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SPAIN ACCEPTS PEACE TERMS OF UNITED STATES

THE OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON

Believe Spain Will Accept, but Have Not Received Official Advice.

SPANISH REPLY READY TODAY

Will Give No Occasion for Further Response to the Demands of the United States—Preparing Revised Copy of Reply.

MADRID, Aug. 6—Evening. The cabinet today approved the basis of the peace conditions proposed by the United States.

Duke Almodover de Rio, minister of foreign affairs, is charged with revising the reply, which will be ready and approved at the cabinet council tomorrow morning.

It is stated on good authority that the Spanish reply will give no occasion for further response to the United States.

OFFICIAL WASHINGTON VIEWS.

Washington, Aug. 6—Just a week ago today Ambassador Cambon received from the president the terms of peace which would be granted by the United States. When this administration closed its doors this afternoon the Spanish government had not signified whether or no it was prepared to accept these conditions. Every day during the past week an answer has been expected, and that same feeling of expectancy prevailed at the close of the week. It is said that all responsible government officials are satisfied that the reply will be an acceptance of the terms, when it does come.

SPAIN'S ANSWER WANTING.

Washington, August 6—Spain's answer to the American demands was not received by the French ambassador up to midnight tonight. At that hour the ambassador retired.

MARINES TRANSFERRED.

Starvation on the Coast of Cienfuegos—Scorpion Arrives.

Playa del Este, Guantanamo Bay, Aug. 6—The marine camp here was broken up on Friday and the marine battalion was transferred to the auxiliary cruiser Resolute for service in other parts of Cuba. The main body of the fleet will remain here ready for any kind of service, awaiting orders from Washington.

The chief master at arms, Gratz, of the battleship Oregon, committed suicide yesterday by shooting.

The Scorpion has arrived from Cienfuegos. Lieutenant Commander Marix confirms the previous reports of starvation in this section of the coast. He said that Naval Cadet Combs, who has not yet graduated, but is doing duty on the Scorpion, is down with malarial fever. While the Scorpion was off Manzanilla, with the temperature at 105 degrees "general quarters" was sounded suddenly. Cadet Combs rushed from his sick bed to his station, stark naked, but with his sword buckled around his waist. This plucky young officer will have to be sent home to recuperate.

HOBSON AT LONG BRANCH.

The Admiring Seasiders Present Him With a Fine Sword.

Long Branch, N. Y., Aug. 6—Lieutenant Hobson is the hero of Long Branch. All the guests of the hotel assembled in the parlors when it was learned that Lieutenant Hobson was to be at Long Beach.

Some one started a popular subscription for a testimonial to him and it was unanimously agreed that a sword would be the proper thing. In a short time $300 was in the hands of the treasurer. The committee appointed to meet the Lieutenant in New York and escort him to Long Beach purchased the sword for $275. It is heavily laid with gold over handle and blade and interlined with embossed silver. It was presented to the Lieutenant after dinner, before the guests, who crowded the parlors and ball rooms and made the walls ring with cheers. Hobson received the sword cheerfully and said:

"It is with the profoundest emotion that I receive and accept this beautiful token so spontaneously offered by this generous group. I cannot adequately express my appreciation and my thanks. I have only to say, as long as my career shall continue this emblem shall be dearly cherished and shall ever recall this occasion. When, perhaps, I am far away and occasion may arise to use this sword, I cannot but feel that the thought of this occasion will inspire its use for my country's honor.

"I have to beg of you that you recall this simple, absolute fact—that the little incident at the front indicates nothing, but only the status of your sailors afloat."

THE SPANISH CONFERENCE.

Still Haggling Over the Question of Whether They Are Whipped Enough.

London, August 6—The Madrid correspondent of the Times commenting on the views of the various leaders, expressed at the conference with Senor Sagasta as given by El Liberal, says:

"It seems that Senor Sagasta pointed out all the facts of the situation with the utmost frankness to the various politicians, including reasons for and against a continuation of the war and citing for example the fact that General Blanco, who is far from being dejected, has proposed plans to continue the resistance.

