its out of the way location and the infrequency of travelers from that district to this point. Jacob Geffert, whose home is at Malvern, arrived here to-day. Mr. Geffert is a well-known man and his statements ought to be authoritative. In speaking of the new Eldorado, he said: "It is difficult to find out just what there is in it for Mr. Alfred Wartman, a newcomer, who has purchased a Malvern mine, which I am not privileged to mention, which shows between \$50 and \$60 of gold to the ton. "If it is all a scheme to raise the price of real estate on the part of Wartman and other farmers, they should begin selling pretty soon. Many of them have now been offered more than twice the value of their land, but they are still holding on and say they will not sell at any price."

STOPPED THE SPANISH

From Taking Away What was Considered Immovable Property. WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 23.—Information has been received by the government that the Spanish officers have ceased to break up and carry away things that are regarded as immovable property in Cuba. Such things are now being taken care of by the American authorities. An attempt has been made to create some interest in a supposed refusal of the American government to send war ships to Havana as asked for by the commission. The commission some six or seven weeks ago Admiral Sampson suggested that it might be better to have one or more United States ships in Havana and that a light cruiser might be needed to proceed from Havana to other places where it might be necessary to send officers of the commission. The government did not comply with the suggestion and since then nothing has been done about it and no further request has been made for ships.

MAKING TROUBLE

The Arbitrary Action of the Cuban General Rios.

OFFER TO SUGAR PLANTERS

To Furnish Them all the Men They Want Provided They Enlist Soldiers Unanimously Refused—Think It Would Be Better to Have No Commerce Than Attempt to Do So on Such Conditions—General and Garcia Factions Clash—A Large Amount of Trouble Ahead in the Cuban Assembly—Céspedes Wants Garcia Court-Martialed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—The President, after the cabinet meeting to-day, issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation: By the President of the United States. A Proclamation.—The approaching November brings to mind the custom of our ancestors, hallowed by time, and rooted in our most sacred traditions, of giving thanks to Almighty God for all the blessings he has vouchsafed to us during the past year.

MANZANILLO, Oct. 23.—The United States gunboat Hist arrived here to-night with General Leonard Wood, commander of the military department of Santiago, accompanied by Lieutenant Matthew Hanna. On landing General Wood was visited by Colonel Pettit and his adjutant and he was subsequently received by Colonel Pettit's entire regiment. General Wood then visited the barracks, hospitals, palaces, custom house and postoffice.

Colonel Pettit reports that the Cuban General Rios is apparently making every effort to prevent the disbanding of his troops. The Cuban commander wishes all the sugar estates in the neighborhood to tell him how many men they can employ and he will guarantee to supply all required on condition that only soldiers are employed. The planters unanimously refuse to fall in with such an arrangement, considering that it would be a trade union of the worst possible kind and would tend to keep up the Cuban military organization, which in the interests of the island, the planters are very anxious to break up. In their opinion it would be better to have no commerce than to attempt it on such conditions.

TREND OF TRADE

Removes of Wars in Europe Start the Grain Moving in this Country—More Gold Coming in.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say to-morrow: Business has been more affected by foreign affairs than many realize. London's apprehension of war first caused advance in wheat and fears of monetary pressure here. Then came confidence in London with a flight of French money across the channel and stock markets advanced while wheat fell. More is expected to come from London and American interests from New York to San Francisco, but electric wires have made the world small. So the wires moved a cargo of wheat from the Pacific coast, started \$2,500,000 more gold from Australia to this country on Monday.

HITTING WIND UP

Of Philadelphia's Great Peace Jubilee Demonstration by the Monster Civic Parade Held Yesterday.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 23.—The great peace jubilee was brought to a glorious conclusion to-day. Beginning with last Sunday's church services and including the naval and military demonstrations of Tuesday and yesterday, and to-day's monster civic parade, the celebration has been an unparalleled success throughout. The magnificent illumination of the city continues to-night and the streets are still jammed with people. Although President McKinley and others of the Washington party returned to the capital last night, interest was no less eager in to-day's programme when unmarred by a single unavoidable circumstance. The day opened with the re-dedication of Independence Hall.

WESTERN IRON TRADE

Country Getting on a Consuming Basis Broader Than any Precedent.

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—Iron and Steel will say to-morrow: The unvarying report among makers and shippers of iron and steel is that specifications are coming in freely. The fact is that the country is getting on a consuming basis, broader and deeper than any precedent. Never before for example, have there been purchased so large quantities of copper and galvanized wire for telegraph and telephone lines, and now independent telephone lines are going up in large numbers. Lines are radiating out into the country and prosperous farmers are obtaining telephone service. Another branch of industry that is consuming wire at an unexampled rate is the bed spring and mattress factories. It is difficult to see where all the mattresses are going. There can be no doubt, however, that they are finding a market. It is now reasonable for some lines to drop off both in point of activity and price. Plates for instance, are due to show more moderation, and to shrink a little in value, but they are not doing so.

President Registers by Affidavit.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 23.—A special from Canton, Ohio, says: Affidavit for registration has been received from President McKinley, by Thomas F. Turner, of the city board of election. In answering the usual questions as to age, residence, etc., Mr. McKinley states that his temporary residence is in Washington, but gives No. 815 West Tuscarawas street as his real residence. This is the old McKinley homestead. The President swears it is impossible for him to be in Canton on any registration day.

