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## AN IMPRESSION AT PARIS

### That Spain Will Not Consent to a Peace Treaty

## THE COMMISSIONERS' NEXT MEETING

### Is Half Expected to Mark the Close of Negotiations Looking to Permanent Peace Between Spain and the United States

Associated Press Special Wire

PARIS, Nov. 13.—Among onlookers here the impression exists—though it is not the result of any official statement—that the Spanish peace commissioners will not consent to a treaty which the American commissioners could sign.

It seems almost possible also that in the pitiable pressure to which the Spanish commissioners are subjected their larger creditors who are on the spot watching them and the stern attitude of the United States, the Spaniards may abandon their struggles and leave the two forces to confront each other.

It will not be decided until tomorrow whether the next joint session is to occur tomorrow or on Tuesday.

The Spaniards, it has been arranged, will inform the Americans tomorrow whether they need the day to prepare their next memorandum. If they want Monday the meeting will take place on Tuesday.

Under the rules of procedure adopted at the conference it is understood that the deliberations may not be unexpectedly concluded by either side.

### A VIRTUAL ULTIMATUM

The statement is printed here this evening that the last meeting of the American commissioners is regarded by the Spaniards as a virtual ultimatum, but as a matter of fact the Americans have not presented an ultimatum, save as their treatment of the subject in hand may be unanswerable. It is only since Wednesday last that the Spaniards have begun to feel that the Americans purpose taking over the Philippines and that, too, without any assumption of Spanish indebtedness. As they are now convinced of this, it may be that Spain's next presentation in conference will be the supreme rally of her diplomatic argumentative and tactical forces. It may even mark the conclusion of all she has to say; but if the rules of procedure are followed, the Americans would still have another presentation to submit.

Ever since October 1 it has been within the range of possibilities that at any meeting an open rupture might occur, and on one or two occasions it might have been easily a fact even before the taking up of the Philippine question.

The boundaries of the field in which that question is being worked out are becoming more apparent and the angle of final settlement cannot be far off. If a treaty is result here, it may fairly be expected within three weeks, although it is not true—as reported from the United States today—that the Americans have instructions embodying a time limit for the conclusion of the conference.

Judge Day is completely recovered.

### A SYNDICATE SCHEME

The acquisition of the Philippines for 25 years by a syndicate, from which every power may eventually acquire them, is a rumor based upon facts of which the Gaulois will tomorrow (Monday) give details.

Following this lead, the Gaulois and other papers will tomorrow morning announce the scheme somewhat on these lines:

A syndicate representing \$400,000,000 proposes to take over the commercial resources and advantages of the Philippines for a term of 25 years, paying to the dominant power therein \$125,000,000 for the privilege. Under the alleged terms of this scheme, the dominant power would administer the political and military government of the islands at its own expense, under the appointment named, while the syndicate would collect all customs and other revenues for the term specified.

The scheme involves giving Spain \$175,000,000 to satisfy any real or imaginary claims she may make as to the territory. This feature is said to be based on the assumption that the United States will be the dominant power.

The remaining \$100,000,000 of this reputed syndicate would be preserved as its working capital.

The sponsor of the project is a Mr. Young, said to be a son of Brigham Young, and an attempt is apparently made to create the impression that the capital of \$400,000,000 is already underwritten.

It is thought possible, however, if the alleged syndicate has an existence, that Americans may have an opportunity given them to join with it in holdings of large or small amounts.

Whether it proves veritable or otherwise, friends of the United States here are asking if the announcement of the scheme is not intended to embarrass the Americans by an offer, real or apparent, of \$400,000,000 for a limited time for the use of which the Americans may desire to acquire in perpetuity for a sum relatively nil.

Non-official American in Paris put aside as unthinkable the assumption that the United States would farm its burdens or its advantages, if any, in the Philippines, which, if acquired, will be taken over as indemnity attending the discharge of high responsibilities. In any event, the American commissioners will doubtless ask if the announcement is timed to serve the ends of the syndicate or to hinder the efforts of Judge Day and his associates to effect an amicable adjustment of the Philippine question.

