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SPAIN WILL REFUSE

Will Break Off Peace Negotiations If the United States Holds the Philippines.

American Senators Divided in Opinion as to the Wisdom of Their Retention.

Paris, Nov. 1.—French papers derive their news of the work of the peace commission from Spanish sources, and therefore the morning papers here today are interesting, as indicating the atmosphere in Spanish quarters and trends of French views and tendencies.

It must be recalled that the Spaniards have accepted the refusal of the United States government as to the assumption of the Spanish debt and that the Cuban question has been set away to write the place in the final treaty, providing that the differences on the question of the Philippine islands shall not prevent the making of any treaty. As a whole is composed of its parts, so must the Philippine question be mutually agreed upon or none of these questions previously agreed on will find a place in the treaty.

This is all the provision or provisional understanding existing. In view of these facts then, the Paris press conference has indicated a tendency to confuse the situation.

The Matin, in reviewing it, says: "It is well understood that the cession of Porto Rico was tantamount to the payment of a war indemnity in cash and entirely freed Spain from any subsequent reparation on the subject."

Turning back to Cuba the Matin remarks: "The Spaniards declined to continue in separating the debt from the pledges made, and as it was impossible to reach an understanding asked that the question of the Philippines be provided for in a separate article of the offering America an opportunity of tendering some compensation for the enormous sacrifices they have suffered upon the conquered. America finally acceded to the change and only asked the Spaniards to accept provisionally the clauses in relation to the Cuban debt, with the reservation that the acceptance could be withdrawn if no agreement was reached in regard to the Philippines."

Referring to yesterday's meeting, the Matin says: "The Spaniards said they would make their answer known on Friday. But it is easy to foresee that it will be a refusal, precise and formal. The Spanish plenipotentiaries have made up their minds that in the event of a refusal they will not be able to sign the act of peace, break the negotiations and call upon civilized nations to witness their case, and force to which they will be subjected and the violation of the provisions set forth in the treaty."

The Gaulois remarks: "The Spaniards will never agree to abandon the archipelago without compensation and they will not accept the terms of the offer which they assume the Philippine debt. We hope negotiations will not be broken off. Spain will take such a course rather than submit to humiliating terms."

New York, Nov. 1.—In answer to the question of the United States senators that they would not extend their exclusive tariff laws to the colonies, but will allow the manufacturers of the world free access.

FROM THE CAPITAL

Preparations Proceeding for a Session of the International Conference at Washington.

All Returns in for the Recent Vote on Prohibition—Dogs for Klondike.

Ottawa, Nov. 1.—Joseph Pope, under secretary of state, who has been acting as secretary to the Canadian commissioners and controller at the Quebec conference, last night left for Washington. The commission was to have met to-morrow, but on account of the elections in the United States the engagements of Canadian ministers in Ottawa have been postponed.

The department of trade and commerce is notified that the American coasting law has been extended to Cuba and Porto Rico.

The clerk of the crown in chancery has received all the returns and calculations regarding the recent vote on the plebiscite. The majority for prohibition is 13,884. The total vote of the plebiscite was 1,233,849 on the lists. Of this only 20 per cent was recorded in favor of prohibition. The number of voters on the lists at the time of the last general election was 1,308,735.

The Times, editorially, this morning expresses its frank satisfaction at the decision of the United States senators to take the Philippines. It says: "The arrangement is undoubtedly the best that could be made, both for the inhabitants and for all interested in the trade and progress of the Far East. Upon this point, as upon others, Spain has no choice but to yield, since her warmest partisans no longer maintain that she has either the means or the wish to renege the war."

The same irresistible logic of facts controls the question of the Cuban debt. The United States can dictate their own terms. At the same time we are bound to draw attention to the serious consequences of the policy upon which the American delegates have insisted."

The editorial then proceeds to back up the recent contention of its Paris correspondent, who has argued that Spain could only meet the Cuban debt by sacrificing her foreign bondholders, "who by a strange anomaly would have to pay the interest on the independence of Cuba."

