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# SPAIN CANNOT DELAY MATTERS MUCH LONGER

## Makes a Bluff for the Sake of Appearances, but Will Accept McKinley's Conditions of Peace.

## WATSON'S SPLENDID SQUADRON WILL GO TO EUROPE JUST THE SAME

### Believed by the Department Officials at Washington That a Big Display Will Have an Excellent Effect in the Old World--Colonel Roosevelt Asks Secretary Alger for Reinforcements With Which to Take Porto Rico--Spaniards and Insurgents Have an Engagement in Matanzas, in Which the Cubans Are Worsted--Colonel San Martin, Spanish Commander at Ponce, Courtmartialled and Shot for Surrendering.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—There is a confident belief among administration officials that the Spanish government will accept the terms as laid down by President McKinley, and that the delay of a day or two in recognizing the inevitable is to be accounted for by reason of Spanish internal politics, which will not countenance an unresisting submission without at least a display of purpose to improve the terms. This, however, cannot be accomplished, and the French ambassador, who is well aware of that fact, unquestionably has so informed the Spanish government, though that government has preserved its record in good form to meet the criticism of its political opponents by submitting a counter proposition, presented yesterday by M. Cambon to the president.

Meanwhile preparations for the Wade expedition go on steadily, a number of officers being ordered today to attach themselves thereto, among them being General Randall, who was assigned only yesterday to command the new military camp at Montauk point.

Navy department officials also insist that no change has been made in the orders to Watson's squadron. Indeed, there seems to be now an evident purpose to dispatch this fine squadron to European waters, regardless of the termination of the war, the idea being that the splendid display which will be made by the American ships will have a beneficial effect in inspiring respect for our naval strength.

#### TROOPS TO RETURN HOME.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Upon being informed of the formal request made by the commanding generals of the American army to have their men removed to the United States, the war department has been directing the best part of its energy to the return of these troops. It has, therefore, provided for their reception an ideal camp at Montauk, L. I., and orders were sent forward yesterday to begin the homeward movement by the embarkation of Santiago of the various cavalry regiments of Shafter's force, including Roosevelt's rough riders.

#### WANTS TO TAKE PORTO RICO.

Washington, Aug. 4.—The following correspondence has passed between Colonel Roosevelt and Secretary Alger: "Santiago de Cuba—My Dear Secretary—I am writing with the knowledge and approval of General Wheeler. We earnestly hope that you will send us, most of the regulars, and at any rate the cavalry division, including the rough riders, who are as good as any regulars, and three times as good as any state troops, to Porto Rico. There are 1,800 effective men in this division, and if those who were left behind were joined to them we could land at Porto Rico. In this cavalry division are close to 4,000 men who would be worth easily any 10,000 national guardsmen, armed with black powder, Springfield rifles, or other Archaic weapons. Very respectfully,

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT." The following reply was cabled to Colonel Roosevelt today: "Your letter of the 29th is received. The regular army, the volunteer army, and the rough riders have done well, but I suggest that, unless you want to spoil the effects and glory of your victory, you make no invidious comparisons. The rough riders are no better than the other volunteers. They had the advantage in

their arms, for which they ought to be very grateful.

#### R. A. ALGER, Secretary of War.

#### INSURGENTS DEFEATED.

Madrid, Aug. 4.—An official dispatch from Havana says: The Raboja battalion has defeated a large band of insurgents near Monteverde, province of Matanzas. The enemy abandoned their positions and were pursued at the point of the bayonet. They lost heavily, including their commander, Jovet. The Spaniards had four killed and 14 wounded.

#### HE LACKED "HONOR."

Madrid, Aug. 4.—An official dispatch from San Juan de Porto Rico says that Colonel San Martin, who was in command of the Spanish garrison at Ponce has been courtmartialled and shot for abandoning the place without resistance. Lieutenant Colonel Punza, second in command, committed suicide.

#### RETURNING TO SPAIN.

St. Pierre, Island of Martinique, Aug. 4.—The Spanish hospital ship Alcante sailed for Santiago today under safe conduct papers signed by United States Consul Hart. She will convey some of the Spanish prisoners back to Spain.

#### WILL SEE GARRISON DUTY.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Five United States volunteer regiments, immunes, have been ordered to Santiago for garrison duty. The first has already arrived and the others are being pushed forward as rapidly as transportation can be furnished.

