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GENERAL MILES IS STILL CHIEF OF THE ARMY

Interesting Correspondence Shown Between Miles, Shafter and Secretary of War.

THE PEACE PROPOSAL OF CZAR NICHOLAS OF RUSSIA APPROVED

Salvation Army General Commends the Emperor and Offers Prayers for His Success-- A Clash Already Predicted Between Great Britain and Russia--Santiago Customs Collections Pay All Expenses--Alarm in Manila--Armed Insurgents Patrol the Streets of the Suburbs--Business Resumed in Havana Harbor--Londoners Petition to Keep Spain Out of the Philippines--Merritt Goes to Paris.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 29.—The Star this morning prints a three column exclusive dispatch from J. D. Whelpley, its special war correspondent, who has just returned from Porto Rico, bearing upon the Miles-Alger controversy.

Whelpley takes occasion to deny the statement that his recently published interview in Porto Rico with General Miles, wherein the latter was quoted as casting reflections upon the war department, was not genuine, and in support of statement already made by it, the Star prints interesting telegrams that passed between the war department and General Miles and Shafter on the points at issue.

"Doubt is expressed by some," says Mr. Whelpley, "as to whether General Miles said these things I credit him with. Others suggest he may have said them in confidence, which was betrayed. I feel confident," continues the correspondent, "General Miles will stand by the interview referred to."

"My talk with him was not confidential."

The Star article says:

"That General Miles was in command of the entire army when in Washington was of course evident. That he did not resign this supreme command when he went to Tampa and that it was he who was treating with the Cubans for co-operation in Cuba is shown by numerous telegrams exchanged with General Garcia.

"The war department recognized Miles as chief when he was in Tampa. General Miles sailed for Cuba on July 11, at noon, he reported his safe arrival to the war department and at once assumed charge, reporting to the secretary of war. All of the subsequent business of the surrender was entirely in his hands as shown by the fact that the war department communicated with him direct, not even mentioning General Shafter's name in the numerous dispatches.

Secretary Alger, through General Corbin, sent a dispatch to General Shafter assuring him that General Miles did not come to Cuba to supersede Shafter in any way.

This dispatch General Miles refers to as "secret," for he says, he did not know it had been sent, not having been notified from Washington and Shafter saying nothing to him about it. After the surrender General Miles still retained control. He authorized Shafter to ap-

point peace commissioners, and judging from Shafter's report, that all was over, he instructed him as to the disposition of the troops.

General Miles then reported the condition of affairs to the secretary of war with whom he had been in conference. In one of his telegrams to Miles, Secretary Alger says:

"As soon as Santiago falls the troops must all be put in camp as comfortable as they can be made and remain, I suppose, until the fever has had its run."

"Miles did not agree with Secretary Alger, for July 21, in a letter already published in the Star, the general, commanding urged the return of the army to the United States as soon as possible. July 12, after the surrender was complete, General Shafter wired as follows to General Miles:

"Letters and orders in reference to the movement of the camp received and will be carried out. None is more anxious to get away from here than myself. It seems from your orders given me that you regard my forces as part of your command. Nothing will give me greater pleasure than serving under you, general, and I shall comply with all of your requests and directions, but I was told by the secretary that you were not to suspend me in command here. I will furnish the information called for as to the condition of the command to Gilmore, adjutant general A. H. Q.

"General Miles very promptly replied as follows from Playa del Este:

"Telegram received; have no desire and have carefully avoided any appearance of superseding you. Your command is part of the United States army, which I have the honor to command, having been duly assigned thereto and directed by the president to go everywhere I thought my presence required and give such general directions as I thought best concerning military matters, and he especially directed me to go to Santiago for that specific purpose. You will also notice that the order of the secretary of war of July 12, left the matter to my discretion. I should regret that any event should cause either yourself or any part of your command to cease to be a part of mine.

"Very truly yours,
NELSON A. MILES.

BOOTH TO EMPEROR NICHOLAS.
LONDON, August 29.—General William Booth, of the Salvation army, sent the following telegram to Emperor Nicholas this afternoon:

"May it please your majesty: I have received with profound thankfulness to God, the news of your imperial majesty's wise, beneficent and Christian-like proposal in favor of universal peace.

"I cannot refrain from assuring you of the admiration of the multitudes and of the Salvationists in all parts of the world, whose prayers will ascend to Almighty God for your majesty and for the triumphs of those principles of peace and righteousness, after which they are ever striving, and which are moving to seek the true welfare of all nations.

