

THROWS UP THE SPONGE

Spain Bows to the Superior Power of the Victor and Will Conclude the Peace Treaty.

The American Commissioners so Informed at To-Day's Session—Probable Terms of the Treaty.

Paris, Nov. 28.—At to-day's session of the peace commission the Spanish commissioners announced that they had been authorized by their government to reply that the American propositions are inadmissible on legal principles and are not a proper compromise on legal principles.

The American demands include the acquisition of the whole of the Philippine and Sulu groups for \$20,000,000, and it is also understood that the United States will purchase the Caroline group.

When the members of the two commissions were seated, Senor Montoro, president of the Spanish commission, immediately handed the Spanish reply to Mr. Arthur Ferguson, the Spanish interpreter attached to the United States commission.

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The French liner La Touraine first encountered the storm on November 25th, but came along steadily until 5:30 a.m. Sunday, when the vessel was anchored outside the bar.

The Furness had the gale, as did also the Atlantic coast, but the latter was not so severely affected.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 28.—The extra-ordinary rain which has been falling since the middle of the week has been very heavy.

On Friday following a fire was discovered in a barn in the centre of the village, which resulted in the loss of three valuable horses, the property of the marquis.

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GREAT GALE ON ATLANTIC

Coast Towns and Shipping on the Work to Halifax Suffer From Big Storm Accompanied by Snow.

Ocean Liners Delayed—Loss of Life in New York—Halifax and St. John In It.

New York, Oct. 28.—New York was still suffering to-day from the effects of the blizzard of Saturday night, though some relief had been obtained.

The street car service was improved, though street cleaning department continued the work with thousands of laborers shoveling and carting away, yet hundreds of streets remained half blocked with drifts.

Why was the Klondike social a success? Because everybody had a good time, and besides, because the Ladies' Aid netted about twelve dollars.

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MARY DEAD AND INJURED

An Explosion of a Box of Dynamite at Havana Kills a Number of Persons.

Meagre Particulars of the Disaster Place the Number of the Victims at Thirty-Eight.

Havana, Nov. 28.—A box of dynamite exploded this morning near the Reina battery, killing and injuring forty persons.

An investigation into the cause of the explosion shows that it occurred on the Avenue Intanta, between the Santa Clara and Reina batteries.

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TO MUSTER OUT TROOPS

Washington, Nov. 28.—The war department, in view of the assurances that a peace treaty will be signed, is arranging to muster out more troops.

Accident Near Sicamous. Vancouver, Nov. 28.—(Special)—A bad accident occurred six miles south of Sicamous on Saturday night on the Shuswap & Okanagan railway.

Japanese Cruiser Damaged. Newcastle, Nov. 28.—The second-class protected cruiser Kasagi, built by the Grampians for the Japanese government, left New York on November 10th.

Telegram from Dreyfus. Paris, Nov. 28.—Madame Dreyfus has received the following telegram from her husband: "I rejoice with all of you. My health is morally and physically good."

Earthquake in Greece. Patras, Greece, Nov. 28.—At 9:30 o'clock yesterday evening a severe earthquake occurred here, causing the inhabitants to become panic-stricken.

Popular Pastor Dead. Toronto, Nov. 28.—Rev. W. J. Barkwell, pastor of the New Richmond Methodist church, died at half-past two this morning at the general hospital as a result of a surgical operation he had undergone in the hope of relief from kidney trouble.

Accident Narrowly Averted. Savannah, Ga., Nov. 28.—The United States transport Chester, with 1,500 men and 150 military horses, was en route to the United States from Havana, Cuba, today.

Senator Gear's Views. Burlington, Iowa, Nov. 28.—Senator John H. Gear, before his departure for Washington, said in an interview that the greater part of the short session would be taken up with appropriation bills.

Behring Sea Question. Negotiations Proceeding Satisfactorily at the Commission at Washington.

Chamber of Deputies. Paris, Nov. 28.—The chamber of deputies was crowded to-day, much interest being taken in the announced intention of some of the deputies to interpellate the government on the Picquet case.

Canada's National Park. Ottawa, Nov. 28.—The persons who visited Canada's national park at Banff during the week ended October 1 numbered 2,500.

Perished in the Woods. Kingston, Nov. 28.—The body of an aged man named Bonner, formerly of Pittsburg in 1849.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE

Association Football. A Brigade Match. The match between No. 4 and No. 2 completed by the Boys' Brigade on Saturday at Beacon Hill was a good exhibition of the game.

Lacrosse. That Thanksgiving Match. The New Westminister Lacrosse team indulged in some congratulations to the lacrosse team of that city and of some expressions of the conduct of the game.

Basket Ball. Intermediate Regiment vs. Wasps. The first match of the Intermediate league took place on Saturday night at the drill hall between the above teams.

Hockey. The Ladies' Match. December 19th has been chosen for the match between the Ladies' Hockey Club of Victoria and the Terminal City.

Brakeman Killed. Brighton, Ont., Nov. 28.—Terrance, a brakeman of York, was killed yesterday while coupling. He stood on the north side of the train when it was struck by the fruit house, and in some unaccountable way was thrown into the air.

There's Jeemie and there's Robin Gray Oh, you shone like the sun in the night.

I'll answer by and by. They're all gone and I'm left here.

And ribbons bright like the: And oftentimes they humbly kneel And thank me for a kiss.

