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PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY.

With the Peace Commissioners in Paris. Agreement Secured.

Negotiations for the Acquisition by the United States of One of the Caroline Islands.

Associated Press Report.

Washington, Dec. 3.—It is now known that there is no further prospect of any important disagreement between the peace commissioners from this country and those from Spain.

What is now going on in Paris is negotiations respecting certain objects which the United States government seeks to accomplish in that manner instead of resorting to the more usual but tedious method of correspondence between the two governments. These objects are the acquisition of one of the Caroline Islands, a cable station and coaling station, or certain right to land cables on the Spanish possessions at other points, the procurement of religious worship in the Carolines and the revival of certain treaties of trade and commerce, etc.

Spain may sell to the United States one of the Caroline Islands or may refuse to do so, and moreover if we buy the islands it must be at a price satisfactory to Spain. She may sell the Caroline group to Germany instead of the United States if she can obtain a better price from the former. There is good reason to assume the correctness of the report that Germany is even now bargaining for these islands.

The New Jerome.

The following is from the correspondent of the Phoenix Gazette.

Jerome is the busiest town in Arizona. There is more building going on, more freight being hauled into camp, more money daily changing hands, more rapid increase in real estate values, than are to be found anywhere else in Arizona.

The recent fire seems to have taught a salutary lesson to property owners.

The new Jerome will be studded with substantial buildings of brick, stone, iron and cement. Contracts for over \$800,000 worth of such structures have been already let. Carpenters, bricklayers, masons, painters, plasterers and all the other craftsmen have flocked to the town until there are now two men to every job.

The copper company have under way the new Masonic hall down in the town, which will be four stories high, brick, stone and iron, steam heated, and will be the finest business block in Jerome. The new hotel building on the hill, of massive stone, brick and iron, to contain two hundred rooms, with all modern luxuries and conveniences, and the new hospital building to be of brick and stone, three stories high, which when completed, will be the best building of its kind in northern Arizona. In addition there are fifteen dwellings and cottages under way for the tenancy of employees.

EL PASO METAL MARKET.

Silver Certificates.....61@61½
Bar Silver.....60@60½
Mexican Dollars.....47
Copper steady; Brokers in N. Y. 12½
Exchange.....12.85
Lead quiet.....3½@3.65

A Killing at Globe.

A special telegram to the Phoenix Herald, under date of November 30th, states that Charles Edwards shot and killed Charles Cadotte and mortally wounded Milton Brawley last night. Edwards is the son of Judge E. J. Edwards, formerly a member of the territorial council. Edwards is in jail.

It is likely that by December 1st it will be possible for Dallas to talk with New York over the long distance telephone. We read of people talking from Kansas City to Boston, but when the marvel is brought as near home as Dallas it becomes vastly more interesting. The special service will go by way of Paris, Texarkana, Fine Bluff and Memphis. The Dallas operator will call Memphis, the call will be repeated to Pittsburg, and thence to New York or other eastern cities. It will take about three minutes to get the connection, and there will be no difficulty in carrying on conversation over the tremendous distance.—El Paso Herald.

Owing to the great number of dipped cattle which died in Oklahoma during the recent cold spell, cattlemen are improving the live stock board to reinstate the open season. Governor Barnes has consented to call a meeting of the board and it is possible that the quarantine may be raised during a part of December.—Range News.

ALL SORTS OF ITEMS.

Freight rates on provisions from Chicago to New York were recently cut from 30c to 15c per 100 lbs.

A movement is on foot to provide for the care and support of aged and indigent railroad men in the state of Texas. The movement has the endorsement of many prominent railroad officials.

Las Vegas, N. M., is to have the biggest ice house in the west. It is to be built by the Santa Fe railroad, and twenty-five carloads of lumber are to be used in its construction.

Estimates by the United States treasury in the cost to this country of the Spanish war up to the present time places it at about \$180,000,000.

Should the people demand that all questions of increased taxation be referred to the voters, taxes would be materially reduced and the money paid out to support the government would be forthcoming with more cheerfulness.—Enterprise.

Red Cloud, the aged Sioux chief has protested against the expenditure of \$12,000 of his tribe's money for the purpose of building sixty miles of fence along the border of their reservation in South Dakota, to keep out the cattle of settlers.—Range News.

Final returns have been received from the various counties in South Dakota on the constitutional amendment at the recent election. Woman suffrage was defeated by 4,005, and the South Carolina dispensary system by 965; while the initiative and referendum has been carried by a majority of a little over six thousand.

The corkscrew branch of the El Paso and Northwestern railroad has been completed, but the curves and grades are too sharp for the ability of the special mountain-climbing locomotives ordered from the Baldwin Locomotive works. These peculiar looking machines are being remodeled in the El Paso shops by machinists from the Baldwin works.—El Paso Herald.

