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## VERY SERIOUS TROUBLE IS NOW BREWING

The United States and Germany are Not at all In Harmony Regarding the Government of Samoa.

## WILLIAM IS VERY JEALOUS

Desire to Absorb the Islands Prompts His Course.

Correspondence Now In Progress Between Washington and Berlin Which May Lead to Serious Friction—United States Maintains a Firm Attitude With Regard to the Recent Extension of the Boundaries of Apia District.

New York, Aug. 26.—A Washington special says:

Trouble is brewing over the Samoan islands, which under the treaty of 1890 are governed under a joint protectorate by the United States, Germany and Great Britain.

Correspondence is now in progress between the United States and Germany that may lead to serious friction. Recently the municipal council of the district of Apia became involved in a dispute over a proposition to extend the municipal boundaries of the district, which were laid down in the treaty of 1890. The chief justice, a man recommended by the United States, decided in favor of extending the boundaries.

The result was to include the property of a certain German and to subject them to higher taxation. The German government protested, on the ground that the chief justice had stepped past his power.

The United States replied that although the action of the justice might not have been strictly in accordance with the treaty, it was similar to action taken by the former chief justice, who was nominated by Germany, and that in view of the precedent, it ought to stand, or the treaty ought to be modified so as to provide for such emergencies. It was strongly insisted that the United States was surely entitled to equal rights with Germany.

Germany, in her reply admitted that if the precedent was right, the present action of the chief justice ought to stand, but she has not decided to consent to a modification of the treaty by an exchange of notes. It is thought probable that there will have to be eventually a new committee to frame a new treaty, and if so, it is probable that Germany will propose the partition of the islands. This the United States will not consent to.

Great Britain has always taken a passive interest in Samoan affairs, but there is no doubt that her influence will, in the future as in the past, be thrown on the American side.

Germany has marked the Samoan islands for her own before the treaty of 1890 was negotiated, but her scheme for absorbing them was blocked, chiefly by the United States, who, by the treaty of 1878, had acquired the right to establish a naval station at Pango-Pango harbor, and had virtually established a new protectorate over the islands.

Under the tripartite arrangement Germany has been a disturbing factor, and has endeavored to procure advantages superior to the United States and Great Britain. Mr. Cleveland favored of withdrawing from the joint protectorate, but the present executive is determined to retain all rights to Samoa guaranteed to this country by the treaty. He is now taking steps to improve and fortify Pango-Pango harbor, and dispatches from Europe show that Germany does not like this action.

The recent proposition advanced by the Marine Police Correspondent that the islands should be divided, England taking Savale, Germany Upela, and America Tutila, it is believed here, was inspired by the German government as a feeler for the purpose of seeing how the United States and Great Britain stood on a division.

The divisions would give Germany

the best islands and England the worst. As far as the United States is concerned the proposition to partition the group will not be considered for an instant. On the other hand it is the conviction that Germany had some scheme on foot that led the administration to take steps toward the immediate occupation of Pango Pango harbor under the treaty of 1878.

## TROOPER KILLED AT MANILA

United States Troops and Filipinos Were Engaged in Deadly Combat—A Corporal Mortally, and Four Men Seriously, Wounded.

MANILA, Aug. 26.—Last Wednesday a corporal and two men of battery B, Utah artillery, after embarking at Cavite were sent on an errand. While passing through the streets, Trooper Hudson discharged his revolver. It was in mere fun, but the natives in the immediate locality were much alarmed for a time. The natives immediately began firing. Dismounted cavalrymen were sent to quell the disturbance, but the natives misunderstood the movement, and the firing became general.

Trooper Hudson was killed, and Corporal Anderson mortally wounded. Troopers Laydon, Machbar, Connolly and Doyle, of the Fourth cavalry, were seriously wounded. Four natives were killed, and several wounded.

Aguinaldo has expressed regret at the encounter, and promises to punish the offenders. No further trouble is apprehended.

