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LATEST REPORTS FROM THE OUTSIDE

Peace Commissioners Still Endeavoring to Reach a Settlement.

England Makes Preparations for a Possible Conflict—John Bull Will not be Caught Napping if Arms are Required.

PARIS, Nov. 8th.—The Spanish-American peace commissioners have notified the minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcasse, that the joint session which was to have taken place to-day will not be held, and they will notify the minister when they have determined upon the date of another meeting.

A semi-official note was issued this evening announcing that the peace commissioners had informed the French minister of foreign affairs that their conferences were suspended.

PARIS, Nov. 8th.—Inquiry developed the fact that the failure to hold a meeting of the commission today was only due to the Americans asking for a postponement of the joint session until tomorrow, in order to allow time for the translation of the reply to the United States of the latest Spanish propositions regarding the Philippine islands, which was received this morning.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8th.—So far as the state department knows there has been no break in the peace negotiations in Paris, and if any difficulty has arisen, officials say it would certainly have been reported promptly to the department. It is assumed that there must be some purely internal reason for the postponement, perhaps the convenience of the commission. The advices that have come to hand so far are said to be rather encouraging than the reverse, and there is a disposition here to agree to the statement rather seriously made by the Spanish cabinet yesterday that there will be three or four more meetings of the joint commission. This is taken as an indication that the Spaniards themselves are not looking for a break in the negotiations, but rather expect a peaceful conclusion in a short time.

PARIS, Nov. 9th.—The *Echo de Paris* today publishes a dispatch from Toulon, which says the entire French Mediterranean squadron is ready for sea. It adds that Admiral Fournier, its commander, received a cipher dispatch yesterday evening, whereupon he signalled to the fleet to get underway, to take her fire, and the fastest torpedo boat conveyed orders to the admiral commanding the squadron of French cruisers and torpedo boats to assemble immediately at Toulon, where all the vessels are prepared for action, and where the arsenal and ship yards have been worked all night. It later developed that Admiral Fournier had been summoned to Paris.

LONDON, Nov. 9th.—The *Echo*, an afternoon paper of this city, declares that the Marquis of Salisbury, at the lord-mayor's banquet tonight, will certainly announce a formal British protectorate over Egypt.

PARIS, Nov. 9th.—French newspapers generally approve of the silence of the chamber of deputies on the subject of Fashoda, and congratulate M. Brunet on his withdrawal of the interpellation which he intended to address to the government on the subject.

The *Siecle* says it regrets that Major Marchand did not observe the same reticence at Cairo.

PARIS, Nov. 9th.—Today's session of the peace commission began at 2:13 p. m. and ended at 3 p. m. When the meeting opened, the Americans presented to their Spanish colleagues the answer of the United States to the claims submitted on Friday last on behalf of Spain. The document in which the American answer was set forth consisted of many sheets of typewritten matter. The American presentation of today was a refutation of the Spanish allegation that because the words "possession," "ownership" or "cession," do not occur in the protocol clause touching upon the Philippine islands, the peace commissioners have not the right to discuss them here, and that even if they did so, it must be in the light of the alleged fact of an exterior agreement that Spain's sovereignty should not be impaired.

PARIS, Nov. 9th.—The *Gaulois* today says: "It is certain that the Spanish commissioners will maintain at today's conference the contention that all the clauses of the protocol must be as faithfully observed by the Americans as they have been by the Spaniards regarding Cuba and Porto Rico. The Spanish commissioners hold that no discussion on the Philippines can be tolerated, and that the sovereignty of Spain over those islands will be maintained. The rumors relative to compensation are only simply an hypothesis at present. The attitude of Spain in the matter is quite simple, namely, before admitting the possibility of any agreement in regard to the archipelago, she expects that the United States will recognize that her rights in the Philippines are unassailable."

LONDON, Nov. 7th.—The military authorities at Davenport, the site of the largest naval arsenal in Great Britain, received orders today for the immediate organization of all the troops in the western district. The defence committee will meet tomorrow.

The *Daily Chronicle* this morning professes to have "important military news which it would not be advisable to publish without the sanction of the war office."

St. Johns, Nfld., Nov. 7th.—The British gov-

ernment telegraphed the colonial minister today, asking the number, tonnage and capacity of steamers available at this port to convey coal from Sydney for the use of British warships. The cruisers *Cordoba* and *Pelican* will be held at Sydney to capture St. Pierre and St. John's in the event of war being declared. The cruisers are also instructed to break the French cable between St. Pierre and Brest, France.

CONDENSED OUTSIDE DISPATCHES.