"McKinley prosperity" up in Massachusetts has just closed down ten additional acres of the largest estate, and still cotton is worth but four cents in Texas. This is not a very strong affirmation of the president's recent declaration on his round-the-circle speeches that the country has gone from "labor seeking employment to employment seeking labor."—El Paso Times.

A telegram from Washington dated Dec. 1st and published in the Phoenix Enterprise says: "The war department in view of the assurances that a peace treaty will be signed, is arranging to muster out more troops. Of the troops that were to go to Cuba, but that will now be mustered out, Bryan's regiment will be among the number, as will the territorial regiment known as the Big Four. It is understood that Colonel McCord who was recently promoted one notch in view of the Cuban campaign then in contemplation, now desires to retire to private life, and it is probable he will resume his former position as governor of Arizona. It is understood the president will send his name to the senate providing he desires to return to Arizona."

Captain Sigbee and his crew of the auxiliary cruiser St. Paul will shortly receive checks from the treasury department for the sums they are entitled to under a prize court award for capturing the British tramp Restormal just as she was about to enter Santiago harbor bearing coal for Server's fleet. Under a decision of the Florida court the cargo of the Restormal was valued at \$13,000, ship being returned to her owners. The law says that in captures made similar to that of Captain Sigbee's three-twentieths of the amount, after deducting the government's share, shall go to the skipper. Captain Sigbee thus draws \$975 for the part he took in helping the United States to resent the loss of the Maine.

Nearly all the Rough Riders in this city who took part in the campaign of Santiago are still suffering from the effects of Cuban fever. The boys who bravely defended the honor of this country on Cuban soil are becoming discouraged over the prospect of going through life enfeebled by fever. Four Rough Riders from this office went to Cuba with Roosevelt. When they went away they were perfect specimens of young manhood. They are again in the office, but shadows of their former selves, and every few days are laid up with the fever. These men need pensions to enable them to obtain the necessary medicines to cure themselves of a disease incurred in defense of the flag of their country.—Albuquerque Citizen.

For the best cut and most stylish garment, call on A. Champagne, the Bisbee tailor.—Brewery Gulch. n201w

The Journal des Debats, of Paris, says: "The Americans having started out to liberate Cuba, have ended with pocketing what remained of Spain's colonies. This moral evolution of America is edifying as a good example of the manner in which one can almost in good faith arrive at the formulation of the most outrageous demands, by the infusion of ambition and duty at once, by considering an interest to be a divine right. Now that America has entered the arena of international politics, she may have some lively surprises in store even for those who have been ready to offer their friendship."

Three men whose recommendations deserve consideration have within a fortnight urged an increase in the regular army. General O. O. Howard says it should number 82,000 men, Adjutant General Corbin does not fix a number, and General Miles suggests the elastic ratio of one soldier for each 1,000 of the population, including the dependencies new or hereafter to be ours, which would make an army of nearly 100,000. There is little doubt that congress will act on these suggestions at an early date. In giving consent to the changes, it will not "plunge the nation into militarism," nor "create a standing menace to republican government," but will simply show its wisdom in learning the lesson of experience.—Herald.

For over two months past there has been somewhat continuous rioting, attended with loss of life in some instances, at Pana, Illinois, between the striking coal miners there and the negroes brought from the south to take their places. The latest Associated Press dispatch in reference to the subject was as follows: "After fifty days of continuous night and day riot duty in Pana, Troop B of Bloomington, the First Illinois cavalry squadron, were relieved by Company K, Fifth regiment. Desultory shooting continues nightly, the provost guard having but little success in effecting captures." Previous recent published telegrams inform us that lately the colored men have been the active aggressors. It certainly appears at this distance very remarkable, very unaccountable to the authorities of Illinois, that these lawless disturbances should be permitted, even into a second day, much less into the third month, as they have been. Pana is almost the center of a network of railroads extending throughout that great state, therefore the whole power of the state for the prevention and suppression of lawlessness and securing of order, could in a comparatively few hours be concentrated there, and used to the restoration of order within a few hours later. However, there would seem to be some politics mixed up in this matter in Illinois. "Private" Tanner is governor of Illinois, his second term, by the votes of the republican party, in which party he has for years been prominent and popular. At the incipency of the Pana trouble Gov. Tanner took a very positive position in favor of the strikers, yet he took active steps to repress any lawlessness among them and quieted a brief riot seemed restored. Since the imported negroes have become the aggressors, his official powers have apparently become partially paralyzed. In fact he seems not to know where he is at.

