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PEACE NOW IMPOSSIBLE

War Expected to Be Declared at Any Moment.

BORES MAKE PREPARATIONS

Field Batteries Being Rushed to the Front—England Chartering Transports at New Orleans.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—A dispatch from Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, says that in secret session, the road has passed a stringent command of law. The burghers who have left the Orange Free State recently, have been ordered to return in default of £500 fine, five years imprisonment and the confiscation of their property.

A dispatch to the Times from Pretoria says: "It is generally expected that a state of war will be proclaimed at any moment. President Kruger today declared he had done all possible for the sake of peace."

"I asked Kruger if there was still a possibility of peace. 'No,' he replied, adding, after a pause, 'unless the other side will do something to make peace possible.'"

A squadron of British cruisers has gathered at Cape Town. A telegram received today says two batteries of field artillery and 500 burghers have started for the Volksrust, and that another 500 will go there today. The streets at Pretoria present a scene of great military animation. Armed burghers and artillerymen are riding about, field cornets being engaged in warning the burghers to be in readiness at a moment's notice.

TRANSPORTS BEING CHARTERED.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 29.—Major Scobell, of the British army, has chartered the steamship Mountreal, making the third transport. He has also closed another contract for mules, and placed the first order for grain and forage for army supplies to be sent to the Transvaal.

BOER OFFICERS UNDER ORDERS.

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 29.—There is great excitement in consequence of orders to commanders to take the field. Dispatch riders have gone to the front.

VOLUNTEERS RESPOND READILY.

DURBAN, Natal, Sept. 29.—The summoning of volunteers has caused widespread excitement. Men responded readily and 800 troops with numerous guns will entrain tomorrow.

ANOTHER ALASKA STRIKE.

New Discoveries at Cape Prince of Wales and a Stampede Sets in.

TACOMA, Sept. 29.—Another story of gold discoveries in the North has been

brought down by Colonel Frank Haight, a well known Salt Lake mining man, who has mining interests in Alaska.

Haight was one of the few passengers who came down on the Alliance who had come directly out from Anvil City. He says that a short while before he left there were some prospectors came in with a report of a great strike at Cape Prince of Wales, which is about 100 miles north of Cape Nome.

Haight says there was an immediate stampede for the new grounds and many of the miners who had good claims on the beach at Cape Nome joined in.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

It is raging in Interior India and is being fought against Native Opposition.

OPORTO, Sept. 29.—Confirmation has been obtained of the report that the bubonic plague has made its appearance at Baguia, a village outside the sanitary cordon. The disease was introduced there by two patients in the hospital.

Last evening a carriage in which foreign doctors were on their way to attend a post mortem examination here was stoned by a number of persons. The police drove off the assailants and the doctors escaped unhurt.

SEPTEMBER BUSINESS REMARKABLY LARGE.

Clearing Houses Show Forty-Six Per Cent Increase—Wages Ten Per Cent Higher.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—R. G. Dun & Company's weekly review will say tomorrow:

September is the twelfth consecutive month in which the volume of business, both at New York and outside of New York, has been greater than same month of any previous. In the 12 months the payments through the clearing houses have been \$39,600,000,000 against \$41,200,000,000 in the 12 months ending with September 1898, an increase of over 46 per cent.

When the tremendous expansion began, men called it a replenishment of long depleted stocks, then for a time it was called a crazy outburst of speculation, and when the demands still expanded some permanent increase of business was recognized as the result of the increased population, earning better wages. But the demand still grows, now ranging about 60 per cent greater than in 1897, while the population, according to treasury estimates, is 16 per cent greater and wages quite, if not over 10 per cent greater. The reconstruction of business and industries, of the producing and transporting forces, is in progress throughout the land with results which none can now measure.



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The Naval Parade Was a Magnificent Spectacle.