General Otis is giving attention to complaints that have reached him, to the effect that the Philippine insurgents are ill-treating and killing such of the friars as fall into their hands. There is difficulty in dealing with such cases, owing to the fact that the United States military and naval forces are not always in possession of the places where the outrages are committed, but they are under instructions to use their good offices with the insurgents to prevent the commission of these outrages.

Several naval constructors have called attention to these facts: Examination of Admiral Cervera's fleet shows that most of the damage was done by 6-inch and 8-inch guns. One 13-inch gun weighs as much as four 8-inch guns. This a great many more 8-inch guns can be carried, and each of these 8-inch guns can be fired much faster than a 13-inch. A 19-inch gun, when it hits, does almost as much damage as a 13-inch gun. Two 10-inch guns weigh no more than one 13-inch gun, and can, in a given time, fire more than twice as many shots. Therefore, say these naval constructors, it is not unfortunate that the newly-launched *Alabama* is designed to carry 13-inch guns.

The strained relations between Great Britain and France that have existed for some time past over the Egyptian situation have by no means abated. Lord Salisbury has determined to define very clearly England's position, and to do so in such a way as to leave no doubt as to her intention. England, in preparation for a possible conflict, has recently purchased large shipments of American coal and consigned it to her ports in the West Indies. An order for 125,000 gallons of distilled spirits has been placed in Chicago by agents of the British government. This commodity forms an important factor in the manufacture of smokeless powder and it is understood that it was for this purpose the order was placed.

MONTREAL, Oct. 24.—A mysterious disappearance is puzzling the city detectives. Dr. Ireland of Fort Salisbury, South Africa, arrived here a short time ago, and after staying a couple of days left for Paris, Ont., to meet his wife, who had been staying with her parents there for about a year. They arrived on Friday and registered at the St. Lawrence hall on the afternoon of Saturday, and Dr. Ireland went down to collect a bill from the officer of the ship. As he was some time in returning his wife went to search for him. When she was half a block away from the wharf she saw him and started to run. He raised his hat in a gesture of surprise. This was at 5:30 o'clock, and it was getting pretty dark, but even at that time Mrs. Ireland says she saw her husband jump into a boat and disappear. She has not seen him since. She found his hat and one of his gloves on the wharf, and there the mystery begins; for nobody seems to know what became of him. Mrs. Ireland is completely prostrated at the disappearance.

The *London Times* says that a new service bullet, just adopted by the British war department, will be used for the first time in the Khartoum expedition. The new bullet has the same diameter (303), the same length (an inch and one-fifth), and the same weight (25 grains) as the Lee-Model bullet. It is propelled with cordite, and the base is filled with lead. The conical end is left empty, and when it strikes the enemy it bursts, opens backward and lodges in the body, penetration being lessened and shock increased. It is spoken of as "the man-killing new bullet," in contradistinction to the man-penetrating bullet. It is propelled with cordite, and has as much energy as the old Martini-Henry bullet of 410 grains had with the best gunpowder; while, as it is half the weight, the soldier is able to carry double the number of rounds of ball cartridges. The new bullet is being manufactured in the Royal Laboratory, Woolwich arsenal, by men and boys working overtime, at the rate of 2,000,000 rounds of ball cartridges per week, and, if the test in the Khartoum expedition proves satisfactory, a permanent stock will be kept on hand at the powder magazines at Woolwich.

Liquor Case.

The case against Schwartz for retailing liquor from his wholesale store without first securing a retail license was dismissed. The evidence was not at all conclusive, and it hinged upon Mr. Henry McCauley. Wholesalers are allowed to have an open bottle for friends or to show customers by the sense of taste what they are buying. McCauley went into the store, called for drinks, offered his sack but Schwartz refused to take any pay for them. Next day Mrs. Schwartz got some canned goods and the bill was a little more than the price of the drinks. This balance, 75 cents, Mr. McCauley was paid him. Schwartz said he didn't know what his wife paid for the canned goods nor even if she had got anything of the kind from that store. Gwilliam, for the defense, couldn't see why his client should be held for law breaking even though it might be proved that Mrs. Schwartz had paid but 75 cents for two cans of fruit instead of \$2.25. The magistrate thought so too and dismissed the case.

Those Fire Boys.

