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## AGUINALDO STILL HOLDS HIS PRISONERS

Spain Disposed to Insist on Reservation of Her Philippine Sovereignty, and the Right to Arbitrate Construction of Protocol .-- President McKinley Determined .-- The Philippine Insurgents Defy Our Military Forces.

missioners, the Spanish memorandum presented at yesterday's joint tarily accompained their husbands and fathers into captivity. session was up for consideration. No unofficial person knows the contents of the document, but it is safe to assume that, added to her insisteene on the reservation of her Philippine sovereignty and her pro- mitted to follow monastic lives and that the parishes are entrusted to position to arbitrate the construction of the third article of the protocol, members of the independent monastic orders. But, he added, the Spain has made two other important statements:

First, that on the high ground of financial probity she cannot allow any discussion here of the validity of her action is pledging the ministers, and that it was necessary that the monastic orders should resources of the Philippines far the payment of the Philippine debt.

burse Spain for her pacific expenditures in the Philippines, she canbased on Philippine pledges.

If Spain has assumed this attitude, and it is believed she has done United States to control the natives. so, she practically compels the American commissioners to consider at least the entire Philippine debt and its assumption by the United and want American domination. States.

It is difficult to understand how the Americans can reply to this in any other manner than by outlining their position and giving the line group, owned by Spain, will be part of the work of the Paris Spanish a time limit in which to accept the propositions of the United peace commission.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The administration feels encouraged over upon the abstract of the Spanish reply which was submitted at yester- reasonable price for its relinquishment.

day's meeting, or is founded upon private advices indicating a weakness of the Spanish position, is not known, but it is probable both of these influences contribute to the brightening of prospects.

The Spanish reply was no surprise to American commissioners, who in fact had prepared themselves in advance, with instructions received directly from the president and Secretary Hay, for a complete

The attempt of the Spanish commissioners to induce the Americans to adopt their construction of the meaning of the protocol where it touches on the Philippines has been a flat failure. The president himself was a party to the preparation of the protocol. It was he who, suspecting the purpose of the Spanish side to becloud the issue and leave an open door for future escape from the consequences of the war, had swept aside as so much chaff the message of the Spanish duke, Almadovar de Rios, and reducing the demands of the United States. Having made the document; the president believes himself to be the person best competent to construe its meaning, and the American commissioners are consequently acting in conformity with

Manilla, Nov. 16.—General Otis, the commander of the American forces, recently proposed to Agninaldo that he release the friars and civilians held in captivity throughout the provinces. The insurgent leader denied their maltreatment, and refused to release them, claiming that the civilians had enlisted as volunteers, and, therefore, were legitimate prisoners of war. Aguinaldo also denied that women and Paris, Nov. 17.—At the daily session of the American peace com-children were detained, but said some women and children had volun-

As to the friars, Aguinaldo argues that they are prchibited by the Philippine clericals have deliberately and systematically deceived the pope, pretending that the country was barbarous, unfit for the regular administer the parishes. Therefore, Aguinaldo continued, he con-Second, that in connection with the American proposal to reim-sidered it necessary to detain the friars until the pope is undeceived.

The Spanish papers here assert that a sanguinary mutiny has not admit of any inquiry as to how she spent the proceeds of the loans taken place on board thehsteamsip Bernardino, and that the native crew massacred the Spanish officers. These papers also appeal to the

Advices from Iloilo say the natives of that city distrusts Aguinaldo

Washington, Nov. 16.—The acquisition of an island in the Caro-

Cable communications between the United States and Manila via. Honolula is regarded as desirable, should we occupy the islands, and Guam island, in the Ladrone group, and one of the Caroline islands he outlook for a successful termination of the labors of the peace the Caroline islands, considered suitable for a cable station, which incommissioners in Paris. Whether this renewed confidence is based volves a money consideration and the United States will pay Spain a

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