BAY ALIVE WITH CRAFT

Fleet Fires National Salute on Passing Grant's Tomb—Darkness Relieves the Admiral.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—No Roman conqueror returned to his triumph of barbaric splendor; no victorious king or prince coming home from successful war ever received such a magnificent ovation as overwhelmed Admiral Dewey today as he stood on the bridge of the Olympia at the head of the magnificent fleet of steel thunderers of the deep, followed by a thousand vessels of peace, each tiered and coated black with people, and sailed over the bright waters of the upper bay and up the broad pathway of the river, whose banks were gay with millions of flags and streamers dancing in the wind.

The sky was blue, the water rippled under the fresh wind that held out the flags straight and jaunty and the wharves and piers and rocky heights and grassy knolls were black with frantic, enthusiastic people, who strived weakly to make their shouts heard above a perfect bedlam of tooting whistles that accompanied the admiral ashore and aloft.

As the tomb of General Grant, on Riverside drive, was reached, the fleet paid its tribute to the memory of the great warrior with a national salute of 21 roaring guns. The fleet then anchored and reviewed the almost endless procession of craft that steamed past, so burdened with humanity that they looked as if they would turn turtle before they got back to their piers.

Darkness at last brought relief to the tired admiral, who had stood on the bridge for six hours, bowing his acknowledgments to the stentorian expression of homage. New York had never witnessed before anything approaching this wonderful, remarkable demonstration. The Columbian naval parade, the dedication of Grant's tomb and the reception of the North Atlantic squadron last fall, all pale before this gigantic ovation to a sailor, who, in a single morning destroyed the enemy's fleet without the loss of a man or a ship. It is not beyond the mark to say that three million people viewed the pageant from ashore and that a quarter of a million were aloft.

The officers of the fleet did not wear their showy uniforms, but were attired in "special undress 'A'" as it is technically known in the navy. There were no gold epaulets, no gold bound beavers and clattering swords aboard. This was the admiral's order and added but another to the many evidences of his unique modesty. The brother and widow of Captain Gridley, who fought in the Olympia in Manila bay, and Colonel Bartlett, with three newspaper men, were the only civilians aboard.

Just as the signal to weigh anchors was given, a pull on the halyards spread the four-starred flag, which Admiral Farragut flew as he ran the fort in New Orleans. It was the flag which was presented to Admiral Dewey. As it broke, the sailors at their stations and the marines on the quarter deck, greeted it with a hip, hip hooray we got from our ancestors. The flag floated proudly all through the pageant today. It is the most precious possession of Farragut's pupil and when it is struck on Monday, it will probably be forever, as it is altogether unlikely that Admiral Dewey will ever command another fleet.

Admiral Dewey went on the bridge as soon as the start was made and remained there throughout the parade. The admiral paid close attention throughout the journey to everything which transpired on the board the vessel. Several times he ordered the crew to stand by to cheer in some extraordinary demonstration.

It was not until all the warships had passed in review before the Olympia

that an incident occurred which showed that, with all his geniality, the hero of Manila could also be a very stern sailor. A stream of signal flags ordered the vessels of the fleet to dress ship. The order was beautifully executed except aboard the flagship, where the fouling of a line in the top of one of the stacks caused a delay. Admiral Dewey instantly roared out a command for some one to ease the line. It fouled again and a sailor was sent aloft to clear it. The admiral was plainly displeased. He sent for the officer under whose direction the order was executed and called him upon the bridge. "I am ashamed of this," he said "and I am ashamed of you."

THE TRANSPORT SERVICE FROM THE COLUMBIA.

Probability it Will be Increased and Astoria Should Move for a Share of it.

The sailing of the Thirty-fifth regiment on the Rio de Janeiro and Sikh is of more than passing interest to Astorians. It is the general feeling among observing men that the assignment of these transports and the Lennox, which is also to load at Portland with mules for the Philippines, is but the harbinger of a large share of the government Philippine business that the Columbia river will secure.

A telegram from Washington states that it is more than probable that the Thirty-ninth and Forty-fifth regiments will also sail from Portland, and since the government has started to use this route there is every reason for it to continue and Uncle Sam has now a large fleet of transports plying between this coast and Manila. This government business will give suggestion and incentive to other trade.

All men agree that our trade with the Orient is bound to increase enormously and the Columbia river has every right to expect a big share of the shipping.