### ANXIOUS FOR ACTION

Philippine Merchants Ask America for Protection

MANILA, Nov. 13.—The following advice have been received from Iloilo, capital of Panay, one of the principal islands of the Visayas group:

"The insurgents have occupied Linganis, Oton and Pavia, suburbs of Iloilo, and are daily expected to attack the town. The Spaniards have abandoned the most and destroyed the connecting bridges. Business

is paralyzed and the inhabitants are in a state of terror. The mercantile houses of all nationalities have signed a circular asking the commander of the United States cruiser Charleston to remain, as the Spanish authorities are incapable of affording their protection."

It is reported also that the insurgents have taken the whole of the islands of Negros and Zebu of the Visayas group. As the cable connections are cut it is impossible to confirm this rumor.

On November 6, Gen. Rios, Spanish governor of the Visayas islands, is said to have declared a seven days' armistice, in order to communicate with Madrid with a view of transferring control to the Americans.

Maj. Bell has gone to Iloilo to ascertain the facts of the situation.

The United States transport Scandia will leave tomorrow with sixty sick and discharged men.

### The Spanish Instructions

MADRID, Nov. 13.—El Imparcial says the government has forwarded instructions to Senor Montero Rios, president of the Spanish commission at Paris, and that Monday's conference may be the last or the last but one, "unless the American commissioners modify their claims."

According to El Imparcial, a member of the cabinet has virtually declared as much. The government has received a dispatch from General Rios, governor of the Visayas islands, reporting the rebellion in the island of Negros and announcing the departure from Iloilo of the mail steamer Munoz, with a number of invalided men.

The Madrid papers today declared that the expected visit of Emperor William is a matter of no political importance and that the German ambassador's visit to Berlin is in no way connected with it.

### Some Sober Sense

LONDON, Nov. 14.—The Times in its editorial this morning on the Hispano-American situation, repeats its conviction that "no power will attempt to hinder the transfer of the Philippines," adding that their loss cannot be great to Spain, who had practically lost the entire archipelago before the United States interfered.

### MAGOW'S OVERDRAFTS

Can Not Be Collected From Rubber Company Directors

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 13.—Vice-Chancellor Reed rendered a decision yesterday in which he holds that Mayor Frank A. Magowan, president of the Trenton Rubber Company, overdraw his accounts in that concern to the extent of at least \$150,000. He also decides that Allen Magowan, the ex-mayor's father, and a director of the company, is civilly responsible for \$16,000 of the drafts and that William P. Hayes, another director, is responsible to the extent of \$200.

Suit was instituted by Receiver Burd with the idea of holding Allen Magowan and William P. Hayes responsible for the ex-mayor's overdrafts, on the ground that they had been negligent in their duties as directors.

The vice-chancellor expressed himself pretty freely as to Magowan's reckless conduct in using the funds of the company for his own personal benefit, and says that it is clear that Allen Magowan and Hayes were negligent in their dealings, but they can only be held responsible to the creditors from the time they knew the company to be insolvent.

### Jerry Has Not Quit

MEDICINE LODGE, Kan., Nov. 13.—Congressman Jerry Simpson, who has just

been defeated for reelection by Chester I. Long, denies the statement that he has quit politics.

"I may not run for congress again," said Congressman Simpson in an interview, "but I have not quit politics by any means. I am still alive."

Of his ambitions after leaving the national house, however, Mr. Simpson refused to talk.

### LEAVING CAMP MEADE

The Place Will Be Deserted by Next Thursday

CAMP MEADE, Middletown, Pa., Nov. 13.—The end of Camp Meade is in sight. By Thursday the entire Second corps will have left for the new camps in the south. Three regiments started today and three more will go tomorrow. Gen. Young and staff and the signal corps will be the last to go.

The regiments leaving today were the Second West Virginia, Eighth Pennsylvania and First Rhode Island. A battalion of a regiment not yet designated will stay behind to guard government property.

Secretary Alger is so well pleased with this location that a portion of it may return next spring.

The hospitals have been cleaned out and on Wednesday their equipment will be sent away. The headquarters of the corps will be Augusta, Ga. The troops will be scattered between that city, Athens, Ga., Summerville, Columbia and Greenville. A train is provided for each battalion and each man is allowed a tent to himself. Three days' travel rations and five days' field rations and fee money is issued to each regiment before starting. A hospital car, in charge of a surgeon and nurses, is attached to each regimental train, and a surgeon will be sent with each section. The Fourteenth Pennsylvania regiment leave tomorrow for Summerville, and Tuesday the Thirtieth starts for Augusta. The other two Pennsylvania regiments have already been sent away. The sick soldiers in the city hospitals will join the commands after they are able to leave and have had a thirty days' furlough.

