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THE OFFER TO NEGOTIATE WAS NEVER MADE

Concerning the Possession of Fashoda.

DISPELS IDEA OF NEGOTIATIONS

Principal Fact Brought Out By the Newest British Blue Book—French Papers Hopeful of a Peaceable Solution of the Dispute.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—All interest today is centered in the Marquis of Salisbury's addition to the Fashoda correspondence contained in the new British blue book on that subject.

Conservative newspapers express themselves as being highly pleased with this rejoinder to the French yellow book on the same subject. They declare it dispels the idea spread by the dispatch of the French ambassador here, Baron de Courcier, that the premier was willing to negotiate on the whole question. But liberal and radical organs still consider the Marquis of Salisbury's attitude admits the idea of negotiations promising friendly arrangements. The entire press, however, scents the idea of the possession of Fashoda coming within the sphere of negotiations.

The French papers today are more hopeful, and believe a pacific solution of the dispute will be found.

The English papers are full of particulars of naval news, but the only fresh developments is an order received at Portsmouth to prepare all ships of the fleet and reserve for immediate mobilization. Eight additional warships there in consequence commenced coaling this morning, and working parties were immediately placed on board the other reserve vessels at Portsmouth.

Although not connected with war preparations, much attention has been attracted to the request received by the Clyde shipbuilders from the admiralty for tenders for four new first-class battleships, one first-class cruiser and twelve torpedo-boat destroyers.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 25.—The British warships Pallas and Talbot arrived today from Bermuda. General Lord William Seymour, commander of the troops in British North America, will return from Ottawa, his visit having been cut short by unusual activity in naval and military circles at this station.

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CANAL ROUTE SURVEY FINISHED

Proposed Route in Accordance With the Grant to the Old Nicaragua Canal Association.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Louis Wickman, of the Steamship Company, who arrived here on the steamer Altai from Greytown, said that the survey of the proposed route of the Nicaragua canal in accordance with the grant to the old Nicaragua Canal Association, which was transferred to the Maritime Canal Company, has been completed, and that nearly all the civil engineers were returning to their homes.

Mr. Wickman was surprised to learn that the committee appointed by President Zelaya to render an opinion as to the date the concession to construct a canal across Nicaragua expires had decided that the grant held by the Maritime Canal Company holds good until October 20, 1899.

"It remains to be seen what action congress will take in the matter when the report of Admiral Walker's committee and the Morgan bill comes to us," said Mr. Wickman.

WAS KILLED BY A BLAST

Fate of a Railroad Employee in a Whiteman County Tunnel.

COLFAX, Wash., Oct. 24.—Emil Pearson was instantly killed by a blast in the Northern Pacific tunnel at Cedar creek, eighteen miles northeast of here, last night. A blast was prepared and the foreman told all hands to get out. All complied except Pearson. The foreman called to him again, but he did not leave the tunnel. A huge rock tore off his head. No others were hurt. Pearson lived in Spokane. He was unmarried. Coroner Ferguson has gone to the scene to hold an inquest.

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Bryan is ill. SAVANNAH, Ga., Oct. 24.—Colonel W. J. Bryan, who is here with his regiment, the Third Nebraska volunteers, as a part of Lee's corps, is ill at the De Soto hotel. He is suffering from fever, but his condition is not regarded as at all serious.

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ALL RAILROAD ASSOCIATIONS ARE AFFECTED

Joint Traffic Association is a Trust.

SUPREME COURT DECIDES THUS

Extension of the Grand Trunk Line Combine Declared Unlawful—One of the Most Important Cases Ever Tried.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The United States supreme court yesterday decided the Joint Traffic Association railroad case in favor of the United States and against the railroads.

The case was considered one of the most important that has ever come before the supreme court, not only to the railroads, but to the general public, because of the vast railroad properties represented by the traffic association. The association was formed November 19, 1895, by thirty-one railways, representing the great trunk lines. The purpose of the association, as stated in the agreement, was to establish and maintain reasonable and just rates, fares and regulations of state and interstate traffic. A similar association on a smaller scale was formed among the Southwestern railroads, and known as the Trans-Missouri Association, and the supreme court, in a notable opinion, declared that this association was illegal.