So far, apparently, the arrival and departure of these transports is of no special value to Astoria as they do not even stop here; but all the new business Portland gets into the Columbia cannot hurt Astoria and when Astorians learn as Portlanders have, how to make politics a business weapon, Astoria will get all of the ocean commerce that is due her, and the more there is the better off she will be.

The Thirty-fifth, which sails on the Rio de Janeiro and Sikh, is a Pacific coast regiment, organized at Vancouver barracks. The regiment was inspected Thursday by Lieutenant Colonel Maus, assistant inspector general of the department of the Columbia, and it presented a splendid appearance. The general health of the men is very good.

The efforts of Astorians to have Port Stevens made a general rendezvous for soldiers are being seconded by climatic conditions at the San Francisco presidio. Of the 6,500 soldiers now there 8 per cent are on the sick list and it is expected that pulmonary troubles will increase as the season advances.

CHINA AS A FUTURE MARKET.

"China is going to be our best Far Eastern market within a quarter of a century," said Arthur More, a Chicago machinery manufacturer to a New York Tribune reporter recently. "The house I am connected with has had a salesman in China for the last six months studying up the situation. He reports a number of conditions that we were unaware of. He says, in effect, that the Chinaman likes the American and his goods better than any other outside nation, but at the same time he thinks we'll have to fight for what we get. He speaks in the highest terms of the business integrity of the Chinese. He says that they stand by their promises, and like to deal with people who do the same. He says that we have got to go there, settle down to business with our wares, after numberless object lessons, expect little or nothing in the way of returns for the first five years, and he predicts that after that American goods will have precedence over and others."

ARMY BACK TO ANGELES

Combined Forces Will Await Orders for General Advance.

FILIPINO OUTPOST VISITED

Notified of Coming of Spanish Commissioners to Arrange for Deliverance of Prisoners.

MANILA, Sept. 29.—General MacArthur's column has returned to Angeles, where Generals MacArthur, Wheaton and Wheeler have established their headquarters with 3,000 troops. It is expected they will remain there until a general advance is ordered.

The Spanish commissioners, who recently spent a month at Tarsac, arrived at Angeles today. They will proceed to the Filipino lines. The commissioners say they are confident they will arrange for the deliverance of all the Spanish prisoners. Lieutenant Howland, of General Wheaton's staff, has visited the Filipino outposts, presumably to notify them that the Spanish commissioners were coming. He met with a friendly reception.

NORTHERN RAILROAD KINGS.

San Francisco Chronicle.

There are but two of them, James J. Hill, president of the Northern Pacific, is one, and President Charles S. Mellen, president of the Great Northern, is the other. The similarity of the names of the two roads has led to some confusion in the public mind as to which is which. In a somewhat uncertain way the Northern Pacific has been supposed to be to Tacoma what the Great Northern is to Seattle. Recently the Northern Pacific has been buying lots on the Seattle city front, and thereby has inspired the Great Northern's president to remark that if Seattle sold another inch of her waterfront he would remove his terminals elsewhere.

Seattle is somewhat disturbed at the menace of King Hill to remove his terminals elsewhere, and has appealed to King Mellen to know what he would do in the way of recompense if the threat should be carried into execution. To this appeal King Mellen responded that what he proposed to do would be for the benefit of Seattle, and that it was no concern of his what his competitors might do or threaten to do. The railroad kings seem to think that these Northern cities are not large enough for two roads, and the cities do not feel strong enough to offer equal chances to both and to let the one go that cannot stand competition. The probable outcome is indicated in the following paragraph in the Seattle Times:

"The next strong piece of news that will be heard concerning this matter will be to the effect that the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific companies have 'gotten together' in New York and 'fixed up' an entirely amicable and equitable arrangement concerning the union depot matter." This entirely amicable and equitable arrangement concerning the union depot matter will doubtless include an agreement as to rates. So far as the public is concerned the roads will be one. The advantages the northern country has enjoyed through railroad competition will be sacrificed to the advantage of the roads. There will be two roads in place of one, but there will be but one schedule of rates.

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