#### SAGASTA IN NO HURRY.

London, Aug. 4.—The Madrid correspondent of the Times says: Though peace is regarded as assured, it may not be obtained so early as is generally expected. Senor Sagasta objects to being hurried and insists on everything being done in a quiet, orderly and dignified manner. He considers it necessary to have full and satisfactory explanations as to all doubtful points in order to enable him to best protect the national interests against the aggressive tendencies of the Washington cabinet.

#### WILL BE TAKEN TO SPAIN.

Santiago, Aug. 4.—The steamer San Juan, in charge of Lieutenant Noble, of General Shafter's staff, left yesterday afternoon for Manzanillo, under a flag of truce, to embark there the wives and children of the officers of the Spanish forces which have arrived at Manzanillo to reinforce General Linares during this campaign. They will be returned to Spain with their husbands and fathers.

#### TO CLEAN SANTIAGO.

Santiago, Aug. 4.—General Wood, the military governor, has appointed Major George M. Barbour as health and state commissioner. The city will be divided into 16 districts, under the supervision of non-commissioned officers, who will be responsible for street cleaning in their respective localities. Four thousand men will immediately be put to work cleaning the thoroughfares.

#### THOUSANDS CHEER HOBSON.

New York, Aug. 4.—The benefit for the New York soldiers and sailors by the Family Protective Association, which was held tonight at the Metropolitan opera house, was more in the nature of a reception to Lieutenant Hobson, Minister to Spain, Woodford, and Captain Philip, of the Texas, than a benefit. The house was jammed with people, almost 3,000 being present. Lieutenant Hobson was introduced as the presiding officer, and was re-

ceived with a continuous round of cheers. He made a speech in which he recalled the actions around Santiago, and described in detail how he and his companions sank the Merrimac. A resolution was adopted on behalf of the city of New York thanking Admiral Cervera for his magnanimous act toward Lieutenant Hobson and his companions.

#### AMERICANS FIRED ON.

Ponce, Aug. 4.—Last night a scouting party under Major Reed of the Sixteenth Pennsylvania, was fired upon by a Spanish outpost between Juanama Diaz and Ocaso. The fire was returned and it is believed that one Spaniard was wounded. The transport Rumanian, which went aground at Juncos, has been floated and four batteries of artillery have disembarked.

#### PEACE WILL NOT BE DELAYED.

Spain Will Return a Definite and Affirmative Answer This Week.

New York, August 4.—A special to the Tribune from Washington, says: Spain has practically agreed to the terms of peace without asking for their material modification.

The hour spent by Ambassador Cambon at the White House this afternoon not only removed all doubt on this point, but sufficiently indicated that a formal conclusion of the negotiations would be expected more promptly than had been expected by even the most sanguine.

The character of the inquiries regarding certain details demonstrated that Spain in all sincerity was ready to end the war, the sooner the better, but apparently could not resist temporizing for a few days for the sake of avoiding an appearance of too great precipitancy in surrendering and at the same time taking advantage of the opportunity to gain a few trivial concessions which would be popular with Spaniards generally.

To administration officials who feared tedious negotiations extending over many weeks the delay of a few days longer before the consummation of actual peace is not altogether disagreeable, as few preparations have been made to assume suddenly the tremendous responsibilities which the "immediate" evacuation of Cuba and Porto Rico involves, "immediate" in this case, meaning a practical evacuation in a few weeks.

"It was a relief, therefore, when the French ambassador presented the Spanish memorandum touching upon certain matters which are considered unimportant as affecting the principles of President McKinley's demand with the strict implication that no question was raised regarding the relinquishment of all Spanish sovereignty in the West Indies. The desire of Spain, in her prostrate and impoverished state to secure some slight concessions involved in a more definite statement regarding war material, period of evacuation, responsibility for Cuban independence and the limitations that might be imposed upon the commissioners to conclude a treaty of peace, showed clearly to the authorities that no further resistance would be enumerated and, in fact, that Spain has already determined upon prompt submission.

When M. Cambon left the White House, it is believed that he was prepared to remove the last indication of indecision at Madrid and that not later than Friday or Saturday of this week he will be the bearer of the Spanish final dispatch to the White House which will result in an immediate armistice.

#### PARIS THE MEETING PLACE.

The Peace Treaty Will Probably Be Drawn and Signed There.

#### Tribune from Madrid says:

The significant feature of the situation today is the fact that the queen regent and Senor Sagasta are both desirous that the details of the final draft of the treaty of peace should, if possible, be conducted in Paris by Senor Leon y Castillo, the Spanish ambassador to France and the United States ambassador or commissioner.

