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THE NEGOTIATIONS IN MADRID

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GEN. WOODFORD'S COURSE.

I Was That of a Gentleman Under all Circumstances—No Damage Under Cleveland.

London, April 30.—The Times publishes a letter from Madrid which traces up to December 20 last from official documents the course of the negotiations which took place between United States Minister Woodford and Senor Gullon, the Spanish minister of foreign affairs. The correspondent, commenting on the correspondence, says there was little danger that peace would be disturbed under President Cleveland, "because the Cleveland cabinet gave distinct assurances that Spanish sovereignty would be respected and President Cleveland was a man of his word."

"With the advent of President McKinley," continues the correspondent, "it was remarked that all such assurances were avoided and indications were given that only a short time would be accorded for the suppression of the rebellion. The Spanish government perceived there was danger ahead. When General Woodford arrived he soon let it be known that he had an important mission to execute, but he made a distinctly favorable personal impression by his amiable, conciliatory and scrupulously courteous manner, giving all the Spanish ministers the impression that he wished to avoid all unnecessary diplomatic friction. Gradually in the course of private conversations touching the matter of America's immense interests in Cuba, imperilled by the rebellion, he gave indications of America's desires in the matter and the idea that human indignation in the United States at General Weyler's operations might eventually force the hand of the Washington government.

"All this was conveyed in the most guarded and conciliatory language, but there could be little doubt of what was meant. On September 15th, at San Sebastian, General Woodford had his first interview with the Duke of Tetuan. After the customary greetings had been exchanged, General Woodford declared in the most positive terms that the president desired most earnestly peace and friendship between Spain and the United States. He then proceeded to read extracts from his instructions. As these were lengthy, delicate and important, the Duke of Tetuan suggested a formal written communication which he could submit to the cabinet council.

"Then followed a desultory conversation, General Woodford indicating America's desires to tender her good offices to secure peace, the Duke of Tetuan delicately hinting that the United States was not doing its best to stop filibustering. The conversation, however, was maintained in a cordial and friendly tone."

THE BATTLE EXPECTED.

New York, April 30.—A dispatch to the World from Singapore says:

A naval battle between the United States and Spanish fleets may have been fought off the Philippines, it is thought here. The deepest interest in the result is felt in this British colony. Admiral Montejo, the Spanish commander, has only three effective fighting ships among the large number under his command. They are the single-screw second-class Reina Christina of 3000 tons and the single screw third class unprotected cruisers Don Antonio de Ulloa and Don Juan of Austria, of 1500 tons each. The rest of the fleet will be of little fighting value in combat with the modern vessels of the United States squadron.

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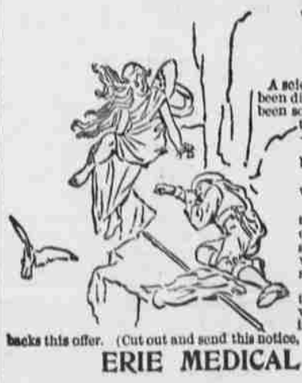

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The truth regarding the battle is not likely to be known until Commodore Dewey, the American commander, gets control of the cables at the Philippines. All telegraph messages from there now are vigilantly watched and rigorously censured by the Spanish officials. Commodore Dewey has with him on the flagship Olympia for consultation a former Philippine rebel general, Jose Alexandrino (or Olejandro). This officer is the son of a wealthy and influential sugar planter of Arayal, Pampanga province. The father was taken from his estate and deported because he had been denounced as a rebel. He died from the exposure and privations to which he was subjected on the road, having been compelled to travel while he was critically ill.

General Alexandrino, who accompanies Commodore Dewey, was educated in Belgium as a civil engineer and took a leading part in the late rebellion. He will be of great assistance to the commodore. Moreover, the knowledge that he is with the American squadron will encourage the natives ashore to revolt. General Aguinaldo, the head of the insurrection, whose name is a talisman among the native people, will take an active part himself in organizing and directing military operations on the islands. His efforts will tell in aiding the American commander's operations and in liberating the Philippines from Spanish misrule.

It would be premature for me to tell at this time what his plans are for future movements and action in the war. General Aguinaldo had a private interview a short time ago with the editor of the Singapore Free Press in the office of the journal. His disappearance from Hong Kong having been reported to the Spanish consul here, efforts amounting to political espionage were made to discover the presence and plans of the Philippine refugees if in Singapore. The loyal Malay police were employed secretly for this purpose, but the exposure of the consul's action in the Free Press called the attention of the governor, Sir Charles Mitchell, to the improper influence brought to bear on the police. This will not occur again.

HAWAIIAN SITUATION.

