

LASTING PEACE.

The Czar Makes a Proposition for an International Conference.

With Russia in the Lead in Such a Step Germany, France and the Other Nations May Follow—Views of Some European Papers.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—The czar's proposition for an international conference for the purpose of securing real and lasting peace among the powers and the termination of the progressive increase in armaments, as conveyed in a note from Count Muravioff, the Russian foreign minister, to the foreign diplomats at St. Petersburg, is likely to produce a sensation throughout Europe, and coming from such a quarter and with such evident sincerity of purpose, it is likely to have important effects.

There is no doubt that with Russia taking the lead in such a step, Germany, France and the other nations will be ready to follow.

ROME, Aug. 29.—The czar's note has made a profound impression here. Some of the newspapers applaud, while others greet the communication with reserve or distrust.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—The Daily Graphic Monday morning referring to the proposal of Emperor Nicholas, says:

"It would be idle to attempt to ignore the many and grave difficulties standing in the way of the attainment of the czar's wishes; but it can not be possible to doubt the sincerity of the magnanimous proposal."

The Standard says, speaking editorially of the czar's proposal:

"In England at least respect and sympathy will be felt for the proposal. It is a conception well worthy of the young sovereign. It is painfully obvious that there are enormous difficulties to be overcome which it is possible the czar in his ardor and humane enthusiasm has not maturely considered. It is a vision which has occurred to many minds, but has always had to be dismissed as a mere dream. The nations are not likely to cast away the sword unless they have a better warrant than paper protocols and conventions. Moreover, the moment does not seem altogether propitious. New armed nations are arising in Asia and America whom it might not be easy to convince of the safety and desirability of abandoning the enterprise on which they have embarked with so much energy."

Enumerating the many obstacles to the attainment of the object sought, the Standard suggests that the czar has the matter largely in his own hands, adding:

"If Russia would abandon her menacing and aggressive policy in China and elsewhere, the era of universal peace would be perceptibly nearer."

ROME, Aug. 29.—The belief here is that the czar first obtained Austrian and German assent to the conference. The papers admit the extraordinary importance of the document and pay tribute to the humanitarian motives.

The Tribuna thinks Germany and Italy will consent but France will disapprove of her ally's action.

PARIS, Aug. 29.—The Figaro believes that the conference will assemble, because the czar would not have risked a refusal. It believes, however, that the aspiration is chimerical.

The Gaulois thinks the proposal a natural one from Russia, because the immense armament imposed upon her is the principal obstacle to her development. The Gaulois says:

"France would not gain what Russia and the other powers would by disarmament. Universal peace has been often proposed, but never realized."

Le Journal thinks the conference, instead of realizing the czar's hopes, will rather accentuate national antagonism, if it does not lead to demands totally inimical to the world's peace.

Hospital Ship Solace Overdue.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—A special to the World from Boston says: The Red Cross hospital ship Solace, with sick and wounded sailors from Santiago, was due here Tuesday. No tidings have been received of her since she left the shores of Cuba and grave fears have arisen concerning her safety. The Solace had on board a number of sick and convalescent sailors from Sampson's fleet, who were to be taken to the naval hospital at Chelsea.

Ordered Mustered Out.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—The following volunteer regiments were Saturday ordered to be mustered out of the service: The 1st and 5th Missouri, at Chickamauga, and the 3d Missouri, now at Middletown, Pa., will go to Jefferson barracks, Mo. The 139th Indiana, now at Middletown, will go to Indianapolis. The 5th New York, now at Chickamauga, will go to Hempstead, L. I.

Will Sail on the Seneca.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—The Porto Rican military commission will sail for Porto Rico on the Seneca, which at present is one of the vessels of the war department, but probably will be transferred to the navy. Adm. Schley will hoist his flag on her while the Brooklyn will go into dock for repairs.

Favors Abandonment of the Philippines.

MADRID, Aug. 29.—The important financial weekly paper, the Estafeta, supports the party which favors the abandonment of the Philippines.

EX-GOV. MATTHEWS DEAD.

He Passed Away Peacefully, Surrounded by His Wife and Other Members of His Immediate Family.