### DESERVE MENTION

Men Who Did Good Work at Santiago de Cuba

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—A supplemental report of Capt. F. A. Cook of the cruiser Brooklyn, relative to officers deserving special mention in the battle of July 3d, has been filed with the navy department. It is as follows:

"United States Flagship Brooklyn—Sir: I request to supplement my report of the battle of July 3d, and that it be filed with that report made on July 7th.

"The splendid and efficient work done in the engine and fire rooms was largely due to the zeal and intelligence of Passed Assistant Engineer Carter, who went immediately to his station in the engine rooms and was unremitting throughout the action in his efforts to get the best speed. He was ably assisted in the fire rooms by Passed Assistant Engineer J. B. Patton and Assistant Engineer Fitzgerald.

"Naval Cadets U. S. Macy and J. H. Woodward were stationed at the battery and were cool and efficient in duty.

"Naval Cadet J. A. Hand was at the central station and conveyed all orders and instructions deliberately and well.

"Naval Cadets J. W. L. Clements, R. W. Vincent, J. T. Bowers and C. W. Forman were stationed in the powder division and did effective duty. Pay Clerk O. H. Hancock volunteered for a station and did excellent work in the powder division."

### An Old Story Recalled

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 13.—The Russian bark Lima, loading deals at Tignish, parted her hawsers Saturday night in a gale and went ashore. She was formerly the Xanth mouth bark Lonnie, on which a mutiny occurred off Gibraltar in 1873, in which the captain, his wife and the mates were thrown overboard and drowned. A bottle with a message in it was dropped overboard by the steward. It was picked up by a British warship, which captured the vessel and took possession of the murderers, who were taken to England and hanged.

### A New Bicycle Record

SAN JOSE, Nov. 13.—Today John E. Wing broke the five mile bicycle record, standard course, of 13:09.4, formerly held by Tony Delmas, making it 11:45. This establishes a new coast record.

### Honor to Heroes

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—The monument to the Santiago dead of the First regiment of Illinois volunteers was dedicated at the regimental armory today with impressive ceremonies.

### No Reason Found

Charles H. Thornton was 22 years and not 40, as stated in the special dispatch from St. Louis. His mother, Mrs. Isabella Thornton, and his unmarried sister are residing in Los Angeles. Young Thornton left the city about the 1st of November, with the intention of trying to locate in business in St. Louis. He had worked several years for the Simpson-Hack Fruit company, but recently had not had very steady employment. He possessed about \$600 in drafts when he went away and with this expected to purchase some business.

But why he should have taken his life none of his acquaintances in this city could explain. Glen W. Hack of the fruit company, who was the guardian of Thornton, last night stated that Thornton had been subject to bilious attacks, and on several occasions before he went away from Los Angeles his sickness had deranged his mind somewhat. Mr. Hack said he had received a letter from Thornton several days ago in which the young man appeared to be in excellent spirits, with the exception of having a bilious attack. In that letter he said that he was about to consult with a physician for aid. Mr. Hack said that the reason of Thornton's act must have been temporary aberration caused by sickness. There was absolutely, so far as he knew, nothing else which would have led the young man to have committed suicide. L. D. Drake, mentioned in the dispatch as the person to whom Thornton had sent a telegram requesting his aid, is thought to have been a former school teacher of the deceased. It has not been decided what disposition will be made of the remains, as Mrs. Thornton was not notified last evening.