"Senor Sagasta's picture, as a whole, however, was painted in somber colors. Senor Montero Rios, president of the senate; Marquis Vega de Armijo, president of the chamber of deputies; Marshal Martinez de Campos, the Duke of Tetuan and Senor Silvela, the leader of the disabled conservatives, all favor peace. The Duke of Tetuan, however, thinks a government of greater authority necessary to negotiate the conditions.

"Senor Romero Robledo, on the contrary, evidently aims at playing the part of Gambetta. He anticipates the time when he may acquire considerable political influence by reminding his fellow countrymen that he had no act or part in any negotiations looking to a close of the war. It is worth noting that he declares his views are shaped by General Weyler.

"So far as I can discover, these bellicose sentiments find little or no echo in the public mind. It is said that Senor Emilio Castelar, the Republican statesman, authorizes Senor Silvela to declare that he is in favor of peace."

CERVERA IS GRATEFUL.

Mobile, Ala., Aug. 6—In response to the invitation extended in the name of the people of Greensboro, Ala., to visit Hobson's home, Admiral Cervera writes, saying:

"I thank you very much, and also the citizens of Greensboro for the kind expressions contained in your letter, and you will allow me to say that as it is, I would render thanks (which I do with the greatest of pleasure) for the kind and generous treatment which I am receiving at the hands of the American people, and it would be gratifying to me to accept your invitation to visit Greensboro, where was born brave Lieutenant Hobson, but it would be impossible for me to do so, for as soon as the war is ended it will be obligatory upon me to return immediately to Spain to account for my conduct, which must be judged as provided for by law. Nevertheless, I shall not fail to carry through all my life the remembrance of such brave officers as Lieutenant Hobson, and also the fatherly invitation tendered me by the city of his birth.

RAILROAD MAGNATES MEET.

Seattle, Aug. 6—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern; Daniel Lamont, vice-president of the Northern Pacific, and A. L. Mohler, president of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company, met in this city tonight and held a lengthy conference. At its conclusion they stated that the meeting was purely social.

ACCEPTED THE INVITATION.

Alameda, Aug. 6—The invitation extended by the Astoria regatta committee to the Alameda Senior Barge crew to participate in their annual regatta, to be held August 18, 20, and 22, has been accepted.

The Alamedas oarsmen expect to leave on the steamer Columbia which sails on the 13th.

The crew will be made up as follows:
H. B. Haddock, bow.
W. G. Hansen, No. 2.
A. C. Webb, No. 3.
F. W. Ayers, stroke and captain.
Eddie Hansen, coxswain.
George H. Mill and S. J. Pembroke, trainers.

LIGHTSHIP NO. 67 IN DISTRESS.

Seattle, Aug. 6—Captain Dettmar, of the steam schooner Samoa, which arrived today from San Francisco, reports that Friday afternoon he was informed by the captain of lightship No. 67, off Umatilla reef, that during the gale of the previous day the ship's large "mushroom" anchor and its fathoms of chain had been lost overboard. This was the only anchor belonging to the vessel and it was necessary to keep steam up to prevent her going on the reef. A steamer will be sent to her assistance.

CHALLENGE FOR AMERICA'S CUP.

London, Aug. 6—According to the Star the challenge of Sir Thomas Lipton for a race for America's cup will be dispatched this afternoon by the Royal Master Yacht club to the New York Yacht club.

OUR NAVY IN CASE OF PEACE

Reorganization Will Be Made Necessary and Commanders Changed.

BIG SOUTH ATLANTIC FLEET

One for South Pacific, as Long Cherished, With Base at Callao or Valparaiso—Sampson Reports Health Good.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—If the navy department contemplates any further change in the composition of the eastern squadron, which was declined for a cruise to Spanish waters, the matter has not taken form as yet.