## THE OUTBREAK IN HAINAN

British Consul Looking Out for American Missionaries.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The Daily Mail's Hong Kong correspondent telegraphs: The British consulate at Kiaung Chau, Hainan, has asked the American consul at Canton to urge the victory to send soldiers to Nodda, near Hoihow, to protect the lives and property of American missionaries there, who have been obliged to flee for their lives from Nodda and seek the protection of the British consul at Hoihow.

The British consul appealed to the tao-tai to protect the threatened Americans, and soldiers were dispatched who succeeded in rescuing them and escorting them from Nodda to Hoihow.

## BAD EXPLOSION AT SEA

Stickten Chief Undoubtedly Lost With all Hands—Forty-three Persons Were Aboard the Steamer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—News has been received here confirming the reported loss of the stern-wheeler Stickten Chief.

A letter received from Juneau dated August 10 brings the confirmatory news, and further says that the disaster was doubtless caused by an explosion, and that the crew and passengers numbering forty-three persons, were undoubtedly lost. The Dora saved a dog, which was found floating on a piece of wreckage.

That it was an explosion that caused the loss is inferred by the Dora's crew from the fact that most of the wreckage was broken into small bits.

The wreckage was found in latitude 56.38 north, longitude 142.13 west, on August 6.

Second Death Reported.

EGGERS, Aug. 26.—John Lemley, who was injured yesterday in the boiler explosion at J. F. Kirk's farm, died today. Two deaths have thus far resulted from the accident, Ellery Kirk having been instantly killed yesterday. The other eight injured men will probably recover.

The coroner's investigation into the cause of the explosion resulted in the finding of a verdict that the safety valve had been locked by so placing a nail that it could not jar open, and thus let the steam escape. The engineer had neglected to remove the nail, and as there was no steam gauge, there is no knowing what the pressure of steam was when the explosion occurred.

## PEACE COMMISSION COMPLETE

Justice White and Whitelaw Reid Last Named.

## MEMBERS AT WHITE HOUSE

Assistant Secretary of State Moore Selected as Secretary of the Peace Commission.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Secretary Day, upon leaving the cabinet meeting this afternoon announced that Whitelaw Reid had been selected as a peace commissioner. Colonel John McCook and Representative Lemuel Quigg, of New York, were among those who saw the president prior to the cabinet meeting. Quigg had a talk with the president over the selection of Whitelaw Reid.

Senator Davis, who has been selected as peace commissioner, also saw the president. The senator left this afternoon for New York, and from there will return to his home at St. Paul before taking his departure for Paris. Senator Frye, another of the peace commissioners, also went to New York, and will visit his home in Maine before returning here.

The commission is composed of Senator Davis, Senator Frye, Secretary Day, Whitelaw Reid and Justice White.

The following attaches of the peace commission have been selected and will be appointed by the president:

John Moore, of Massachusetts, now assistant secretary of state, to be secretary of the commission, and J. W. McArthur, of New York, to be assistant secretary. Mr. McArthur was former first secretary of the United States legation at Madrid, and is now on special duty at the state department. He has had considerable experience in work of a diplomatic nature. These appointments were decided on by the president this afternoon.

## THE BOISE CITY CONVENTION

Populists Cannot or Will Not Decide to Unite and the Rest of the Silverites are Holding Aloof.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 26.—Very little progress was made today by the four state conventions in session here. The two wings of the Populists did not unite. The two other parties refuse to have anything to do with them unless they do get together. They have given the warring factions until 8 o'clock tomorrow to get together.

The democratic convention adopted a platform that favors free coinage, reduction of tariff, condemns the issue of bonds and favors the election of senators by direct vote.

## THE FILIPINOS BEGAN IT

They Opened Fire on Trooper Hudson, Who Had Fired Into the Air.

New York, Aug. 26.—A copyright special from Manila to the New York Journal says:

There has been a serious clash at Cavite between United States soldiers and insurgents. The riot resulted in the killing of one soldier, and the serious wounding of another.