LANCASTER, Ind., Aug. 28.—Former Gov. Claude Matthews was stricken with paralysis Thursday afternoon at Meharry's grove, where he was attending the old settlers' meeting. Gov. Matthews had just concluded his address when stricken. He is speechless and his entire right side is paralyzed. Physicians from Elmdale and Wingate are in attendance and his condition is considered dangerous.



CLAUDE MATTHEWS.

WINGATE, Ind., Aug. 29.—At 6:30 o'clock Sunday morning at the quiet Meharry homestead, where he was taken immediately after his sudden affliction, ex-Gov. Claude Matthews passed away peacefully, surrounded by his wife and all the other members of his immediate family.

There was prayer service, accompanied by the singing of hymns, at the bedside of the dying ex-governor. Mrs. Matthews was very much affected, and stated that she would give anything in the world if her husband would manifest by a single word his faith in Jesus. About 3 o'clock the minister in the course of the services asked the dying man if he believed in Jesus. The answer, as plainly as any one could articulate it, was "Yes." The three physicians regarded this answer as miraculous, as all agreed that the particular part of the brain affected by the paralysis was that governing speech and that the ex-governor would probably never have talked had he lived. It was the only word he spoke after he was stricken. He immediately lapsed into a profound coma from which he did not recover before he passed away at 6:30 o'clock. Mrs. Matthews started from Wingate Monday morning with the remains of her husband and will arrive at Clinton, Ind., at 1:30 in the afternoon.

From Clinton the party will go direct to Hazel Bluff, the home of the dead ex-governor.

Out of respect to the expressed wish of Gov. Matthews the body will not be taken to Indianapolis to lie in state at the capitol. The funeral will occur Wednesday afternoon at an hour to be hereafter determined, and will be held in the beautiful grove adjoining the cemetery, as there is no church or other edifice in Clifton of sufficient size to accommodate the immense crowd that will desire to attend the funeral.

Monday the mayor of Clinton will issue a proclamation to the merchants and others of the city calling upon them to close their places of business Wednesday so that everybody may be given an opportunity to attend the funeral of their beloved fellow townsman.

Mrs. Matthews is bearing up surprisingly well under the strain of her terrible affliction, but friends fear she will suffer collapse after the funeral.

Mrs. Matthews received hundreds of telegrams and messages of condolence Sunday. Gov. Mount expressed the sorrow of the state at the sudden death of the ex-governor and requested that the remains be brought to Indianapolis to lie in state at the capitol. In this he was joined by Mayor Taggart and other prominent citizens. To the governor and mayor Mrs. Matthews replied that Mr. Matthews had often said to his family that when he died he wanted no pomp nor parade, and would not like to have his body lie in state. Hence other and more unostentatious arrangements had already been made for the funeral. Gov. Mount and staff will attend the funeral at Clinton and a special train will leave Indianapolis Wednesday morning to carry state officials and others.

Gov. Matthews was born in Bath county, Kentucky, December 14, 1845. He left Kentucky in 1865 and settled in Vermillion county, Indiana, where he had a farm of 2,000 acres. The governor served a term in the legislature in 1876. In 1890 he was nominated and elected secretary of state and in 1892 was chosen governor.

Missionaries for Cuba and Porto Rico.

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 29.—The Michigan conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church, which was in session here this week, decided to send Bishop Turner and Rev. Mr. Atwood as missionaries to Cuba and Porto Rico. Special action may be taken later in regard to the Philippines.

Insane on the Street.

ASHTABULA, O., Aug. 29.—Miss Mary Collins, a highly estimable young lady, went violently insane on the street.

AMERICAN ARMY ON THE POINT OF RUPTURE.

Bill to Be Introduced to Correct Defects in the Existing Military Laws.

Also to Increase the Strength of the Army on a Peace Footing to 100,000 Enlisted Men—Mr. Hull is Confident the Measure Will Pass.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—One of the important matters which will occupy the attention of congress at its next session will be legislation to increase the strength of the permanent military establishment, says the Washington correspondent of the Tribune. Chairman Hull, of the committee on military affairs of the house of representatives, who is in Washington, where he expects to remain until early in November, is devoting much attention to the subject, and has already discovered that the war has removed some of the more formidable obstacles which hindered and finally prevented the enactment of a satisfactory law for the organization and increase of the army at the last congress.