This statement applies to the commanders of the ships of this squadron, as well as to the ships themselves, and in the talk of sending Admiral Sampson in charge of the squadron, consequently it is rather speculative this time.

Of course it is understood that in the event of peace being restored there must be a complete reorganization and redistribution of the United States naval forces, and this will involve undoubtedly the question of promotion of the four naval commanders of high rank now on duty in connection with the North Atlantic fleet, namely, Admiral Sampson, Commodore Watson, Commodore Schley, and Commodore Howell.

The north Atlantic fleet comprises about 20 vessels, the most numerous and powerful force ever commanded by an American admiral. Such a gigantic force would not be maintained on one station in the event of peace.

The auxiliary vessels and monitors, which are unfit for general cruising, will be retired from commission and laid up in the navy yards, and in course of time the former will be sold. A sufficient force of the remaining vessels will be retained on the North Atlantic station to maintain it as the most important naval command. The others are to be distributed between the various other stations, the Pacific, Asiatic, and South Atlantic. The latter station, which was vacated completely just prior to the declaration of war, will be rehabilitated and, for the sake of the the moral effect likely to ensue, will receive some of the most powerful and modern ships in the American navy. It will be possible, also, with the ships at the navy department's disposal to carry out the long cherished project for the creation of a new station on the South Pacific, with the base probably at Valparaiso or Callao.

HEALTH OF SQUADRON.

Washington, Aug. 6—The secretary of the navy tonight made public the following telegram from Admiral Sampson:

Playa, Aug. 6—The marine battalion is in excellent health. The sick list numbers 2½ per cent. The fleet surgeons report that they are in better condition for service in this climate than they were when they first arrived south in June. The health of the squadron at Guantanamo is fairly good. The sick list numbers 3 per cent. The general tone of the health of the ships' company has fallen considerably since the first of July. This, however, is not due to the prevalence of any disease, but is probably due to the release from the strain and constant effort under which they so long lived, and to this, probably more than to any other cause, is due their somewhat impaired physique. I do not think it necessary to send the marine battalion north. The crew have borne their privations in a manner beyond praise. Three ships' crews have not been ashore for seven months, and have been three months in a debilitating climate. SAMPSON.

Secretary Long stated tonight that it is the purpose of the department to order those ships home not required for the blockade, as soon as the exigencies of the war will permit.

MARIA TERESA FLOATED.

Washington, Aug. 6—The Merritt Chapman Wrecking company has informed the navy department that the wreckers have succeeded in floating the Spanish cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa, and are about to start her under her own steam to Norfolk.

The navy has nothing to do with this voyage, the wreckers having contracted to deliver any of the vessels of Cervera's fleet that might be recovered at Santiago.

It is fully expected at the navy department that the Maria Teresa will require very expensive repairs, having suffered not only from shot, shell and fire, but also from a month's submersion in the quickly fouling water of South Cuba. However, repairs will certainly be made, for the sentimental reason alone is strong enough to warrant the expenditure of money enough to put the ship into serviceable condition.

ARRIVED FOR TROOPS.

Sampson Waiting Patiently to Take Aggressive Action.

Playa del Este, Aug. 6—The auxiliary cruiser St. Louis has arrived here from Porto Rico under orders to assist in taking the United States troops home from Santiago.

Captain Goodrich thinks his ship is too long to enter the harbor and he will remain here until the matter is settled. The transport Han Juan arrived from Santiago with troops and provisions, and proceeded for Guantanamo.

The fleet still remains here waiting for orders from Washington. Admiral Sampson expressed the hope that the peace negotiations will come to a quick conclusion. He is anxious to take aggressive action on the south coast without delay, or, in the event of peace being concluded to immediately relieve the suffering imposed by the rigor of the blockade.

The Potomac has recovered $8,000 from the Infanta Maria Teresa, which was driven ashore at the time Admiral Cervera attempted to escape from Santiago.

THE YELLOW FEVER.