George Hudson, a member of the Utah battery, got into a dispute with a native shopkeeper. Fearing trouble he fired his revolver in the air to attract the attention of some fellow soldiers. A great crowd of natives ran to the scene of the disturbance, and began firing their revolvers, killing Hudson, and seriously wounding Corporal William Anderson, of the same battery, who had hurried to the assistance of Hudson.

A detachment of the Fourth cavalry was called out and dispersed the Filip-

pinos, who continued to fire their revolvers as they retreated, but without doing any more damage.

On the same night some of the soldiers doing guard duty saw a large party of natives stripping the wreck of a gunboat which was lying in Cavite bay. A boat with an armed force was put off shore, and the sailors hailed the natives, who failed to answer. Then the soldiers fired a volley, killing one and wounding another.

## TROOP TRAIN WAS WRECKED

Two Soldiers Were Killed and Five More of Them Were Pretty Badly Injured in Alabama.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 28.—Two enlisted men of the Sixty-ninth New York volunteers were instantly killed, and one was fatally and four badly injured in the wreck which occurred on the Louisville & Nashville near here, tonight. The killed are:

Peter Farley, company G, New York City.

Frank Glennon, quartermaster sergeant, company G, nephew of Col. J. E. Duffy.

The injured are:

Sergeant J. J. Manning, company E, fatally.

Thomas Skellie, company E.

Harry Donoghue, company E.

James Meade, company E.

P. Eitel Doran, company F, seriously.

The train was carrying the sixty-ninth New York to its new camp at Huntsville. It left Fernandina, Fla., at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, three or four hours after the time set for its departure. The train wrecked was the first section. It was going at a high rate of speed. Ten miles north, the engine and tender jumped the track, derailing five cars, which rolled down a steep embankment. The soldiers claim the train was running too fast around a curve.

The injured were brought here, and are being given every attention at the infirmary.

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Good Progress Made in the First Week of the Session.

QUEBEC, Aug. 28.—The international conference commissioners will meet in joint session again tomorrow and probably each day until Friday. Separate meetings of the American and Canadian commissioners and meeting of the sub-committees will continue during the week.

Senator Fairbanks stated tonight that the first week's work has been very satisfactory, and that everything up to this point indicated the best results. He expects that considerable progress will be made between this date and next Friday, when a recess will be taken until September 20.

Thursday, the American commissioners will give a hearing to the representative of the Boston chamber of commerce. General trade questions will be considered.

Probably the same day a hearing will be given to the interests of the American lumbermen. Last week, Don M. Dickinson was heard in the interest of American lumbermen who own government timber in Canada, but the hearing this week will be for those who are interested in other branches of the business. The commissioners decline to state in detail anything concerning either of the hearings set down for this week.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier will probably return this week.

It is learned that the copyright question will be before the commission as the work goes on. The Canadian publishers desire in a measure to be freed from the rigorous copyright laws of the mother country, and they also desire a readjustment of the copyright laws existing between the United States and Canada. This question, however, will probably not be discussed until other matters have been disposed of.

More than twenty million free samples of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve have been distributed by the manufacturers. What better proof of their confidence in it's merits do you want? It cures piles, burns, scalds, sores, in the shortest space of time. Snipes-Kinersly Drug Company.

## SICKNESS IN THE U. S. ARMY

Efforts to Improve the Conditions of the Soldiers.

## PLAN OF GOV. HASTINGS

Chartered a Train and Took Away Pennsylvanians Against the Protests of the Officers.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 28.—About the middle of last week, Governor Hastings, of Pennsylvania, raised \$5000 in cash in thirty minutes in Philadelphia to equip a hospital train to bring home the sick of Pennsylvania regiments from Chickamauga. A train of eighteen hospital cars was equipped and started for Chickamauga, with astounding promptness. Tonight it arrived homeward bound with 211 Pennsylvania soldiers, fifteen New Yorkers, one Ohio and one Rhode Island soldier, and left with its overburdened freight an hour later for Pittsburgh.