In the coming session he will intro-

The Relations Between Great Britain and China Greatly Strained—The Latter Must Regard Former's Wishes.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—Authoritative confirmation has been received of the dispatch from Peking to the Daily Mail, Saturday morning, asserting that the relations between the Tsung-Li-Yamen and Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister to China, are strained to the point of rupture, and that Sir Claude has intimated that Great Britain will regard as a casus belli any failure on the part of China to observe her wishes. They say that the situation between Great Britain and China is acute, Sir Claude MacDonald strenuously insisting that China shall observe her engagements to the British syndicates and demanding satisfactory explanations with regard to the Peking-Hankow railway. If necessary, the British squadron, now assembled at Wei-Hai-Wei, will support the British minister's demands. Meanwhile, add the foreign office officials, the negotiations that are being conducted by Sir Charles Scott, the British and Russian spheres of influences are

WAS GREETED WITH CHEERS.

Adm. Schley Warmly Received on His Arrival in Washington—Thanked by President McKinley.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Rr. Adm. Winfield S. Schley reached Washington at 4:10 o'clock Friday afternoon over the Pennsylvania railroad. He was quickly noticed at most of the stations along the line and throughout the trip he was greeted with cheering crowds. When the train pulled into the depot here he found a compact mass of spectators which filled the depot and overflowed out into the train shed. The admiral and Mrs. Schley, when they appeared were greeted with cheers of "Hurrah for Schley." Everybody joined in the shouting and the depot attaches crowded about the admiral and insisted on a handshake. At the gates the crowd increased and amid deafening cheers the admiral and his wife, the former with her hat off, passed through two solid lines of people. A lieutenant and squad of police, with difficulty, cleared the passageway to the carriage which was in waiting. Through a mass of vehicles that had been drawn up by curious drivers, the hansom pulled into Pennsylvania avenue and proceeded directly to the Shoreham hotel. There were groups of cheerers all the way and a cavalcade of cyclists formed a voluntary escort. The admiral stayed only a few minutes at the hotel and then drove over to the navy department where, without any preliminaries, he reported directly to Acting Secretary Allen.

The latter accompanied him over to the white house, reaching there at 4:50. The president gave him a most cordial reception. The president thanked the admiral, as he had Adm. Sampson, for the success of that memorable engagement of July 3, and took occasion to say that it was that battle which brought about the surrender of Santiago. The president thanked him in behalf of himself and the nation for his brilliant services on that day and asked him to describe the battle, which the admiral did at length.

The president then entered into a discussion of the work of the Porto Rican commission to which the admiral has been appointed. He went over with him the general instructions which will guide the body in arranging for the evacuation of the Spanish from the island and other work. During most of the conference which occupied about an hour, Assistant Secretary of State Moore was present. On leaving the president the admiral drove to his hotel. He said his health had improved greatly. He will have another conference with Acting Secretary of the Navy Allen and probably early Saturday afternoon will leave for New York.

Many of the friends of the admiral and Mrs. Schley learned of their presence at the hotel and called during the evening. Although considerably better he is not well and said Friday that he expected to leave here Saturday to visit relatives in Maryland which probably will consume several days, after which he will go to Connecticut to remain until about time to start for Porto Rico. Some ship other than the Brooklyn, he said, would be selected for this purpose as the Brooklyn was about to undergo needed repairs.

The admiral during the evening talked briefly of some of the principal incidents of the fight which led to the destruction of Cervera's squadron and of some other pertinent matters of interest at this time, new features of which he said were recurring to him as time passed by. He said:

"It is my opinion that the Spanish admiral might have escaped with possibly one or two of his ships had he adopted different tactics in coming out of the harbor. Had he diverted the course of his ships sending some of them east and others to the west it is my belief that he might have escaped with one or possibly two of the vessels. Such a course naturally would have compelled us to separate our fleet and some of Cervera's ships might have been able to have reached Havana."

Gov. Black's Demand.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Gov. Black, of New York, arrived Friday night. He says: "I am here to demand that the government turn over to the state immediately all of New York's soldiers. We will not allow them to rot where they are. We will take them to Fire Island, feed, nurse, shelter and clothe them at our own expense."