The Daily News editorially re-echoes the views of the Times regarding the Philippines, and says: "For Great Britain the American retention of the archipelago should be nothing but gain. In saying this we assume that the United States will not extend their exclusive tariff laws to the colonies, but will allow the manufacturers of the world free access."

Madrid, Oct. 31.—The news that the Spanish peace commissioners at Paris had transferred to the government a formal demand of the American commissioners for the absolute cession of the entire Philippine group has caused the greatest surprise in Madrid. The strong feeling prevails that the government should protest energetically against what is regarded as a violation of the spirit of the protocol.

WATCHING RUSSIA

Watched by Great Britain in the Far East.

Thought That Russia May Make a Grab for Another Slice of China.

Wei-Hai-Wei, Nov. 2.—All the British warship here, the first-class battleship Centurion, first-class cruiser Narvik, second-class cruiser Hermeion, torpedo boat destroyer Fame, torpedo boat destroyer Handy and first-class gunboat Peacock, have cleared for action and are ready for sea in an hour's notice.

The first-class battleship Victorious and the first-class cruiser Undaunted at Cheefoo, not far from here, are coaling to their full capacity.

The greatest secrecy is maintained as to the meaning of these warlike operations, but there is no doubt important instructions are expected at any moment. A large Russian fleet is assembled at Port Arthur.

London, Nov. 2.—The despatch from Wei-Hai-Wei announcing the war preparations of the British naval authorities there is regarded here as being of great importance, coupled with the Anglo-French war preparations. It is surmised that Russia, profiting by the present strained relations between Great Britain and France, has decided to push forward her aims in the Far East by forcibly seizing the valuable treaty port of Newchwang, which Great Britain cannot permit, it is said.

A despatch from London to the Associated Press on October 20th said a cable message had been received there from Shanghai announcing the occupation of Newchwang (also written Niu Chang) by Russian troops. The despatch was worded as follows: "A Russian regiment occupied the town of Niu Chang (province of Leao Tang) and the forts at the mouth of river Liaou on October 16th, thus securing the complete possession of Niu Chang. The native troops fled without making any opposition, under orders from the Chinese government. A British gunboat was in the river at the time. Its non-resistance is regarded as the virtual British abandonment of the whole of Manchuria to the Russians, and gives Russia an invaluable strategic position. Great Britain is certain to lose the Newchwang trade, which it has had since 1860."

London, Nov. 3.—A semi-official note, issued this evening, relates to the reports of a settlement of the Fashoda question. It says: "The matter is substantially in the same position as when the blue book and yellow book were published in 1898. It is anticipated that France will take further steps until Major Marchand's arrival at Cairo on Thursday, when explanations will be forthcoming as to his reason for leaving Fashoda."

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AN INTERESTING MISSION.

Possible Heirs to a Large Fortune to be Looked for in Victoria.

Whipsey, Oct. 31.—Ely de Grandmont, of Ashland, Wis., has been in the city for a few days, en route to Victoria on an interesting mission. It appears that the only heirs of the late Duc de Grandmont, of the department of Seine-Prance, live in Canada and the United States, the direct branch of the Duc's family having become extinct by his death. He left an estate valued at 24,000,000 francs, and the Grandmonts living on this continent will receive it on proving their claim. Mr. Ely de Grandmont is now visiting the various families securing evidence of their ancestry, etc., for the purpose of claiming the estate.

After visiting Victoria, where he has received his will to Quebec to complete his chain of evidence. He is a native of Three Rivers, Que., but has lived in his honor, Lord Minto being one of the de Grandmonts of St. Vital and Letellier in this province among the heirs.

Enquiry among those most likely to be informed upon the subject results in the knowledge that the Duc de Grandmont is not known in Victoria. Of course it is possible the relatives of the deceased Duc de Grandmont bear another name, but nothing can be learned to-day throwing any light upon the subject. When the gentlemen referred to above arrives it will be learned whether in Victoria there are any descendants of the wealthy man whose fortune is looking for heirs.

LORD AND LADY MINTO.

Busy Bidding Last Farewells in the Old Country.