Both on the down trip and the return, Governor Hastings devoted his personal attention to all the details of transportation. Arriving at Cincinnati tonight, he filed 164 telegrams to friends of soldiers, and to those preparing for their reception in Pennsylvania. At Chickamauga yesterday he took the sick from hospitals, against the protests of officials who wanted them to wait for a transcript of their muster-rolls. Fourteen soldiers, too ill to leave, were left in the Red Cross hospital.

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## ABANDONING THE CAMP

No Volunteers Will Remain at Chickamauga After this Week.

CHICKAMAUGA, Ga., Aug. 28.—The last of this week will see almost every regiment of volunteers gone from Camp Thomas. This morning, when the First Pennsylvania left for Lexington it completed the removal of the First army corps. By Monday at the latest, the Third army corps will begin to move to Anniston, Ala.

If the railroads can handle the troops, by Saturday noon not a single regiment will be left in the park, with the exception of the United States volunteers, which will be kept here to guard hospitals and government property.

As fast as the trains can be gotten the convalescents are being sent to their homes. Already over 4000 sick leaves have been granted, and there are yet in the hospital over 1500 sick soldiers. These will be sent home as fast as they are convalescent.

There were today reported in all 520 cases of typhoid fever in all hospitals, and six deaths.

## MERRITT GOES TO PARIS.

Rumors That a Settlement Has Been Made With Aguinaldo.

MANILA, Aug. 28, 8:50 p. m.—Steamers are entering the river as usual. The Americans are temporarily maintaining the former Spanish tariff. Business is brisk.

The United States warships Raleigh and Olympia have gone to Hong Kong to go into dock. Admiral Dewey has transferred his flag to the Baltimore.

General Merritt will sail on the steamship China Tuesday on his way to Paris to attend the sessions of peace conference. No agreement has yet been reached with Aguinaldo on any subject, though circumstantial rumors are current that everything has been settled to the mutual satisfaction of those concerned.

## NOTICE.

Board for school children. Rates \$14 per month, including washing. 8-10 1m. Mrs. F. DREWS.

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## THE CZAR OF RUSSIA IS IN FAVOR OF PEACE

Invites the Powers to a General Conference.

## REDUCE EXCESSIVE ARMOR

Proposition, Coming From Russia and Apparently Sincere, Likely to have Important Results.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 28.—By order of Emperor Nicholas, Count Muravieff, the foreign minister, on the 23d, handed to the foreign diplomats at St. Petersburg a note declaring that the maintenance of peace and the reduction of the heavy armaments now crushing all nations is the ideal for which all governments should strive.

The czar considers the present moment favorable for the inauguration of a movement looking to this end, and invites the powers to take part in an international conference as a means of securing real and lasting peace and terminating the progressive increase of armament.

## HALF A MILLION DAMAGE DONE

Disastrous Fire at Nashville Early This Morning.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 30.—At 2:05 this morning fire broke out in the top floor of the five-story building of the Phillips & Buttorff wholesale and retail hardware and stove manufacturing company, on the corner of Bank alley and Cotton street, and in a short time destroyed the entire building and contents. At 2:50 the fire spread south across the alley to A. J. Warren & Company's furniture store, and totally destroyed that fine four-story structure and contents.

At 3:15 Webb & Stevenson's retail hardware store, immediately adjoining Warren & Company's building, was a mass of flames, and is burning fiercely at 3:45, with the chances of the fire spreading and destroying the entire block south, including the Western Union Telegraph building.

The fire department seems unable to check the progress of the flames, although there is no wind. The loss at this hour will probably reach \$500,000. The origin of the fire is not yet known.

One Minute Cough Cure surprises people by its quick cures and children may take it in large quantities without the least danger. It has won for itself the best reputation of any preparation used today for colds, croup, a tickling in the throat or obstinate coughs. Snipes-Kinersly Drug Co.

## The Plague Spreading.

SIMLA, Aug. 29.—It is officially announced that there were 2300 deaths from the plague last week in Bombay presidency. The epidemic is certainly spreading.