The volunteer fire department of Dawson is decidedly popular and appear very much pleased to know it. A chance gathering of the "fire laddies" at the engine house on Saturday night happened to discuss the subject of a "blow out" for the boys. Before you could say Jack Robinson the fire boys were out on the streets in twos and threes, all carrying empty sacks from the engine house and full ones back again. To say our citizens responded to

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the boys' appeals but half expresses the situation. A "round-up" of the contents of the sacks decided those in control that the affair had already reached greater proportions than a simple "blow out" for what members were present. When the midnight alarm was rung to mark the passage of the old year all hands were notified to be on hand the evening of New Year's Day and so it happened that when the time arrived there was a gathering of the "laddies," the lady members and enough more ladies to more than fill two sets. It is doubtful if ever tables in Dawson groaned with the weight of a more varied or more abundant supply of refreshments than in the engine house on New Year's evening. There were 10 kinds of pies for a starter. Cheese by the half cheese. Cakes, fruits, ham, canned meats of all descriptions by the half dozen, canned fish from every corner of the earth and refreshments of so many kinds and in such quantities that it was like that occasion after the feeding of the multitude when 12 baskets of fragments were taken up after the feast. When everyone was supplied to satisfaction a program was proceeded with, interspersed with dancing, which passed the hours merrily away until morning. Of those who took part, Mr. Menden gave songs and recitations, Mr. Mayne, *dello solo*; songs, J. McCarty, songs and recitation, Mr. George, songs, Alex. Schwartz, violin solo, Wm. Hopkew, songs and recitations, Mr. Marks, and songs and choruses by the entire company. Messrs. McCarty, guitarist; Mayne, cello; Hopkew, violin; and Prof. Wilson, furnished the music for the dancers.

All voted it an evening of great enjoyment and before leaving joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne" followed by "God Save the Queen."

A New Year's Dinner.

The prevailing opinion on the outside of a Klondike home is the picture of a cold and cheerless cabin with frost creeping in through unchinked cracks with unpapered or undraped walls adding to the uninviting appearance of the surroundings. The accompaniment to this scene in the mind of the average outsider, to coin a suitable expression, is a pot of beans and a side of bacon.

Could some of Dawson's comfortable residences be transplanted to the coast this idea would soon cease to prevail. A typical Klondike home is that of Mrs. J. M. Pickett on Sixth street, where on New Year's a most enjoyable dinner was given to a few intimate friends. The cosy little cabin with its bright draperies and furnishings presents a most homelike and inviting appearance and it is needless to say that a very enjoyable time was spent. The dinner was such as would grace many a pretensions board in our eastern cities and full respect was paid thereto. An evening of pleasant social enjoyment followed the repast. Those present were Mrs. J. M. Pickett, Mrs. Harper, Miss Board, Miss Josephine Pickett and Mr. C. Baker.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A farewell dinner was tendered Mr. W. C. Watrous by Mrs. D. W. Semple on Friday evening last at her residence.

The Knights Templar and Shriners banquet announced for Saturday evening next, has been postponed until the first Saturday in February.

Father Judge wishes public acknowledgment made of the fact that Miss Cad Wilson has contributed to the hospital, of which he is the head, the sum of \$5 for charitable purposes.

A party gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meadows on Saturday evening to watch for New Year's and were hospitably entertained there. Among those present were George Apple and wife, Mr. Barlow and wife, Mrs. Harry Spencer and Mr. Boffis.

Mr. and Mrs. E. LeRoy Pelletier entertained a few friends at their residence on New Year's eve. The hours of the evening slipped away very pleasantly amid music, dancing, singing and other forms of amusement. An elegant luncheon was served at midnight. Mrs. Pelletier is an accomplished pianist and consented to entertain her friends with a few choice pieces. Her mastery of the pathetic as well as the tragic is complete and it is needless to say that the selections were thoroughly appreciated. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clear, Mr. and Mrs. Klunkowstein, Mr. A. F. George and Mr. Geo. M. Allen.

CREEK ITEMS.

Frank Brown, of 18 above on Bonanza, died Tuesday and Saturday and was buried from the Presbyterian church at the Forks.

Mr. Erickson, who fell down the shaft 17 feet on a fraction between 12 and 13 Eldorado, some weeks ago, without injury to the anatomy, is recovered and at work again.

The managers of 12 Eldorado—upper half—owned by J. J. Henry and Wm. Hatos, gave each employee a \$5.00 in dust as a Christmas present, which was a pleasant surprise to the boys.

On last Friday morning, as Melford Johnson was passing a cabin on 8 below on Bonanza, a dog tied up leaped into his face and badly lacerated both cheeks. Johnson is the young boy who sells nuggets on upper Bonanza.

Last Wednesday O. M. Salsley fractured both bones of the left leg below the knee, by falling on a Bonanza side hill, abreast of his sled-load of wood. He is now lying at the Miners hospital at the Forks and is doing well.

