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and the Sulu Islands and the Sale of  
the Carolines is Agreed To—  
European Powers are  
Not Pleased.

Associated Press Dispatches.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—Spain has acceded to the demands of the United States, and agreed to cede the entire Philippine archipelago and the Sulu islands, and to sell the Caroline islands. This practically insures the conclusion of a treaty of peace between Spain and the United States in the near future.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—The two peace commissions were in separate sessions all this morning. The joint commission met at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and the Spanish commissioners immediately announced their acceptance of the American demands. The Spanish acceptance was made verbally. When the members of the two commissions were seated, Rios, president of the Spanish commission, handed the Spanish reply to Ferguson, the Spanish interpreter, attached to the United States peace commission. The answer of the Spaniards was short, and less than ten minutes were consumed in rendering it into English for the Americans. The Spanish commissioners announced that they were authorized by their government to reply that the American propositions were inadmissible on legal principles, but that all diplomatic resources were exhausted, and the Spanish commission was now asked to accept or reject the American proposition. Spain, inspired by reasons of patriotism and humanity and to avoid the horrors of war, resigns

herself to the power of the victor. She accepts the offered conditions in order to conclude a treaty of peace. Throughout the controversy Spain had the strongest arguments, and as between positions so diametrically opposed, the American offer of \$20,000,000 was not a fair sum. Nevertheless, the reply continued, Spain desired to avoid any further effusion of blood and further disorder, and concluded to accept the American offer unconditionally and thus bow to the superior power of the victor. The secretaries were then ordered to prepare treaty articles, embodying the cession of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines and payment of the United States of \$20,000,000, for submission to a meeting which will be held Wednesday next.

The American demands include the acquisition of the whole of the Philippine and Sulu groups for \$20,000,000, and it is also understood the United States will purchase the Caroline group. The question of the debt of Cuba is left unsettled. The next meeting will take place Wednesday next.

There is no denying that the whole European continent will bitterly resent the American acquisition of the Philippines. This sentiment is not confined to diplomats, but especially here in Paris it is the opinion constantly heard in the highest French society. It is known that a high official of the French foreign office said yesterday:

"The appearance of Americans in Eastern waters is a disturbing factor to the whole of Europe. The Americans, as is well known, lack diplomatic manner, and will surely bring constant trouble to all of us."

As to the general sentiment, W. T. Stead, who has just returned from a tour of France, Belgium, Germany, Russia, Austria, Turkey and Italy, and who has seen the highest politicians in each country, and in some cases their rulers, said today to a correspondent of the Associated Press:

"An immense majority of Europeans are, of course, absolutely ignorant of what has happened. Interested in their daily toil, they neither know nor care what occurs in the other hemisphere, but other Europeans, who read the newspapers, are able to form what may be called public opinion in the old world. They are practically unanimous on the matter. Outside of England I have not met a single non-American who was not opposed to expansion of America; nor through my whole tour of Europe have I met a European who did not receive the protestations of genuine sincerity with which the Americans entered upon the war with more or less mock incredulity."

Stead reports that the bitterest hostility of all was found at the Vatican.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Paris correspondent of the Times says:

It may be regarded that Spain will accept the American conditions, and sign the treaty, perhaps even without a protest. Thus her colonial empire will disappear forever, and the day is not far distant when the patrimony of the United States, accruing to them under prosperity from exploiting the islands and with good administration, will have increased to fourfold the sum total of the terrible war indemnity France paid Germany.

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