And then I turn and look away. Across the billows black.

And I think I'll wait for Jack. I think I'll wait for Jack.

Ye bonnie stars, shine out, shine out: Ye billows, cease your war: Oh! the practical use of blowing may love Within the harbor bar!

No other had can woo as he: For, oh! he's the one who'll be the front of the sea.

And though I love the laddies well: I have no wooing back!

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Provincial News.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The executive of the Local Council of

Victoria for New Westminster met

at the residence of Mrs. M. Sinclair

at 3:30 p.m. on November 22nd. The

work of the public was the selection

of a trustee, eligible and willing to

undertake the duties of school trustee.

The question was discussed thor-

oughly, the duties of trustees implicitly

stated, the precedents as established in

our cities of the Old World, being

quoted, showing that women have

proved themselves competent and

capable for the position, and that

educational matters do not suffer

in consequence. It was resolved

that representative

of the city be asked to make

the nominations in due form; that

the list of candidates be published

in the public.

At a late meeting it was decided

that the names of the candidates

be brought forward as candidates

for school trustees in the Royal

City.

NANAIMO.

At a few minutes after 5 o'clock

Wednesday evening the jury in the

Mines and Mining.

Vanouver, Nov. 24.—The adjourned

meeting of the shareholders of the

Golden Cache was held at the board

of trade offices yesterday. Vice-President

Skene in the chair. The committee

appointed at the previous meeting

submitted their report, and in

adoption a very lively discussion

ensued, during which personalities

and mutual recriminations were

made. The general wish of the

shareholders appeared to be that

the attorney-general be

appointed to hold an official

investigation into the affairs of the

company, and technically a motion to

that effect was not, according to the

opinion of the counsel, and in

consequence the meeting was

further adjourned to

December 7, to enable that motion

to be put.

The Cariboo District.

W. J. Goepel, government auditor,

returned from an official trip

through the district on Saturday. Mr.

Goepel left Nelson on September 22

and during his absence he visited

the Cariboo section. He reports

that there is as much activity in

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

The closing match of the lacrosse

season was played yesterday

afternoon on the Caledonia grounds

before a large gathering. This

match was to have decided the

championship, but although the

score stood, where the whistle

blew, at four goals to three in

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GRAND FORKS.

Christie, of the Boundary country,

has been appointed Dominion

veternary inspector for southern

Yale. Dr. Christie has been

acting as veterinary inspector

for some months past in this

section.

J. O. McLeod, of Vancouver,

general inspector of the railway

service, has been here for the

past few days and is making

several recommendations to

his department towards

improving the service in this

section. He also advocates

the changing of the mail

service from Marcus to

Bossburg, Wash., which

latter place is eight miles

nearer Grand Forks.

ASHFORTH.

The weather is reported as

severe in some points of

Cariboo. At the S.M. House

it was 16 degrees below zero

the other part of the week.

Stock throughout this section

is in good condition and

the feed on the winter ranges

is reported to be better

VEGETATION IN THE CANARIES.

Three Harvests a Year Are

Always Expected.

The soil is very rich. With

irrigation three harvests a

year are regularly gathered

on Canary and Tenerife. The

water supply is largely kept

up by the rains, which even

in the driest season form

almost daily over the higher

mountains, feeding the

springs which are the life

of the land. But, as has

been said, the rocky, volcanic

nature of the coast forbids

the entrance of many plants,

and this fact, together with

the steep and rocky sides of

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COAL HILL PROPERTIES.

It will come as welcome news

to all interested in the mining

development of Coal Hill that

there is every likelihood of

an early resumption of work

on the Pythons, the pioneer

property of Kamloops.

These are authority for the

announcement that a

controlling interest in this

property has been purchased

and the intention is to

commence operations

at an early date. For the

present Mr. W. F. Wood,

who is in charge of the

property, desires to observe

silence with regard to the

nature and extent of the

work to be shortly

commenced, but the

purchase of a controlling

interest in this property

is a matter of great

importance, and it is

believed that the

newly acquired

interest will be

devoted to the

development of

THE RAILWAY.

The game in Nanaimo

yesterday between the

Victoria Rugby Football

Club team and the

Capital City team was

a good game from start

to finish, and the

glorious win for the

Capital City team was

well deserved. It was

quite a number of the

friends of the players

accompanying the

team, and were

rejoicing at the

success of their

favorites on

Monday. The

arrangements were

made by the E. &

N. Railway Co. for

the accommodation

of the excursion.

All praise, the

return trip being

enjoyed by all.

The game itself

was a most

enjoyable

excursion. Of the

Red Rats.

acquired some valuable

information and a cargo

of red rats and

apical birds, plants and

straw in his

wake. The island

is 200 miles south

of the coast, and is

about half the

size of Wight. It is

highly fertile, and

is covered with

timber, and the

side there are

always big

cliffs are cut

into narrow

gorges, and

perforated with

high

waterfalls, and

the trees to

the accompaniment

of the sea.

One of the

islands is a

brown-red,

no other rat

can be seen.

He is

very

inquisitive,

and very

bold. Like

the rat,

they climb

up the

side of the

island, and

unfortunately,

they require

to be

killed.

Some of

VERNON.

Snow fell this week

in sufficient

quantities to make

good sleighing, and

it is probable that

