

THE FLICKERING WAR.

Spain Still Withdrews Assent to Peace Terms but Only for Form's Sake.

Madrid Government Thinks It Looks Better to Make Show of Bargaining.

Meanwhile the Plenic Expeditions Set Out to Please United States Soldiers.

Washington, Aug. 4.—There was an expectation in the state department that perhaps toward the close of the afternoon some word might be received from Spain through the French ambassador in reply to the President's deliverance yesterday on the subject of peace conditions. This expectation was based upon the fact that the terms themselves had not been modified in any essential point, so that there was little occasion for prolix discussion by the Spanish cabinet which was presumed to have thoroughly considered this matter before sending the first reply. However, it was perceived by some news despatches that the Madrid cabinet meeting had been inconclusive, so it was thus presumed that nothing definite could be expected before to-morrow noon at the earliest.

There is a confident belief among the administration officials that the Spanish government will accept the terms laid down by the President, and that the day of a day or two in recognizing the inevitable is a purpose to improve the terms. This, however, cannot be accomplished, and the French ambassador, who is well aware of that fact, unquestionably so informed the Spanish government though that government has preserved its own position and is not prepared to submit the counter proposition presented yesterday by M. Cambon to the President. The French ambassador is still in the war expedition go on steadily.

CHINESE COMPLICATIONS. Natives Placidity Awaiting a Struggle Between Russia and Great Britain—Railway Concessions.

London, Aug. 4.—A despatch from Peking to a local news agency says: "Efforts are being made by the British colony at Newchang in conjunction with the Japanese to obtain concessions for the neighborhood as a prelude to a railway terminus. Newchang is a town and treaty port in the province of Leaotong, on the northern coast of China, near the Gulf of Pechili. The matter has been referred to the local taotai (the ruler of two or more departments of a province united into one), whose duties include disposing of it is declared to be due to Russian bribes. It is impossible to over-estimate the importance of a railway proper footing in a region where already Russian influence predominates. The proposed proposition of the Newchang railway is being made by the British 'fact' renders the co-operation of the British government necessary for the gravity of the situation is understood. Letters have been received from leading British merchants in Newchang, confirming the reports of the state of uneasiness prevailing among the Chinese, who are apprehensive of the future of England as likely to decide the future of China.

An imperial decree was issued to-day establishing a central railway administration and railway administration under the presidency of two cabinet ministers.

SPANISH VICTORIES. A Series Reported From Madrid—Commander Said to Have Been Shot for Surrendering.

Madrid, Aug. 4.—Official reports from Hilo show that the operations against the insurgents in Viscayas have been vigorously pushed. There have been several skirmishes and the capture of several provinces, the insurgents being beaten. The insurrection in the northern provinces has been suppressed. A British steamer loaded with natives and a cargo of arms was captured along the eastern shore, but the inhabitants of the eastern troops opposed a landing of munitions. On the queen regent's name day, the notable victory of the Rough Riders was announced from Havana that the town of Gibara on the north coast of Santiago de Cuba province has been evacuated by the Spanish troops and that the rebels on the island have been routed. General Alonzo, military governor of Havana, has asked the local newspapers to take up the battle in the best way to distribute the available food supplies in the city. General Blanco has decreed a suspension of the sittings of the insular chamber.

An official despatch from Havana says the Savoy battalion has defeated a large band of insurgents near Monte Verde province of Matanzas. The enemy abandoned their positions and were pursued at the point of bayonet. They lost heavily, including their commander, Jofe. The Spaniards had two killed and fourteen wounded.

An official despatch from San Juan de Puerto Rico says that Col. San Martin, who was in command of the Spanish garrison, has been ordered to be court-martialed and shot for abandoning the place without resistance. Lieut.-Col. Pinz, the second in command, committed suicide.

SOUTH AFRICAN ELECTIONS. Mr. Cecil Rhodes Waging a Hot Campaign Against Alleged Allies of President Kruger.

Cape Town, Aug. 4.—The colonial elections which opened September 4, are already causing excitement. Personalities are rampant and the issue is the most serious allegation against the leaders of both factions, Mr. Cecil Rhodes, the former Premier of Cape Colony, who is firm and bold, and the Afrikaner leader, the former President Kruger of the Transvaal Republic, who is carrying the fight into the camp of the British. He charges President Kruger with using secret service money to support the candidates of the Afrikaner party.

Mr. J. Gordon Sprigg, the premier, and Messrs. Rose, Jones, Smuts and Brabant will be returned without opposition. Messrs. Rhodes and Hill have nominated Mr. Barkley West, who is supported by an overwhelming majority of the voters. Nevertheless, the candidates of the Afrikanerbund demand a poll in every instance. Five Progressives and four Bondsmen will be returned without opposition.

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ARMY INVITES RECALL. Commanding Officers of Shafter's Brigade Protest Against Stay in Cuba.

Condition of Troops Such That Terrible Results Will Follow Further Exposure.

