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The United States Would Now Be Vassal To Ger.

Coarse and Contemptuous Anti-American Comment From Fatherland.

Officialdom Silently Approves the Baiting of Uncle Sam.

Berlin, May 28.—With few exceptions the German press continues its campaign of abuse of America. The conservative, central and national liberal papers are especially vicious, while the liberal and radical newspapers do not disguise their dislike to the United States, and attribute base and selfish motives for its actions.

Even a leading German magazine in its June number joins in this sentiment. An article in this paper written by Herr Von Brandt, formerly German minister to China, winds up by doubtfully hoping "that at the end of the war the United States will show something which their political course has often lacked, namely respect for the rights and dignity of others."

The papers teem with sarcastic comment on the alleged inactivity of the United States, attributing it "to a lack of courage," or to the unreadiness of its forces, especially to the notorious condition of insubordination in the American militia.

MANILA QUIET.

American Officers Returning Invalided—Callao's Commander Not Court-Martialed.

Hongkong, May 27.—The United States gunboat Scaevro, formerly a British merchant steamer but now commissioned, mounting four guns and in here from Manila, having on board the United States navy, has just arrived here from Manila, having on board the captain of the first class cruiser Olympia, flagship of Rear Admiral Dewey, and two officers who have been invalided.

DOMINION HAPPENINGS.

Hanbury Starts for the Mysterious Northland—Winnipeg's New Water Works System.

Winnipeg, May 28.—(Special)—The Winnipeg city council will shortly call tenders for construction of a new waterworks system, the pumping plant to have a capacity of 4,000,000 gallons daily.

LORD COURTENAY DEAD.

He Was Once an Inspector of the Local Government Board.

A FRENCH DUEL.

How a Socialist Deputy Has Avenged Himself on an Editor.

ENGINE CREW KILLED.

Five Train Hands Lose Their Lives in a Collision.

PARIS, MAY 27.—

As an outcome of an election dispute, Mr. Henri Rochefort, the editor of L'Intransigeant, and M. Gerault Richard, the former socialist deputy, fought a duel to-day. M. Rochefort was pricked on his right hand.

THE TRADE OF CHINA.

United States Commercial Interests There Second Only to Those of Great Britain.

Rapid Increase of Late Years—Chinese Purchases of American Cotton.

Washington, May 26.—Hugh Oberne, second secretary of the British embassy here, has made a report to the British foreign office on the state of commerce between the United States and China. The report is of the most interesting nature, and deals with the Chinese question as a foremost topic in European discussion, but his report tends to show that the United States has such large interests in China that she is no less interested than European powers in the advance movement made upon China.

The report shows that the volume of the United States trade in China represents more than one-seventh of the entire trade of the Empire. In its 50 per cent. greater than the trade of the United States with China and comes next to the trade of Great Britain, that being the first in commercial importance. The increase in American trade has been going on rapidly in the last ten years, and this increase has been on the side of American goods, our exports increasing while China's imports were decreasing.

Concluding, Mr. Oberne says: "There is every reason to think that the effective opening up of the interior provinces to foreign commerce will be followed by a greater expansion of the Chinese demand for foreign cotton, and American exporters will have a large share of it. The dense Chinese population, clothed almost exclusively in cotton cloth, offers a practically unlimited market for cotton goods."

ANNEXING HAWAII.

Motion to That Effect Attached to the War Revenue Bill.

Washington, May 27.—Hawaiian annexation, which has been the subject of no little concern about the senate for the past few days assumed definite shape to-day when Senators Lodge and Morgan offered amendments to the war revenue bill, bearing directly upon the subject.

THE PHILIPPINES.

A Former Governor Declares That the Americans Will Never Possess the Islands.

Madrid, May 27.—In the senate to-day Marshall Primo de Rivera, former Captain-General of the Philippines, defended his administration of the colony. He said he could not believe his ears when told of the disaster at Cavite, adding: "That rag called the American flag shall never float over the walls of Manila."

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TO LOOK FOR CERVERA

Despatch Boats Will Be Sent to Santiago if No News Arrives To-Day.

General Blanco Cables That the Fleet Is in Harbor and Blockaded.

Washington, May 27.—The military situation as at present determined upon by those in authority, is to make no forward movement of troops either upon Porto Rico or Cuba until definite information is received as to the location of the Spanish squadron and its possibilities as a factor in the aggressive movements of Spain. That being the positive determination there is no present purpose to hurry forward the troops to being out of the several points of concentration but the interval prior to an aggressive forward movement will be employed in seasoning the men. Steps are being taken to secure early information as to whether Admiral Cervera's squadron is inside of Santiago harbor and whether the American squadron has such advantage of the position outside the harbor as to make the escape of the Spanish ships impossible.

Unless the navy department succeeds in securing the direct official information respecting the Spanish and American fleets within the next twenty-four hours through the aid of West Indian cables, it will resort to the use of despatch boats. It can again be confirmed on the highest authority and notwithstanding the rumors to the contrary, that at the close of the day the department had nothing more than a belief, founded on unofficial reports, that the Spanish squadron was lying in Santiago harbor, and no news as to Commodore Schley's whereabouts. However, the active activity of the officials of the navy department entertain no doubt that Cervera is within Santiago harbor and they have succeeded in impressing this belief upon the President and the members of the cabinet.

It was announced to-day that Holland, the inventor of the submarine boat of that name, was expected here to-morrow to discuss with Captain O'Neill, chief of ordinance, the feasibility of using that novel craft in an attack upon the Spanish squadron at Santiago if the vessels are still there. The officials are disposed to receive in a kindly spirit any suggestion that might prove to be valuable in this line and they will talk with Mr. Holland over the details of his scheme.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Private Bill Promoters Must Be More Careful—Crown's Nest Railway Rumor Denied.

Ottawa, May 27.—Premier Laurier to-day gave fair warning to the promoters of private bills that hereafter they must comply with the rules of parliament and give ample notice of application for legislation.

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THE CLOUD IN THE SKY

Significant Events Transpire on the West African Coast.

Britain and France Again Actively Antagonistic at Nikki.

London, May 28.—A despatch from Lookoia in the territory of the Royal Niger Company, West Africa, says that the natives at Nikki drove out a French officer and six men who were established there. No explanation is given of the action of the natives.

HARDSHIPS IN HAVANA.

Well-to-do People Suffer Restriction and the Poor Simply Starving.

New York, May 27.—A special to the World from Havana, via Key West, says: Business is at a standstill. Very few mercantile transactions are effected. Spaniards having property are willing that Spain should concede the demands of the United States, but the lower classes, who are daily instigated by Blanco, are fully prepared to meet all emergencies, and, in fact, anxious that American invasion should begin.

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NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

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