The reason for this is that Senor Castillo, besides being devotedly loyal to the dynasty, is known to possess statesman-like capacity of the highest order and his experience and familiarity with international law are thought by the queen regent to be greater than those of any other available Spanish diplomat.

Owing, in a great measure, to the patriotic efforts of General Polavieja, a tacit truce seems now established between all factors of internal disorder. Neither the Carlists, the military leaders, nor the republicans wish to come before the country at the present moment as the allies of the United States. This truce is likely to last until the peace treaty is signed. The feeling of all classes here is that the humiliation resulting from this disastrous war does not fall upon the Spanish nation but upon the dynasty and government, and that the national honor cannot be affected no matter what crushing terms America demands. Opinions on all sides are that the moment peace is signed the government will be made a scapegoat and the people will then turn savagely against the dynasty and make it answerable for the consequences.

The caprice of the Madrid public was manifested last night by the hissing of some naval officers and naval cadets in uniform, as they took their seats in one of the Madrid theaters.

Much nonsense is talked here about the debts of Cuba and Porto Rico. It may be stated once and for all that Porto Rico has no debt, and as to the debt of Cuba, the royal decrees authorizing the issue of Cuban bonds were, unfortunately for Spain, so worded that, even in the opinion of one of the legal advisers of the crown, the Cuban debt is purely a Spanish debt, imposing no liability whatever on Europe.

The bank of Spain holds nearly 900,000,000 of pesetas worth of Cuban bonds of various denominations. Its position must become very critical should the United States, as is generally expected, decline to assume any liability for them, either directly or by adding a part of them upon Cuba.

#### MISS GARDNER'S FINE GIFT.

Santiago, Aug. 4.—The Red Cross schooner Mary E. Morse arrived here this afternoon, being 21 days out from Kennebuc, with 900 tons of ice, the gift of Miss Adele Gardner, of Long Island, Miss Clara Barton presented the complete cargo to General Shafter for the use of the army.

#### BOOM FOR THE COAST.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—The Illinois Manufacturers' Association today passed a resolution requesting the president of the United States to instruct those having in charge for this country the conclusion of the treaty of peace to exact for this country that the ports of all Spanish territory in the Pacific ocean be opened up on the most liberal terms to all products of American industry.

#### CANAL WILL BE BUILT.

Senator Morgan Thinks the Recent Acquisitions Will Result in This.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Senator Morgan of Alabama, one of the Hawaiian commissioners, said today that the annexation of Hawaii would result in the construction of the Nicaraguan canal. Cuba was free,

he said, Porto Rico belonged to the United States, Hawaii was annexed, and the canal was unavoidable. Our flag has been raised in the Philippines and no man in America would permit it to be hauled down. Not only would the Nicaragua canal be constructed, but there would be a ship canal connecting Lake Michigan, the Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico, and one between New York and Albatraz Sound. He was of the firm belief that in the next century the United States would be, by common consent, the leader of the nations of the earth.

#### RESOLUTION OF CHURCHMEN.

Great Falls, Mont., Aug. 4.—The annual conference of the North Montana mission of the Methodist Episcopal church, presided over by Bishop Mallin of Boston, today passed the following:

Resolved, That we admire the advance step in our country's destiny as proposed in the terms of peace, but we pray that the victory of Dewey in the Philippines shall be perpetuated in the complete deliverance of those islands from the tyranny and desolation of Spanish rule, and the future peace and prosperity of those people, as well as those of Cuba.

#### BIG STEAMER WRECKED.

St. Johns, N. F., Aug. 4.—The operator at Tibl Grove, the most northern point of New Foundland, wires that a report has reached there of the loss of a large transatlantic steamer in the vicinity of Belle Isle, with all on board.

New York, Aug. 4.—The steamer referred to in the St. Johns dispatch may be the British steamer Ipsden, from Quebec for Plymouth, which was yesterday reported ashore on Belle Amour Point, in the Straits of Belle Isle. The report yesterday stated that the cargo was being saved.

#### EXPLAINING GARCIA'S ACTION.

New York Junta Continues Its Effort to Prove His Good Faith.

New York, Aug. 4.—General T. Estrada Palma, the Cuban delegate last night supplemented his statement of the day before regarding the reported differences between General Garcia and Shafter.

"I think," said General Palma, "that the principal reason that General Garcia withdrew from Santiago was because it was not necessary for him to continue there with his troops after the surrender of the city. His presence in the interior was necessary to operate against the Spaniards holding Manzanillo, Holguin, and other towns.

"The necessity for his not is proved by his occupying Gibara, with troops under General Rojas. This town has the largest

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