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NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK.

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American Ultimatum Regarding the Philippines.

TRADE DOOR WILL BE OPEN.

Important Announcement of the United States Commissioners at Paris—Particulars of the Important Memorandum—Canadian Railway Rate War Settled—Ceylon Joins Imperial Penny Postage.

Paris, Nov. 23.—The Spanish and American Peace Commissioners met in joint session at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Americans declared the United States must have the entire Philippine archipelago, and for a treaty cession of the islands, the Americans tendered to Spain \$20,000,000.

On the terms made, the United States proposes a mutual relinquishment of all claims for indemnity, national or personal, subsequent to the outbreak of the last Cuban insurrection.

Nov. 23 is fixed as the date on which the United States Commission desires a definite response to yesterday's proposition, and the subjects in issue here.

It is also declared that the United States desire to treat of the religious freedom of the Caroline Islands, as agreed upon between the United States and Spain in 1885, and also of the acquisition of one of the Caroline Islands for an American naval station, and of cable landing rights at other places in Spanish jurisdiction, and the arrival of certain Spanish-American treaties at heretofore.

The meeting was then adjourned until Wednesday.

Surprising Generosity.

London, Nov. 23.—The morning papers concede the generosity of the offer of the United States Peace Commissioners, and express the opinion that Spain would be foolish to reject them. They express universal gratification at the announcement of an "open door" policy in the Philippines.

The Daily Mail calls the offer of \$20,000,000 an indemnity "a surprising act of generosity."

The papers generally take it for granted that the "open door" policy will be adopted in the West Indies also.

The Daily News says: "The United States have now become an Asiatic power, and Lord Salisbury clearly has reached to the conclusion that the expansion of the United States would give Great Britain a valuable ally in the China seas."

10-PAT SPANISH SQUADERS.

Havana, Nov. 23.—Captain-General Blanco has received from Paris a cable authorizing him to draw on Paris for \$2,000,000 gold, to be applied in payment of the Spanish troops in Cuba. This amount is in addition to the proceeds of the draft for \$2,500,000 sterling by the Madrid Government in London, which was sold here last week. The Spanish authorities are making strenuous efforts to complete the evacuation by the end of the year.

Martinez has been selected as the place of rendezvous of the Spanish navy for evacuation purposes. The Spanish auxiliary cruisers Patria and Alcega, purchased in Germany, before the outbreak of hostilities, are expected here on Dec. 15, and will convey the Spanish transports from Cuban ports to Martinique, from which point all will sail for Spain.

AGONCILLIO IS ANGRY.

London, Nov. 23.—Agoncillio, the agent of Aguinaldo, with his advisers, returned here from Paris yesterday. He is very indignant at the statements of Major-General Wood, and in reply to an arrangement of American officers made by the insurgent Junta to President McKinley and the American people, he is also angry at General Merritt's reference to the Philippines as "children," and the general situation is displeasing to him.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

"Jack the Box-Puller" has been ringing false alarms in Chatham. He is a notorious thief, and has been arrested several times. He is now in the penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, on Friday morning. One guard was killed and two convicts fatally shot.

Thieves entered the stable of Mrs. Winter on the ninth concession of King Edward, and took a valuable horse, a new buggy, harness and other equipment. The same night thieves took a valuable fur overcoat from a schoolmaster.

Samuel Talbot and Alfred Wordley, the two Toronto lads who set fire to 600 King street cars on Guy Fawkes' day, were up for sentence in the Police Court yesterday. Wordley was committed to the Penitentiary for three years and Talbot for two years.

A Socialist conspiracy has been discovered among the students at Warsaw, Kiev and Vienna in Russia. Five hundred have been arrested and 800 exiled to Siberia. 80 of the latter being sent to penal banishment. Two hundred have been expelled from the university.

Former Mayor F. A. Magowan of Toronto, N.J., his wife, formerly Mrs. J. A. Barnes of Toronto, and Mrs. Constance Wynn, sister of the latter, are held in Erie, Pa., for abducting little Earl Barnes of Cleveland. Mrs. Magowan was formerly Miss Edith Kilditch of Parkdale.

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RAILROAD RUMORING.

The earnings of the G.T.R. for the week ending Nov. 14 show an increase of \$15,000 over the same period last year. The figures are: For 1898, \$501,000, and for 1897, \$500,000.

POLITICS—CANADIAN.

Mr. J. T. Garrow, Q.C., of Goderich, has been made a member of the Ontario Government without portfolio.

The Liberal Conservatives of West Huron have named Mayor Beck as their candidate for the Ontario Legislature, and Robert McLean as candidate for the Commons.

THE FIRE RECORD.

James Hogan's house at Canfield, Ont., has been destroyed by fire.

A store belonging to A. Dingman at Southville, Ont., was destroyed by fire on Saturday morning.

Seven buildings in the John E. Starin's shipyard at West Brighton, N.S., were burned Saturday afternoon. The loss will be \$1,000.

The buildings at Port Huron of the British Columbia Wood Oil Company were burned Saturday morning. The loss was the only mill of its kind in Canada, and had just commenced business.

CASUALTIES.