During the campaign the question of the removal of territorial institutions was but little dwelt upon in this county. However, the democratic county platform explicitly declared against it, as did also that of Graham county. Regarding other counties the data is not on hand, but the consensus of democratic opinion throughout the territory was certainly in opposition to removal. In Yavapai county the question is especially agitated because of the long deferred hope existing among some of its people that the penitentiary will be removed to Prescott and add importance and business to that thriving place. The "Journal Miner" of Prescott, which is a republican journal of the most pronounced republican type, rarely admitting that a democrat can have any hope of happiness in a future state, now soundly berates the "Courier," the democratic journal, for mildly stating that Yavapai county, and especially the city of Prescott, will be better off without the penitentiary. The J. M. now calls upon the democratic 20th assembly to do justice to the northern section of the territory by removing the prison there. That assembly certainly will not do it.

When old Zachariah Fox, the great merchant of Liverpool, was asked by what means he had contrived to realize so large a fortune as he possessed, his reply was: "Friend, by one article, in which thou mayst deal, too, if thou pleasest—ivory."

The corks were popping in an uptown court last evening.

From Wednesday's Daily.

H. C. Stillman leaves tomorrow for Tucson on a short visit.

W. H. Broome is at present acting as correspondent for the Prospector.

Wood is a scarce article in the Bisbee market at present.

Only thirty-one more days of '98 and then you will have to write it with two nines.

We learn reliably that Bisbee is soon to have a gas plant.

Frank Ryan, better known as "Fatty," is still seriously ill from an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. J. H. Slaughter left yesterday for her home at the San Bernardino ranch, after spending several days in our town.

There is a considerable amount of assessment work being done on the mining claims in this vicinity.

The lodging house of Mary Tack is rapidly nearing completion, and will be one of the best finished buildings in our town.

Sheriff White is expected here shortly with subpoenas for the grand and trial jurors. What a scattering there will be when he arrives.

The young son of John Pistoneth had the misfortune to break his arm yesterday by falling from a burro.

Fred Colman has disposed of his horses and wagon and is at present trying his luck at prospecting in the Huachuca.

Governor-elect Henry Gage of California was a brother to Dick Gage, former chief of police of Tombstone, who afterwards committed suicide there.

The next attraction at the Opera House is the celebrated Ott Brothers in the roaring farce, "All Aboard." See announcement in another column.

The water in the railroad well at Naco still remains the same depth in spite of the efforts of a small pump to reduce it. There is at present a little over six feet of it.

The Weekly Reflex is the latest publication to reach our shores, and is published at Mayer, Yavapai county, by J. A. Gardiner. We wish him abundant success in his new field.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new stock yards at Naco. A new pair of track scales has been received here and will be taken to that place.

C. Phillip Hart, druggist for the Copper Queen company, will be married this evening in Phoenix to Miss Cole, an estimable young lady of that city, where Phil spent two or three years prior to his return here a few months since.

The committee having in charge the arrangements for the reception of the visiting "school marm" is preparing an interesting programme. Our citizens should do all in their power to assist the committee in the matter, so as to make the visit of the ladies attending the Institute a pleasant one. The male pedagogues can take care of themselves.

Justice Williams this morning sentenced a "hobo" to thirty days on the road, on the charge of vagrancy, but suspended sentence till noon today that the man might have a chance to leave town. He thought this a hard town, as he had been in town but a very few hours when arrested by Constable Vaughn.

The fire this afternoon has brought to the minds of the citizens and tax payers of Bisbee the necessity of a first class fire company and considerable more equipments. Two or three standpipes are needed on upper Main St. while one is needed in the vicinity of the Opera House and two others in Brewery Gulch. At present there is not hose enough and in case of several lengths bursting the firemen would be seriously handicapped. The present organization does not seem to be what it should, while we are not criticizing the present members we think that a much better company could be organized. There are plenty of able bodied, active young men in our city who would be glad to organize a company should they be given the privilege of doing so.

The Fire.

About ten minutes before 1 o'clock this afternoon, the town was startled by the ringing of the fire bell. The clouds of smoke arising from the vicinity of the Central Lodging House quickly brought the crowd to that place.

The fire started in one of the middle rooms of Central from a candle that had been left burning, igniting the paper on the wall and running up. The fire company was soon on hand and had a stream of water on the burning building. The damage by fire was slight, but a vast amount more was done by water, all of the rooms being thoroughly drenched. The building is owned by Mrs. Rice, who is running it as a lodging house.

HOLIDAY GOODS

In Our Furniture Room we are Displaying the Largest Assortment of Toys ever brought to Bisbee.

We are also showing in this Department a complete Line of Albums, Toilet Cases, Manicure Sets, Work Boxes, Dressing Cases, Card, Baskets, Photograph Boxes, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Music Rolls, Banquet Lamps, Clocks: Fine China Novelties and Handsomely Framed Pictures.

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