Santiago de Cuba, Aug. 4.—Summoned by Major-General Shafter, a meeting was held here this morning and in the presence of every commanding and medical officer of the fifth army corps, General Shafter read a cable message from Secretary Alger ordering him, on the recommendation of Surgeon-General Sternberg, to move the army into the interior of San Luis, where it is more healthful. As a result of the conference General Shafter will insist upon the withdrawal of the army for a period of two weeks. As an explanation of the situation, the following letter from Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, commanding the First Cavalry, to General Shafter, was handed by the latter to the correspondent here of the Associated Press for publication:

Major-General Shafter, Sir.—In the meeting between general and medical officers called by you at the palace this morning we were all, as you know, unanimous in the view as to what should be done with the army. To keep us here, in the opinion of every officer commanding a division or brigade, would simply involve the destruction of thousands. There is no possible way of escape, and practically the entire command north at once. Yellow fever cases are very few in the cavalry division where we are, and in one or two of the brigades there is not one true case of yellow fever except one sent to the hospital at Siboney where they contracted it. In this division there have been 1,500 cases of malarial fever. Not a man has died from it, but the whole command is so weakened and shattered by the malarial fever that the least exposure to a real yellow fever epidemic strikes us. Quarantine against malarial fever is not a matter of quarantine against typhoid. We are certain that as soon as the authorities in Washington fully appreciate the conditions that the army is in, they will have no object in keeping us here where we would face yellow fever with as much indifference as we face bullets, but there is no object. The four immense regiments ordered here are sufficient to garribose the city and surrounding towns and there is absolutely nothing for us to do here and has not been since the city surrendered. It is impossible to move the remainder of the army to the interior. The sick rate in our present weakened condition and, anyhow, the interior is rather worse than the coast. I have found no relief in the opinion that the four present camps are as healthy as any camp at this end of the island. Every shifting camp I cannot see our men who fought so bravely and endured extreme hardships and danger so uncomplainingly, go to destruction without striving to get away from me, to avoid a doom as fearful as it is unnecessary and undesired.

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ONTARIO LEGISLATURE. Premier Hardy Arraigned for Taking Election Disputes Out of the Courts.

He Promises to Submit Test Case to Decide Constables' Right to Vote.

If Decision B Adverse, Elections Affected to Be Fought Over Again.

(Special to the Colonist.) Toronto, Aug. 4.—After the opening proceedings in the legislature yesterday, while discussing and commenting on the nomination of Mr. Ewart for speaker, Mr. Whitney, leader of the opposition made a vigorous speech against calling the house together this year when so many seats are under protest.

Premier Hardy replying, said the government proposed doing nothing in the way of legislation aside from that touching the fisheries question, and the constables' vote matter. It was, however, to hold morning and evening sessions and after the end of this week to take all the time for government business with this view of getting through quickly.

The Premier at adjournment referred to the death of the Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald and moved that the house stand adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow out of respect to his memory.

The battle over the constables being in earnest to-night, Mr. Whitney making a vigorous onslaught on the government and the opposition party, and the Premier in reply, making a vigorous onslaught on the government and the opposition party, and the Premier in reply, making a vigorous onslaught on the government and the opposition party.

The Premier spoke from 10 to 11:30 p.m., defending the course of the government in regard to the constables' vote. He said the constables' vote was subject at the earliest possible date, with the provision that in the event of the courts deciding that the constables have not the right to vote, elections will be fought over again.

OPERATIONS ON CHANGE. Granger Stocks a Popular Investment in Anticipation of a Rise.

New York, Aug. 4.—It was very obvious from the developments in to-day's stock market that wealthy and powerful speculators were playing very large amounts of money in the granger stocks. In anticipation of a rise, there were many indications also that some of the funds which were being raised for the purpose of building the more modern railroads were being put into granger stocks.

Commercial Cable in Montreal 187; C. P. R. in London, 85 1/2. Money on call, steady at 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 per cent; last loan, 1 1/2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3/4 to 4 per cent. Steer exchange, firm; posted rates, \$1.84 to \$1.85, and \$1.86 to 1/2 commercial bills.

Wheat options opened easy under foreign news, but closed strong. Light receipts, they ruled strong all day, supported by cash demand and light receipts, closing 1/2 higher than yesterday.

NICARAGUA CANAL. Growing Conviction that the War Has Brought This Work Very Near.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—The Hawaiian commission, composed of Senator Cullom, of Illinois; Senator Morgan, of Alabama, and Representative Pitt of Illinois, who had had an informal talk with a number of business men. Senator Morgan said that the annexation of Hawaii would result in the construction of the Nicaragua Canal. Not only would the Nicaragua canal be constructed, he said, but there would be a ship canal connecting Lake Michigan with the Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico and one between New York and Albatraz Sound. Senator Cullom also said the Nicaraguan canal would be built. Representative Pitt spoke of the certainty of the Nicaragua canal as one of the results of the war, also a cable to Hawaii.

ARCHBISHOP WALSH. The Funeral Ceremonies Yesterday Made a Very Impressive Scene.

Toronto, August 4.—(Special)—The funeral of the late Archbishop Walsh was celebrated this morning with great solemnity and grandeur. St. Michael's cathedral was packed from an early hour and there were present many church dignitaries from outside dioceses, including the Archbishop of Montreal, the Bishop of Quebec, the Bishop of Hamilton, the Bishop of Ontario, the Father Edward Kirwan, of Toronto; Father Dowling, of Toronto; Father Donnelly, of Ingersoll; Rev. Dr. Deane, of Toronto; Rev. Dr. Flannery, of St. Thomas; Father Davis, of Madoc, and Father Brennan, of St. Mary's.

George McL. Brown, executive agent of the C.P.R., was a passenger in view on the Chalmers last evening.

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