Roosevelt and Alger Shake.

MONTAUK POINT, N. Y., Aug. 27.—Col. Roosevelt arrived here, and, after visiting his men, called on Secretary Alger at Gen. Wheeler's headquarters. The secretary shook hands with Roosevelt, and for five minutes the two stood talking together. Relations seemed of the most cordial character.

The Cruisers St. Paul and St. Louis.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The navy department has ordered the cruisers St. Louis and St. Paul to the League Island navy yards, Philadelphia, where they will be restored to their condition as liners and returned to the American line, from which they were chartered.

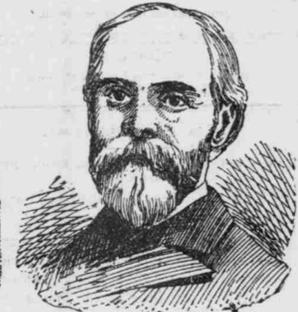
Willings to Stay in the Service.

FERNANDINA, Fla., Aug. 27.—The report that the men of the 3d Q. V. I. desire to be mustered out is false. The regiment is willing to abide with the decision of the war department.

THE AMERICAN PEACE COMMISSION.



JUSTICE WHITE.



WHITELAW REID.



SECRETARY DAY, CHAIRMAN.



SENATOR DAVIS.



SENATOR FRYE.

duce a bill to correct the defects in the existing law, and to increase the strength of the army on a peace footing to 100,000 enlisted men. He feels confident that the measure will be passed.

The strongest opposition to the reorganization bill last winter and spring came from the representatives of the national guard organizations of the various states, and it was effective to a considerable extent. The experience of the last four months, there is reason to believe, has convinced that element, as well as a great many congressmen who surrendered to its influence, that the opposition was ill judged and unreasonable, and that a reasonably strong regular army, thoroughly equipped and organized on a modern basis, would be a benefit, rather than a drawback, to the national guard organizations.

Winnie Davis' Condition.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, R. I., Aug. 29.—The condition of Miss Winnie Davis, who is critically ill here, was slightly improved Sunday. At a consultation Saturday by Dr. John A. Wilcox and Dr. Bache, of New York, her illness was pronounced to be gastritis. Prayers were offered Sunday for her recovery in the Episcopal and Catholic churches here.

New Distillery at Terre Haute.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 29.—A new distillery company capitalized at \$300,000 has let contracts for the erection of a distillery in this city to have a daily capacity of 5,000 bushels of corn. The contract calls for the completion of the building before December 1. The company, in which Fred B. Smith, of this city, and George E. Enmitt, of Pekin, Ills., are the two heaviest stockholders, will be an anti-trust concern and will manufacture nothing but high proof spirits.

IN A STATE OF ANARCHY.

People in the Country Districts of Porto Rico Terrorized by the Guerrillas Since Withdrawal of Spaniards.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—A dispatch from Ponce, Porto Rico, to the Herald, says:

Gen. Stone, who has just returned from the vicinity of Arcibo, reports that a state of anarchy exists in the country districts.

The withdrawal of the Spanish troops gives the guerrillas free play.

Gen. Stone says that the people are terrorized and are praying for American protection. The Spanish formerly covered the country with a mounted patrol. Our forces have not yet been put in charge.

The natives and the Spaniards are busy cutting each others throats. Gen. Stone sent a full report to Gen. Miles Friday night.

Capt. Waters and Lieut. Fulmer, of Battery C, of Phoenixville, Pa., have resigned from the United States service.

Lieut. Fulmer and Lieut. Bean, who are in the same battery, were tried before an efficiency board, whose verdict has not yet been made known.

Soldiers' Train Wrecked.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 29.—A wreck of a train bearing soldiers to Huntsville is reported on the Louisville & Nashville near here. One man is said to have been killed and many injured. The troops are said to be the 69th New York en route from Fernandina to Huntsville.

Two enlisted men of the 69th New York volunteers were instantly killed, one fatally and six seriously injured in a wreck which occurred on the Louisville and Nashville near here Sunday night.

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