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WANTS TO BE AT MANILA IN CASE WAR IS RESUMED

Admiral Dewey Will Not Attend the Sitting of the Paris Commission Unless Commanded to Do So.

GEN. MERRITT TO ATTEND

He Will Sail For San Francisco at Once.

Convention at Cavite Debating Whether or Not to Join Aguinaldo in Sending Representatives to Plead their Cause Before the Commission.

New York, Aug. 29.—A dispatch to the World from Manila says:

President McKinley wants Admiral Dewey to go to Paris to advise the American members of the peace commission but the admiral believes he can be of more service to his country by remaining at his post here. He will forward by mail to Washington or to Paris a full report on the conditions here, with some recommendations, but he will not attend the sitting of the peace commission personally unless specifically ordered to do so by his government. If peace should be definitely agreed to, the admiral desires to bere for prompt future operations.

General Merritt, however, will go to Paris at the president's suggestion, leaving here on the transport China, which is about to return to San Francisco. Manila and its suburbs are very quiet, and the general believes he can absent himself without jeopardizing American interests. In his absence General Otis will act as military governor over the islands.

Aguinaldo will send representatives to Paris to plead the cause of the Philippine islanders. A convention of Filipinos is now in session at Cavite concerning whether they shall co-operate in that project or not. Attending it are some influential islanders who fought with the Spaniards against Aguinaldo, but now have buried the hatchet and hope to see a native government established. The others include active insurgent leaders, representative native civilians and half-bloods.

This convention will probably send a delegation to Paris, but Aguinaldo is resolved to be represented before the peace commission, anyhow. If the native government votes the proposition down he will send personal agents to submit officially the views and aspirations of the insurgent leader.

This native embassy, whether commissioned by the islanders at large, or by the insurgent chief, doubtless will urge that the peace treaty provide for a native republic under an American protectorate.

The commission sent by the insurgents will certainly protest strenuously against a restoration of Spanish control. It will ask that the archipelago be given to the United States as a possession rather than be subjected again to the blight of Spanish rule.

Aguinaldo says that personally he is favorable to the Americans, but his army is fighting for complete independence. There is little, faith, however, in specious promises.

THE UTOPIAN SCHEME

Russia's Plan for an International Conference to Perpetuate Universal Peace Not Likely to be Favorably Received.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—The circular

note directed by the Russian foreign minister to members of the diplomatic body at St. Petersburg, has attracted the earnest attention of officials here. It is supposed from the terms of the note published that a copy was directed to Hitchcock, United States ambassador at the Russian capital, but so far nothing has been heard by cable from him to that effect.

It is believed that the victory achieved by the United States in the late war was a contributing factor in the preparation of the note. It is surmised the victory made it clear to European statesmen that to maintain the balance of power, they would be obliged to redouble their expenditures on account of the army and navy, or else they might be outstripped by the United States.

The official mind here looks upon the Russian project for a general disarmament as Utopian at this time. And while any statement as to the attitude of the United States toward such a conference as proposed is purely conjectural in advance of receipt of an invitation, the impression prevails that our government would not care to take any action or part in its deliberations.

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.

CUSTOMS AT HAVANA DE CUBA

Blanco Proposes to Make Them Conform to Those Which are Now in Vogue in Santiago.

New York, Aug. 29.—A Santiago dispatch says:

General Blanco has sent a message to General Toral, asking what duties have been imposed at Santiago, with a view to regulating the tariffs at Havana.

At the request of the merchants, Customs Collector Donaldson has asked General Lawton to decide whether or not duty paid on goods entered at the port of Santiago shall be refunded and transshipment to such ports as Cienfuegos and Manzanillo, which are still in possession of the Spaniards.

Plans are being prepared and surveys made for a street sewerage scheme in Santiago.

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The Plague Spreading.

SIMLA, Aug. 20.—It is officially announced that there were 2300 deaths from the plague last week in Bombay presidency. The epidemic is certainly spreading.

TROUBLE IS BREWING AT MANILA

Misunderstanding May Cause Trouble at That Place.

GEN. MERRITT CONDEMNED

English Correspondent Criticises Americans—Salisbury Urged to Prevent Spain Regain Control.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—A dispatch from Manila to a news agency, dated August 25, via Hong Kong, today, says:

"The friction between the Americans and natives requires exceptional ability to avoid total alienation. I find that several high American officials, of mediocre education, are utterly unacquainted with Oriental ideas, and unable to understand the primitive races. Most of the Americans are deficient in patience, and numerous trifling misunderstandings intensify the friction. I believe the Americans too hard. The American censor absolutely profits by sending of a single word about the Cavite incident of yesterday, and he threatens to expel any correspondent who mentions it.

A deputation from the press is going to General Merritt to protest against his action. The affair began in a drunken American shooting, and native sentries tried to shoot him. In consequence of the melee, four natives and one American were killed, and it is now generally misreported as being a deliberate inauguration of hostilities. General Merritt returned their arms to the company of natives who fired upon the Americans, presumably inadvertently. The natives assert that Aguinaldo forced General Merritt to liberate them and return their weapons.

"The Americans condemn General Merritt's conduct." The same correspondent cables that the Americans are only "partly patrolling the town."

A CLASH SEEMS VERY IMMINENT

Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg Says England Has Made Demands That Will Not be Considered.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—A special from Shanghai says:

It is stated here that the Chinese minister at St. Petersburg has reported to his government that in his opinion the Chinese question will precipitate a struggle between Great Britain and Russia.

This state of affairs, he says, is a result of the British ambassador having presented a note at St. Petersburg of such a peremptory nature, demanding freedom of enterprise in regions where Russian influence is supposed to predominate, that Count Moravieff cannot accept it.

The Chinese minister indeed expect that a conflict will certainly break out before the first of the year.

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SUFFERING IN RUSSIA

Crop Failure in Certain Sections Causes Great Distress.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 29.—Owing to the failure of the harvests in seven districts of the government of Kansas and in the provinces of Samaria, Saratoff, Siberia, Viatka and Perma, where the crops are almost worthless, great distress prevails. Animals in great numbers are dying of starvation. Unless the promised government supplies are speedily sent, the suffering will be terrible.

(The districts alluded to in the above have but little bearing on the Russian crop as a whole, and the government can probably take care of the sufferers without materially reducing the enormous exportable surplus that Russia has promised this year.)

A Narrow Escape.
Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

MONUMENT WAS UNVEILED

Imposing Ceremonies at Moscow in Memory of Alexander II.

MOSCOW, Aug. 29.—Following the unveiling of the monument to Alexander II yesterday, Emperor Nicholas gave a grand gala banquet at the Palace of the Kremlin. Today the czar reviewed the troops in the presence of the imperial family and a large company of distinguished guests. Later in the afternoon the imperial party witnessed the laying of the foundation-stone of the Alexander III fine arts museum.

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