Justice Peckham announced the decision today in the joint traffic case. He said the court could distinguish no difference between this and the trans-Missouri case decided a year ago. He said the only new point involved was as to the constitutionality of the anti-trust act. The court had reached the conclusion that as the railroad corporations performed a duty of semi-public character, it was within the constitutional power of congress to regulate them as provided by the anti-trust act.

Railroad officials were unwilling to talk for publication about the decision, saying that they could not discuss the matter with full understanding of all its bearings until they had had an opportunity to read the text of the supreme court's decision, and James Carter, who will be ex-minister, Edward P. Phelps and ex-senator Edmonds argued the cause of the Joint Traffic Association before that tribunal, also declined to say anything in advance of a careful study of the opinion, the copy of which he expects to receive within a day or so. It is generally thought, however, that the dissolution of all the other existing railway associations of the country, as well as the Joint Traffic Association, is inevitable. The existence of these bodies has not had the effect of putting a stop to ratecutting, and some railroad men are inclined to think that the companies will get along fairly well by instituting again the system of "gentlemen's agreements" as a substitute for the associations. Others declare that it will be absolutely necessary for the welfare of the roads for congress to enact new legislation.

Valdace F. Walker, chairman of the board of directors of the Atchison road said: "This decision makes action by congress imperative, as the railroad business cannot be conducted in conformity with the anti-trust statute as construed by the supreme court."

E. C. Blanks, of Lewisville, Texas, writes that one box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was worth \$50.00 to him. It cured his piles of ten years standing. He advises others to try it. It also cures eczema, skin diseases and obstinate sores. Snipes-Sinners Drug Co.

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"MOTTO" HANGINGS.

One of the Latest Fancies Among Needle Workers in a Pretty Ornament.

The "motto" hanging curtain or portiere is the latest fancy among the guild of needle workers. To make it the woman who knows her business procures a number of lengths of two-inch ribbon in her favorite colors, or varying shades thereof, and upon these ribbons she induces her friends to inscribe their autographs, together with the date of inditing, the motto or watchword which is supposed to rule and dominate their life and character, and any other fragments of similar nature liked.

The lettering is done in sepia, oil colors, colored or even black ink, according to taste. Sepia looks especially well upon yellow, golden brown or certain shades of green; black ink is striking upon scarlet or blue; purple writing fluid is lovely upon lavender or other pansy tones. If the maker of the portiere is doubtful concerning the ability of her friends to do the lettering artistically she merely asks them to write upon slips of white paper, and herself copies the legends thus obtained upon the ribbons. In rare cases the names are embroidered instead of written.

When ready for making up the ribbons—varying from six to ten feet in length—are attached to and suspended from a wider ribbon as long as the portiere is to be wide, and upon which is emblazoned the name, motto and other particulars concerning the fair owner. Fringed, scalloped or pointed ends of similar or the same ribbon, a line of painting or embroidery, may serve to conceal the method of joining. Once attached the loose ends of ribbon are arranged according to the location of the motto. If this is near the top or bottom of the ribbon the portiere is connected midway; if passing along most of the length the waving ribbons are allowed to hang free. "Rainbow" portieres of this order are much liked.

A glorious bit of color and a delightful souvenir hanging is the result, however they are fastened. "Purple and gold and the glory thereof" are as nothing compared to the color scheme and beauty of a really well made and artistically arranged "motto portiere."—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Wise Mother.

"I fear George is untrue to me!" she moaned as her tortured head fell upon her mother's waiting bosom. "In his dreams last night he said: 'I have two little queens!' Oh, if I just knew who the other one is I'd scratch her eyes out!" But her dear mother had been married longer and was wiser than she, and quickly sent the sunshine of a smile scintillating through her tears with the explanation that some bold, bad man must have lured her darling George into a little game of draw, and given it to him in the wishbone in such a cruel manner that he was worrying about it even in his sleep.—Denver Post.

Long Canoe Voyages.

Guy E. Lee, a student in one of Wisconsin's universities, lately started in a canoe from Madison to Brazil. He went across Lake Monona and followed the Yahara south. He will go down the Rock river to the Mississippi, thence to New Orleans, across the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean sea to the South Atlantic ocean and down to Rio Janeiro.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

New Friends.

The disinterested readiness of the Spaniards in Santiago to shake hands with the Americans possibly reminds Mr. Fitzsimmons of the surprise he experienced on finding how many new friends he had when he stepped out of the ring at Carson carrying Mr. Corbett's solar plexus with him.—N. Y. Journal.



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