Other Boats Showed Hobson's Raff; Dewey at Manila, the Red Cross ministering to wounded soldiers, the horses of the war and liberty, the latter represented by Columbia and the thirteen original states. The evolution of the army and navy as illustrated by bodies of marching men dressed in the costumes of the different periods of American history from 1776 to 1861. Three hundred employees of the custom house and 1,000 of the post-office marched near the head of the line, and after them

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THE DREYFUS CASE

M. Bard Concludes his Statement in the Matter

WITH A PLEA FOR JUSTICE

Madame Dreyfus Counsel Urges Inquiry as to Whether Secret Documents were Communicated to the Court-martial. The Public Prosecutor Claims the Court Cannot Annul the Sentence Without a Retrial of the Case—General Gonze's Sensational Letter Made a Part of the Documents in the Investigation.

PARIS, Oct. 23.—At to-day's session of the court of cassation in the palace of justice, M. Bard, the reporter, concluded his report of the Dreyfus case, the first part of which was presented yesterday. He said this morning that the court should make every investigation necessary to enlighten them and place the whole truth in evidence. It was for the court to decide what remained to be done. The task was a delicate one, but that was no motive to avoid it. He concluded: "You have a great duty to fulfill. Do what your conscience dictates."

M. Morand, counsel for Madame Dreyfus, urged that an investigation be ordered concerning the divergence of the testimony of the experts who examined the bordereau in 1894 and 1897 and also to ascertain whether secret documents were communicated to the members of the court-martial.

The court was less crowded than yesterday, but the same stringent precautions were taken. There was no excitement outside the palace of justice. Only a few people assembled about the building and the streets in the neighborhood presented their everyday appearance.

The public prosecutor, M. Manau, followed M. Morand. Addressing the judges he said: "Nobody can deny that the Dreyfus affair is one of your hands, nor can you relinquish it without dereliction of duty. Your decision must constitute for everybody the expression of truth and justice. Revisit the trial then, gentlemen, or at least prepare the road for its revision."

M. Manau declared the court could not annul the sentence imposed upon Dreyfus without a retrial of the prisoner. He added: "You must fix the responsibility. If Dreyfus is innocent, the culprit must not go unpunished."

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At this stage of the proceedings, M. Bard read a letter from General Gonze to the president of the court of cassation, in which the general said: "I have just heard of a memorandum introduced in your court, in which Picquart accused me of a dishonorable action. I have never previously heard of this memorandum and I wish to deny it. M. Manau concluded with denouncing "the villainous attacks on the partisans of revision" and made a strong plea that the court be not influenced by outside pressure, but that it decide in favor of a revision of the case and the immediate provisional liberation of Dreyfus.

England's Ultimatum In Regard to the Occupation of Fashoda by France.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon summarizes the result of the meeting of the British cabinet yesterday as follows: 1.—Marchand must be withdrawn unconditionally and no undertaking or promise can be given to discuss the questions raised by France in regard to the Nile and Lake Tana. 2.—When Marchand is withdrawn it will be determined where the question raised admits of discussion and under what conditions the discussion can be proceeded with.

Every possible facility will be afforded to assist in Marchand's withdrawal by whichever route selected. 4.—If Marchand is not withdrawn there will be no interference with his remaining at Fashoda, nor date fixed for his withdrawal. Necessary reinforcements will not be permitted to reach him. He will be treated courteously as a foreign visitor and will be regarded in no other light.

5.—Therefore it is left to France to adopt any active measures to precipitate a conflict.

The Pall Mall Gazette adds that it has good reason to believe that while Russia has counseled France to tide over the difficulty and avoid war, she has promised to throw her weight in the scale at no distant date, for the purpose of bringing the whole Egyptian question and the British occupation of Egypt to the front for settlement.

No Foundation for Report. LONDON, Oct. 23.—There does not seem to be the slightest foundation for the report of yesterday that the British cabinet has decided to declare the protectorate of Great Britain over Egypt. It was based solely on a London dispatch to the Paris Sotr. The papers do not comment upon the statement made and the St. James Gazette alone alludes to the subject, urging the government to adopt such a course.

Pennsylvania Railroad Earnings. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 23.—The statement of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for September, 1898, compared with the same period of 1897, shows decrease in gross earnings of \$69,500; decrease in expenses, \$142,300; increase in net earnings, \$72,800. Lines west of Pittsburgh, increase gross earnings, \$18,100; increase in expenses, \$17,300; increase in net earnings, \$1,800. For nine months ending September 30, there is a decrease in net earnings of \$3,200, on the lines east of Pittsburgh, and a decrease in net earnings of \$35,800 on the lines west of Pittsburgh.

Weather Forecast for To-day. For West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, partly cloudy; warmer; fresh south wind.

Local Temperature. The temperature yesterday as observed by C. Schepel, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows: 7 a. m. 53 | 2 p. m. 66 4 p. m. 65 | 10 p. m. 56 12 m. 53 | Weather—Fair.

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