## STRANGE SUICIDE

OF CHARLES H. THORNTON OF LOS ANGELES

## BLEW OUT HIS BRAINS

AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE SOUTHERN HOTEL

## HIS LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS

Reveal the Whereabouts of Friends But Afford No Explanation of the Deed

Special to The Herald. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 13.—A few minutes before 11 o'clock Charles H. Thornton of Los Angeles, Cal., committed suicide in a sensational manner at the Broadway entrance to the Southern hotel. He was a guest of the Southern, occupying room 426. Thornton came in from the west Saturday night about 10:30. After registering and having his luggage taken to his room he had placed in the hotel safe a package containing money and valuables. He paced the corridors all night, going in and out of the hotel, evidently laboring under great mental excitement. He did not retire during the night, but kept pacing up and down, keeping his own counsel. About 8 o'clock in the morning he got the valuables he had in the safe and later received a telegram which seemed to add materially to his troubles. He spent Sunday mostly in his room, writing or wandering aimlessly around the corridors. He was in and out repeatedly during the early part of the evening. About 10:30 he went to Faust's, in the same block, where he procured and drank a bottle of beer. Then walking back to the main entrance, with head bowed down on his breast, he suddenly pulled a revolver from his pocket, placed the muzzle in his mouth and pulled the trigger, falling dead on the sidewalk at the main entrance. Two ladies passing at the time witnessed the gruesome deed and were seized with hysterics, adding greatly to the confusion and excitement incident to the tragedy.

Thornton was sober all day and it is not believed that he drank anything except the bottle of beer just prior to his suicide. In a traveling case in his room were found envelopes addressed to Mrs. Isabella Thornton, 821 West Eighteenth street, presumably his wife; Glenn W. Hall, and Simpson & Hack Fruit company, all of Los Angeles, Cal.

He was about 40 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches in height, of gentlemanly appearance, and wore a blonde mustache. Nothing is known as to his business here. The telegram was from Booneville, Mo., signed Mrs. L. D. Drake, and read: "Mr. Drake is in St. Louis, will leave tonight," and was in answer to the following: "L. D. Drake, Reform School, Booneville, Mo.: Come here at once. I need your assistance. Answer at once. Charles H. Thornton, Lindell hotel."

It is evident from the above that Thornton got his mail at the Lindell, though stopping at the Southern.

He arrived in the city on Sunday, the 6th, stopping at the Moser hotel, where he paid his bill Saturday, the 12th, going to the Southern, as though he had just arrived on the train.

Col. Gilliss Dead

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Col. James Gilliss, assistant quartermaster general, U. S. A., died suddenly today at Governor's island.

## KILLING OF NEGROES

Calls Forth a Protest by the Forum Club

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 13.—At a meeting today of the Forum club, composed of the most prominent colored citizens of St. Louis, Prof. O. M. Wood, race commissioner of the organization, delivered an address upon the subject of the recent massacre of negroes in the southern states, condemning these acts and calling for intervention by the national government.

Resolutions were adopted for the appointment of a committee to draft an address to President McKinley, calling his attention to the deplorable condition of the colored citizens, who are subjected in the states in which they live to all forms of violence, and to ask him to intervene in behalf of humanity and good government. The committee was instructed to circulate this petition throughout the United States for the purpose of securing signatures and the co-operation of the colored citizens of the entire country. A copy will be sent to each United States senator and representative.

## New York Horse Show

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—The annual horse show and parade of fashion will begin tomorrow in Madison-square garden, and the directors of the National Horse Show association today celebrated in advance the success they feel sure will attend the show this year. A dinner was given in the garden, and after it the guests were invited into the arena, where most of the horses entered were put through their paces preliminary to the opening. The entries this year are far more numerous than they were last fall, and the standard is high.

## Joe Jefferson's Health

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Joseph Jefferson has canceled his engagement at the Fifth-avenue theater, where he was to appear in "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Rivals" this week. Mr. Jefferson was compelled to remain in his apartments all of last week on account of a severe attack of bronchitis, but his physician advises him to rest for another week, at the end of which time he will fill his coming engagements.

## A False Report

BALTIMORE, Nov. 13.—Receiver Oscar G. Murray of the Baltimore and Ohio railway said today there was no truth in the story sent out from Chicago last week that there was any difference between himself and J. J. Hill over the appointment of a general manager to succeed William Greene. He said that nothing had occurred to give rise to any such rumor.

## Cycle Baseball

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—The annual winter season of the Cycle baseball league opened today at the Prosidio athletic grounds in an auspicious manner. The initial game was a contest between the Olympics and the California Cycling club, the former team winning by a score of 4 to 1.

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WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN THE PHILIPPINES AS THE RESULT OF EXPANSION  
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