"This great act of God's will must forever add to the honor of your majesty's name, reign and country."

TURNING POINT IN HISTORY.
ST. PETERSBURG, August 29.—The newspapers here declare that the Czar's manifesto will probably constitute a turning point in history.

THE PLAN IMPOSSIBLE.
LONDON, August 29.—The papers are filled with discussions, comments and opinions as to the circular of Emperor Nicholas. The most world-shaking event could have hardly produced such a coup as the suggestion, the fruition of which is regarded on all sides as an absolute impossibility.

A GOOD EFFECT.
LONDON, August 29.—The Times in its financial article this morning, says: "The Czar's circular has had a good effect on the markets, as indicating that there is no immediate probability of war."

A CONFLICT IS IMMINENT.
Russia and Great Britain Will Lock Horns Over Chinese Affairs.
LONDON, August 29.—A special dispatch from Shanghai, says it is stated there that the Chinese minister at St. Petersburg has reported to his government that in his opinion the Chinese question will precipitate a conflict between Great Britain and Russia.

The state of affairs, he says, is about the British ambassador presenting a note at St. Petersburg of such a peremptory nature, demanding freedom of enterprise in regions where Russian influence is supposed to predominate. That Count Muraviev cannot accept it. The Chinese minister, indeed, expects that a conflict will certainly break out before the end of the year.

SANTIAGO CUSTOMS.
WASHINGTON, August 29.—Adjutant

from General Shafter, under date of Santiago, showing there has been collected, with the exception of a small amount in July, \$162,931. The salaries of officials and all expenses, including street cleaning, city police, etc., have been paid up to date, leaving over \$90,000 in the treasury.

MANILA ALARMED.
MANILA, August 29.—The residential suburbs are full of armed insurgents and several personal vendettas have been reported. The inhabitants are greatly alarmed. There was firing in the streets of San Miguel last evening.

The insurgent troops yesterday attended mass fully armed and patrolled the principal streets.

REBELS DISPOSED TO BE PEACEFUL, BUT NEED WATCHING.
NEW YORK, August 29.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila, says: "Indications are that the natives are resuming peaceful pursuits. They are tearing away the trenches around Santana and Pamy and beginning the cultivation of the fields.

Seven unarmed Taglo soldiers under a captain on Sunday at noon were arrested at San Sebastian. They were dragging a Spaniard, bound and gagged, along the street. They said they were taking him out to shoot him. Their captive was rescued by the American soldiers. The rebels had a pass signed by Colonel Montenegro, authorizing them to patrol the city.

Some of the rebels on Friday abducted a woman from Vinondo street, taking with her a small child four months old. The woman has not been seen since. The provost officers are on the trail of the kidnapers.

Plans for the sanitation of Manila are almost completed.

LONDON AGAINST SPAN.
LONDON, August 29.—The Manila correspondent of the Times says: "The leading commercial men here have signed a memorial to Lord Salisbury urging him to use his influence to prevent the Spaniards from regaining supremacy in the Philippines.

The conduct of the American troops is admirable. The town, since their occupation, has been wonderfully free from disturbance. General Green has been ordered to return to Washington. He will sail with General Merritt.

HAVANA LIVELY AGAIN.
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HAVANA, August 29.—The bay of Havana again presents an unusually active aspect. Numerous vessels with cargoes

and rations from the United States are lying at anchor. Close to what remains of the wrecked Maine, is moored the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII. She is at the same buoy as she was on the night of the explosion. The wreck itself has settled two feet or more in the muddy bottom.

Earlier this morning Senor Fernandez de Castro, civil governor of Havana, accompanied by the chief inspector of harbor police, visited the Red Cross steamer Clinton, to return Miss Clara Barton's visit, remaining nearly an hour.

MERRITT WILL GO TO PARIS.
WASHINGTON, August 29.—It was announced this afternoon at the war department that General Merritt was to go to Paris to give the peace commission the benefit of his experience in the Philippines.

The original plan had been to send Admiral Dewey to Paris for this purpose, but this was changed upon representations from the admiral that he could be of greater service at Manila than in Paris.

Whether or not General Merritt will return to the Philippines, has not yet been determined; that will depend entirely upon the state of affairs in the islands when the peace commission concludes its labor. The choice of route is left to himself, but it is expected he will be in Paris within 60 days at the latest.

CLARK'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE.
WASHINGTON, August 29.—Captain Charles E. Clark, formerly commander of the battleship Oregon, when discharged from further treatment at the hospital at New York, will be granted three months' leave of absence.

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