Washington, Aug. 6—Following is the report of General Shaffer for August 5, made public tonight by the war department:

The total sick, 2,07.
Total fever, 2,52.
New cases of fever, 61.
Cases of fever returned to duty, 61.
Deaths August 5 were one officer and 12 men.

EXORBITANT PRICES.

General Wood Orders Prices Reduced on Necessaries of Life at Santiago.

Santiago, Aug. 6—General Wood, military governor of Santiago, this afternoon called a meeting of the butchers and retail provision dealers of the city with the object of formulating a tariff for the sale of the necessities of life for which the dealers lately have been charging exorbitant rates.

All of the dealers were very indignant at the interference. The military has authority in commercial matters, but General Wood gave them until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning to agree on moderate prices, under the penalty of the revocation of their licenses and the closing of their shops. A permanent scale of prices will be fixed tomorrow.

WIDESPREAD SYMPATHY.

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Berlin, Aug. 6—The death of Prince Bismarck has, of course, engrossed public attention throughout the week. While it cannot truthfully be said that the impression created by the sudden death of the great chancellor was as deep as would have been expected, and while there was nothing like a general mourning visible in Berlin, yet there were unmistakable evidences of widespread sympathy. The publications and revelations which so quickly followed the death of the prince have naturally created a sensation and deep anger in government circles, and there are still greater surprises in the resentment and attitude of the Bismarck family.

The emperor left nothing undone that could testify to his personal grief or sense of the greatness of the loss to Germany. His proclamation addressed to the imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, has given high satisfaction throughout the country. On the whole Emperor William has shown great tact in the face of open rebuffs.

When the monarch arrived at Friedrichsruhe, the ex-minister of state, Prince Herbert, did not appear in uniform or wear his decorations, but appeared only as a private gentleman.

GENERAL MILES' TRIUMPHANT MARCH

Has Small Engagements, but no Losses to Speak of, and Captures Towns.

SAN JUAN RESOLVED TO FIGHT

Foreign Consuls Endeavoring to Protect Their Citizens From Harm—Neutral Zone to Be Established.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—Late this afternoon the first news in a dispatch came to the war department from General Miles as follows:

"Ponce, Aug. 6—General Brooke reports General Haines' brigade of the Fourth Ohio and Third Illinois captured Guayamo yesterday, and had a slight skirmish with the enemy in and about the town.

"The enemy's strength is estimated at about 500, but it is not ascertained if any of them are regulars. The resistance was not strong.

"Private John O. Cordner was wounded in the knee; C. W. Riffe, wounded in both legs, below the thigh; Lew Wolcott, wounded in the right foot. None are seriously wounded, and all are of the Fourth Ohio. One Spaniard was killed and two wounded, so far as known. MILES"

ARE RESOLVED TO FIGHT.

Spanish Commander at San Juan Refuses to Surrender the Island.

Ponce, Island of Porto Rico, Aug. 6—United States Consul Hanna has received information that the foreign consuls at San Juan, the capital of this island, have advised the Spanish officers to surrender to the American troops.

The Spaniards, however in reply announced that they had resolved to fight. Thereupon the consuls notified the commander that they would establish a neutral zone between Bayamo and Rio Pedras in which to gather the foreign residents and their portable property to insure their safety in the event of a bombardment of the place by the American forces. The consuls sent a similar notification to General Miles.

In spite of this brave talk it is understood that the Spanish officers of minor rank have refused to fight or imperil their lives in the defense of San Juan. Colonel San Martin, who evacuated Ponce on the approach of the American army of invasion, is reported to have been tried by court martial and shot and Colonel Puig, who evacuated Guantica, where the Americans landed, committed suicide at Utado, on the road between Adjutanas and Arcibo, on the north coast, yesterday.

General Miles held a council of war with his generals today and then rode away, going in the direction of the front. A battalion of the Eleventh regiment has been sent to reinforce General Roy Stone. The American army is moving forward in three columns.

The United States transport Massachusetts, which went ashore off the coast, has been floated.

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