Montreal, Oct. 31.—A Star cable from London says: "Lord and Lady Minto are busy saying their last farewells preparatory to sailing via the steamer Scotsman on Thursday. On Sunday afternoon a party was given at Niagara Station rink in their honor. Lord Minto being one of the prettiest English skaters and a constant attendant at the rink. On Sunday night Lord and Lady Minto were at the house of Col. and Mrs. Arthur Paget, but the General's sudden command to Baltimore prevented the meeting."

"I understand there is very small chance for the success of the renewed efforts to secure the visit of the Prince of Wales to Canada next year as the guest of the Dominion government. The Prince reluctantly finds it practically impossible to leave England."

Returns for ten months show that new Klondike companies have been formed in the public subscription during that period.

POOR CHANCE FOR DREYFUS.

New French Cabinet Not Favorable to His Revision.

London, Nov. 1.—The Paris correspondent, citing upon the fact that the Dreyfus affair occurred under M. Dupuy's former premiership and when President Faure was minister of marine, says: "It is disquieting for the revisionists that M. Faure now confers the premiership upon M. Dupuy, who has been alleged to be determined upon securing his former colleague, Gen. Mercier, as premier. Certainly the combination occurs somewhat tardily now that the court of cassation is in possession of the facts, but on the other hand M. de Freycinet, who will be premier, has always turned from them to elude them. He is a past master in the art of meeting great questions by evasive and evasive means."

IN THE FAR EAST.

The German Minister Makes a Proposition to the Powers.

Pekin, Oct. 31.—Baron von Heyking, the German minister to China, has proposed to the representatives of the powers at Peking a plan for occupying the railway from Shanghai, Pail, province of Pechili, to Peking, thus securing communication with the coast, and the Chinese government has agreed to withdraw its troops to a safe distance from the line.

A GIFT TO WILLIAM

Emperor William Presented With the Abode of the Holy Virgin on Mount Zion.

Jerusalem, Nov. 1.—Emperor William proceeded to Mount Zion this morning, where occurred the ceremony of hoisting German and Turkish flags on the piece of ground which, according to tradition, was formerly occupied by the abode of the Virgin Mary, and which the sultan presented to the German Emperor. The Sultan himself was present and proclaimed the ground to be German.

Jerusalem, Nov. 1.—Emperor William has telegraphed to the Pope, saying: "I am happy to have been able to witness that his majesty the Sultan has not hesitated to give his proof of his personal faith in the Christian religion by his acquisition at Jerusalem the abode of the Holy Virgin. I decided to place this ground, consecrated by so many centuries, in the hands of the German Catholic subjects. It rejoices my heart to be able thus to prove how dear to me are the religious views of Catholics and how glad I am to be able to do so."

The pope replied, thanking his majesty, and expressing satisfaction at the gift, for which he was sure the German Catholics would be deeply thankful. The emperor at the close of the ceremony of consecration went to the Church of the Redeemer and read an address, during which he said: "From Jerusalem came the light in splendor from which German became great and glorious, and what the German people have become they became under the banner of the cross, the emblem of self-sacrificing charity."

"As nearly two thousand years ago, so today I am ringing out the cry, 'Peace on earth.'"

Emperor William then renewed the vows his ancestors saying: "I and my house will serve the Lord." The emperor then called upon all present to make the same vow, concluding with a prayer: "That God grant that confidence in the Almighty, brotherly love, resignation in suffering and efficient help to the German nation's oldest ornament and that the spirit of peace may more and more permeate and hallow the evangelical church."

A NOTABLE WEDDING.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 31.—Miss Mabel Gordon and Rowland Leigh, of London, were married at the residence of Mrs. Leigh, the youngest daughter of Gen. and Mrs. Wm. Gordon, her father-in-law, a member of the Royal Rifle regiment. Mr. Leigh is the youngest son of Lord Leigh, of Stoneleigh Abbey, Warwickshire, and resides in London.

The marriage was celebrated in historic style at the residence of Mrs. Leigh, the former candidate for mayor was taken to the station house, where he was afterwards released.

NATIVE TROOPS REBEL.

Madrid, Nov. 1.—A despatch from the Visayas group of the Philippines indicates that several companies of native troops there have rebelled. They were armed and several of them were killed.