New York, April 30.—A special to the Press from Washington says:

When President Dole of Hawaii left this country after his visit to aid the annexation proceedings before congress, he carried with him the draft of a bill which promises to make history. It is for passage by the Hawaiian congress and provides in the event of a war in which the United States may need the Hawaiian islands for a base of supplies that the islands shall be put under the protection of the American flag. It was prepared with the knowledge of the senate committee on foreign relations and had the approval of the administration on certain conditions. One condition was that it should not be submitted to the Hawaiian congress unless there was war. When President Dole left this country war with Spain had not been declared, but deemed probable. No conditions are to be imposed upon the United States should the American flag be raised over the islands. If a consideration was named an appropriation would be required which would need congressional action and probably cause complications. A majority of the senate and house are in favor of the annexation of Hawaii and the project has failed so far only through lack of the necessary two-thirds vote in the upper body. In an emergency the president of the United States can exercise what is known as the "war power." He can accept the privilege granted by the Hawaiian government for a base of supplies in the Pacific ocean, and to guard the islands completely the flag of the United States would be raised as a barrier against which foreign meddling would not be permitted. It would not surprise well informed national legislators to hear by the next steamer from Honolulu either a confirmation or strong indication of the fulfillment of this important news. The operations of Commodore Dewey in the Philippines are significant in connection with the expected establishment of a protectorate or sovereignty over Hawaii.

The islands are on a line drawn from the Philippines slightly northward to San Francisco. From the Philippines to Honolulu is more than 4000 miles. From Honolulu to San Francisco is 2000 miles. The necessities of the United States demand this stopping place. British necessities are so great in commerce that if the United States does not control this Pacific station, Great Britain must in self-protection assume control. Honolulu promises to become the resort of a tremendous fleet of ocean steamers, mostly British. All collier ships have to stop there and the present Hawaiian government will not be able to maintain proper police and sanitary conditions. The expectation in England is that the United States will respond to Hawaii's invitation. England favors this course rather than to permit another power to control her line of communication with Australia. The British ministry has assured the state department that it views with favor Hawaiian occupation by America.

MAY HAVE ANOTHER.

New York, April 30.—Another bombardment of Matanzas will probably follow if General Blanco makes any attempt to replace the batteries demolished by Admiral Sampson, says the Washington correspondent of the Herald.

Official dispatches from Admiral Sampson received at the navy department tell briefly of the bombardment. The only explanation he makes for the attack on the Matanzas fortifications is that he discovered that the Spaniards were erecting heavy guns there and he deemed it expedient to demolish them. He adds that the Puritan will be sent back to Matanzas with orders to destroy any new batteries constructed.

WILL NOT PRIVATEER.

New York, April 30.—It is stated on high authority, says the Madrid correspondent of the Herald, that the Spanish government's reservation of its right to issue letters of marque does not necessarily imply that she will have recourse to privateering. The government, indeed, has no intention at present of doing so. She has simply reserved the right should circumstances such as the destruction of the Spanish fleet compel her taking such a course.

THEATRE STAMPEDE.

Alarm of Fire During Melba's Performance in San Francisco.

San Francisco, April 30.—Toward the close of the operatic performance by Madame Melba in the California theatre tonight, the bursting of a steam pipe in the adjoining building occupied as headquarters of the fire department, caused a quick fire.

The old wooden building was in a blaze and the people in the crowded theatre seeing through the windows the reflection of the flames, disregarded the reassuring statements of the management and attempted to rush from the building. A panic followed, in which many women fainted, among them Madame Melba, but miraculously none were seriously injured.

The audience was composed of the most fashionable people in the city and many valuable ornaments were lost. Ladies in their wild attempts to escape from fancied danger left furs, bonnets, wraps and jewels behind. These were trampled under foot and many valuables stolen.

The fire department house and the St. George stable adjoining on the other side were destroyed, but the theatre was but little damaged, although the ceiling caught fire and was slightly burned.

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THE YALE.

New York, April 30.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Yale, formerly the American line steamship Paris, has eluded the Spanish warships and will be at her dock this morning with her 150 passengers. She was sighted off Fire island at 2:47 this morning. The liner about which such deep anxiety has been felt, sailed from Southampton one week ago. She was in command of Captain Watkins and carried besides passengers, a cargo made up mostly of munitions of war for the United States.

OUR WHEAT SHIPMENTS.

Portland, April 30.—Wheat—Walla Walla, 95@96; valley and blue stem, 97@98.

The total shipments of wheat from Portland for the season are 16,978,611 bushels; from Tacoma and Seattle, 9,545,870. The shipments east by rail and destroyed by fire, 850,000.

The total crop accounted for to May 1 is 27,374,481. It is estimated that there is yet in Oregon and Washington nearly 3,000,000 bushels.

CONFIDENCE FELT.

London, April 30.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

"In consequence of the recent payments for the purchase of vessels, a greater number of which have been acquired than the people suppose, great confidence is felt with reference to the coming naval operations. Admiral Bermejo is in receipt of constant dispatches with respect to the movement of Spanish vessels."

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Sacramento, April 30.—A bolt of lightning struck one of the buildings of the Clipper Gap, Placer county, powder company. There were two explosions, one that blew up the glase mill and the other the wheel, or grinding mill. One man was killed. No details of the accident have been received. The Clipper Gap mills make only blasting powder for miners.

SPANISH FLEET SAILS.

St. Vincent, Cape Verde islands, April 30.—The transports and torpedo boats sailed at 9:35 this morning.

COLONEL GRANT.

Albany, N. Y., April 30.—The governor has commissioned Fred D. Grant colonel of the Fourteenth regiment.

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