Mr. Leobanion, an Italian residing at Toronto Junction, was thrown by the car on the Toronto Queen and Dundas route at midnight on Saturday, while riding on a bicycle. He was not injured.

The British steamer 'Pioneer' arrived at New York on Friday, having on board 18 shipwrecked sailors taken off the Dutch barque 'Johanna,' which foundered on route from New York to Honolulu.

A collision at right angles took place on the Grand Trunk yards at London early Friday morning between two freight trains. Fireman James George was hurt, but not fatally, and no one else was injured. The accident was due to fog.

Twenty Toronto youngsters hocked and shopped away boards and pieces of scantling left in the cottage of a Korean on Saturday. He killed six of them, and three children were buried in the ruins. Robert, the 7-year-old son of William Dalling, was killed outright, and Willie, 10 years, and Frank, 12 years, were very badly injured.

The movement of United States troops to Havana Province will begin within ten days.

Bombardier Gray of A. Battery, Kingston, was reduced to the ranks and sentenced to imprisonment for a period of 48 days.

It is announced at Glasgow that specifications will shortly be issued for the construction of four first-class cruisers in private yards.

Queen Victoria will shortly hold an investiture at Windsor Castle and will personally invest General Lord Kitchener of Khartoum with the Grand Cross of the Bath.

The Peace Commission at Paris drops on without accomplishing anything. At Washington instructions are shown out that the reason for this is because Spanish officials wish to conceal serious dissensions.

Admiral Dewey has informed the U. S. Navy Department that he has contracted with a Hong Kong agent to return here three of the Spanish war vessels sunk in the battle of Manila last May. The cost of raising and repairing them is estimated at \$1,000,000.

THE DREYFUS CASE.

A Russian Baron Who Was Imposed on the French Government.

London, Nov. 23.—The Paris correspondent of the St. James' Gazette claims to have learned from an exceptionally reliable source that the mysterious document in the Dreyfus case, on the strength of which successive Ministers of War upheld the condemnation of Dreyfus, was a letter from Baron Fredericks, Russian military attaché in Berlin. The letter, dated from Berlin and addressed to the French military authorities, it is said the soldier who was suspected for the military secret was a certain Capt. Dreyfus.

Subsequently Baron Fredericks acknowledged that he had been grossly deceived by an agent of Esterhazy, or Col. Henri, who was anxious to fix the guilt of Dreyfus, in order to divert suspicion from himself.

"I am informed," the correspondent adds, "that Baron Fredericks is now in possession of a letter from Baron Fredericks, which admits his error."

The existence of this letter influenced the Court of Cassation to make light of the evidence given by the four ex-Ministers of War, who testified to their belief in Dreyfus' guilt.

Removal of a German Crisis.

London, Nov. 23.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News says something of a sensation has been caused here by the announcement in leading type in the semi-official North German Gazette that Dr. Von Miquel, Minister of Finance, instead of Prince Hohenlohe, the Chancellor, presided over the Cabinet Council held yesterday.

The Daily News correspondent says: "The fact that Prince Hohenlohe is in the best of health and can be seen any day walking the streets gives some color to the rumor of a Chancellor crisis."

IT IS SETTLED.

G.T.R. and C.P.R. Railway Rate War to End, and People Will Breathe Freely.

London, Nov. 23.—(Toronto Globe Special.)—Cayton has signified her adherence to Imperial penny postage.

A private cable from Montreal to a London financial house states that the North Bay branch and local route difficulties between the Grand Trunk Railway and the Canadian Pacific are settled.

At the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday William McKnight of Cedar Rapids was found guilty of providing and supplying an emetic drug and sentenced to two years in Kingston Penitentiary. The prisoner is well connected and was married but a few weeks ago. The drug was administered to a girl named Jensen.

THE JAPANESE TRIALS.

Mr. Justice Ferguson Reviews the Cause Celebre.

GRAND JURY HAS THE CASE NOW

Preparations for the Great Trial of Panto, Fare, Mackle and Holden—Sole Experts to Consider Panto's Evidence and Confession—The Safe and Combination Will Be in Court.

Napoleon, Nov. 23.—At noon yesterday W. H. Panto, the hero of the Dominion Bank robbery trial, surrounded himself with a jury of twelve of his peers whether he will leave the jail on route to the penitentiary or as a free but singularly unfortunate young man. The Japanese case, however, is not so simple. The branch of the Dominion Bank was entered and robbed of \$28,000 on the night of August 27, 1897. The combinations of the vault and safe were worked, the combination numbers changed, and it was not until 24 hours after the commission of the deed that the burglary was discovered. The Pinkerton detective agency was given control of the case, and Detective Doughty and Walker, the men delegated to ferret out the robbery, are looking over the scene, as once arrived at the conclusion that it had its origin inside the bank. The arrest of W. H. Panto, the teller, followed on October 6, 1897. At the preliminary examination Panto refused to plead, but the evidence adduced was not sufficient in Magistrate Daly's opinion to send accused for trial. Later, however, the judge having changed his opinion, the Magistrate committed the four accused for trial. This trial began to-day, the judge having changed the grand jury yesterday.

In the Court Room.

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