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HOOLEY ONCE AGAIN

The Notorious London Bankrupt Is Again Examined and Creates a Sensation.

How He 'F'x'd' Troublesome Critics Who Interfered With His Promotion Schemes.

London, Nov. 2.—Martin Rucker, a former promoter of bicycle companies, who is charged with contempt of court in endeavoring to induce Ernest Terrill Hooley, the bankrupt promoter, to alter evidence which reflected upon a number of company directors, was fined £200 and costs to-day and further ordered to pay the money to-day or go to prison.

Hooley declared that Rucker, in behalf of four directors of the Humber company, offered him £5,000 to change some of his evidence presented in the bankruptcy proceedings.

London, Nov. 2.—The examination of Mr. Hooley in the bankruptcy proceedings was resumed to-day and attracted much attention. Mr. Hooley continued to testify to the amounts, large and small, paid to trustees and directors in connection with his promotions. He created a sensation by asserting that he had paid Sir William Harriotte £1,444 for introducing him to the Carlton Club and asserting later that he paid £10,000 to the Marquis of Abercromby, £5,000 first and then a second £5,000 because he was told that he had promised £10,000; "but the witness interjected, 'that was a lie.'"

Continuing, Mr. Hooley said that he had paid £10,000 to Mr. Frank Morris, editor of the Saturday Review, to acquire a man named Blake, who threatened to publish something antagonistic to the companies.

Mr. Hooley said he did not know Blake, nor did he know what the blackmail was for. Witness then said that Mr. Henry Markham, another county agent and a member of parliament in the Conservative interest for the St. George's east division of Tower Hamlets, induced him to purchase £1,000 worth of the London Sun. Mr. Hooley asserted that he never received a penny for the investment.

Answering further questions Mr. Hooley testified that he paid £200 to C. D. Rose, of the Daily Mail. The witness asked if he could not give Rose the shares he wanted and so he gave him money instead. The examination was adjourned until Monday.

HONORING THE DEAD.

French-Canadians Pay Tribute to the Memory of Honore Mercier.

Montreal, Nov. 2.—That the memory of Honore Mercier, ex-premier of Quebec, is still green in the hearts of many of the French-Canadian countrymen was shown by the thousands of people who visited his grave yesterday. It is just four years to-day since Mr. Mercier passed away, and he is becoming the custom for the French-Canadian Liberal clubs to decorate the grave. Hitherto the ceremony has been attended by a large number of people, and they have not themselves with decorating the tomb of their idol. Several thousand members of the French Liberal clubs gathered at the Monument National to pay their respects to the cemetery, where they deposited their offerings on the tomb. All the Liberal clubs sent either floral or metallic offerings.

A CASHIER'S DEFAULTIONS.

Hanover, Pa., Nov. 2.—A long hidden deficiency, reaching about \$57,000, has been discovered in the accounts of the late John H. Alleman, cashier of the First National Bank of this place, who died about three weeks ago. The books have been in the hands of an expert accountant since Alleman's death and the shortage was thus revealed. Mr. Alleman had been cashier of the bank for 28 years and at no time was he ever suspected of wrongdoing. His defaultions were cleverly covered by means of "kiting," or the use of drafts on different out of town banks, and he thus deceived even the bank examiners.

AN OTTAWA SCANDAL.

Ottawa, Nov. 2.—Ald. Campbell, chairman of the Ottawa waterworks committee, last night admitted when questioned by Ald. Morris that the practice of giving receipts to citizens for payment of water rates and not making a return of the money paid in was prevalent among the officials of the department. This startling disclosure was made to Ald. Campbell by G. O. Mann, a dismissed official awaiting trial for misappropriation of the city waterworks and other departments will be made.

DOCTOR'S LIFE THREATENED.

San Francisco, Nov. 1.—Some friendly Chinese have warned Rev. Dr. Gardner, interpreter of the Chinese bureau, who is making an aggressive campaign against the trade in slave girls, that at a meeting of highbinders it was decided to take the doctor's life at the first opportunity if he persists in applying to the government with information detrimental to the interests of the highbinders and their chattels.