A. Anson was out on a hunting expedition over the dome country last week when an accidental explosion of his rifle blew away part of his left hand. He walked to his cabin and was then decided to the Miners hospital at the Forks.

Mr. G. A. Wenger, owner and manager of No. 13 Eldorado, assisted by his amiable and accomplished wife, gave a Christmas dinner to the employees of 13 and 14 which all did ample justice, and after spending several hours in social converse, all wished the host and hostess many happy returns for their kindness, and we have no doubt that they will always be held in kind remembrance by these men, ten in number.

RICHARDSON BACK FROM TAGISH.

The Corporal Brings the Latest News From the Lakes and Beyond.

Twelve Days Getting Back to Dawson—River and Lakes Show Much Open Water—Anderson Captured at White Horse.

Corporal Richardson arrived Monday night with official mail from Tagish, having made the remarkable time of 12 days from that point to Dawson. As the trip from the coast to Tagish is made in two days this practically makes the time of 11 days from the coast to Dawson. Richardson is the young fellow who started from here with the official mail in November, and lost his entire outfit in an upheaval of the ice just this side of Thirty-Mile. In the break-up even his own diary was lost and himself submerged shoulder deep. But for the assistance of the dog driver he thinks he could never have climbed out of the water onto the sweep which took them ashore.

The corporal started with two dog teams from Tagish, the sleighs being loaded with literature for the posts, rush mail for the military at Selkirk, and Colonel Steele and Commissioner Ogilvie at Dawson. One team was left behind at the foot of Le Barge. On Christmas day he dropped down Thirty-Mile in a boat, the river being wide open. At its mouth the river was blocked with ice so the more important mail was packed to the post at Hootalingua. Dog teams were sent after the balance and the journey was continued the same day. From Freeman's point to Tahaulis 46 69 miles, distance covered in one day. Five fingers was open, necessitating a climb over the hill to the Dalton trail and thence to Selkirk. From Selkirk to Dawson was made in four days. A proportion of the mail was left at Selkirk, Richardson arriving in Dawson with 150 pounds of rush official mail, registered public mail and the balance in letters from the outside.

This official mail has been a long time on the way and there is nothing very late therein. A communication from the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, to the Mayor is dated November 29.

Corporal Richardson met the last outgoing mail at Indian river.

Two men got into the water at Five Fingers the day before Richardson arrived but were fortunately saved.

In crossing the lakes a terrific snow storm was encountered for three days. It did not stop the travelers though it delayed them.

The river is completely open from the island on Lake Marsh to the foot of White Horse rapids necessitating a tortuous and troublesome trip through brush along the shore.

The whole of Lake Bennett is open though for many miles it is possible to make one's way carefully, along the shore ice.

Five miles of lower Lake Le Barge is still open, making long detours necessary around the shores, in many places over steep and rugged points of rock.

Charley Worden's party was met on December 23 some six miles from the head of Lake Le Barge. It was about 4:30 in the evening and Charley had passed by the last post or Express station some six miles before learning of it. Hearing of his mistake he continued ahead and probably made the next post.

McCormick & Parker were met some eight miles beyond Little Salmon.

The Nugget party was met this side of Stewart.

From the outside, no late papers have yet arrived in any of the letters in the last mail. The police at Tagish were reading papers of November 26th when the corporal left. The main event chronicled at that date was a joint pleasure jaunt of Kitchener, the successful English general and the general of the French armies, showing, according to the newspapers, a return of cordial relations between the late opposing armies of Great Britain and France.

St. Herbert Kitchener has been created a baron by Queen Victoria in recognition of his lion-like services in Egypt. His home coming and the arrival of his guards in London was the signal for the greatest demonstrations of the populace since the jubilee.

On Chilcoot pass five men have been killed already this winter by snowslides at or near the summit. On White pass one man has been killed along the line of railroad by a similar calamity. The mild weather of the past winter is leaving the snow very soft and unmanageable.

John Farrow, of Dawson, who left for the outside on the last boat, succeeded in reaching the summit of White pass on his way out where he was overtaken by a blizzard and frozen to death.

Martin Anderson, wanted in Dawson for making away with a partner's outfit, has been captured at White Horse and will be returned here for trial. As an instance of quick police work it may be mentioned that the warrant was issued here 10 days after Anderson left Dawson on his journey. When the much wanted individual reached White Horse the warrant was at a station 100 miles past that point and Anderson was held until it could be returned.

A Good Flap for 50 Cents.
The Mine Exchange Map of the Klondike Gold Fields should be in the hands of every miner. For sale at the Nugget office. Price 50 cts.

