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A WARLIKE MOVEMENT

The English Are Placing All Their Fighting Ships in Trim for War.

VESSELS READY FOR SEA

Trans-Atlantic Liners Being Prepared for Hostilities in Case of a Fight With France.

GREAT ACTIVITY NEAR PARIS

Troops to Be Assembled Immediately at London—Naval Preparations Going Rapidly Forward.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The British admiralty issued a number of significant orders this morning. The dockyards at Portsmouth, Devonport, and Chatham have received instructions to prepare six 30-knot torpedo-boat destroyers for commission, so they will be able to put to sea in 24 hours.

The Cunard and White Star lines have received from the admiralty an intimation to hold the resubstituted steamers in readiness for turning over to the navy officials.

PREPARING FOR WAR.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—The municipal authorities of Toulon have been notified that that place will be the center of important naval and military preparation, and have been instructed to arrange for the immediate reception of four battalions of infantry, 1,500 marines and 600 artillerymen. The municipality has decided to close the schools, the schoolhouses to be used to lodge the troops. The naval authorities have been ordered to expedite the preparations for the outfitting of the squadron.

WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 24.—Preparations at Esquimalt, the naval depot of the British Northern Pacific squadron, continues unabated. An air of activity pervades all departments. The Amphion, which it is understood, would not go into the dry dock until after another steamer, already booked, had been dealt with, received instructions today from the admiralty of the fleet to commence the necessary work immediately, and she entered the dry dock this morning. The officers do not deny that the preparations now going on are due to the strained relations of France and England.

PRESIDENT PERPLEXED AS TO DUTIES ON CUBAN TOBACCO.

Cuban Planters Object to the Importation of Inferior American Tobacco, Which Would Ruin Them.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A dispatch to the World from Washington says: A perplexing problem confronts President McKinley in the matter of fixing the duties on tobacco on the island of Cuba during its military occupation.

The clear makers of Florida and the manufacturers of tobacco in many of the States have asked about changes in duties during American occupation, and urged the abolition of all duty. They say they have been injured many thousands of dollars by the war in Cuba, and that the only way to rebuild the trade is to encourage the Cuban planters and American enterprise by giving every inducement for the growing and shipping of tobacco to this country.

On the other hand, the Cuban planters have begged that no action be taken, as it would mean their eternal ruin and practically kill the tobacco industry in Cuba. They claim that the moment the import duties are abolished or lowered, tons of inferior tobacco would be sent from the United States into Cuba, manufactured into cigars and shipped from the island as Havana cigars, finding their way into all the markets of the world. The discovery of this fraud and the inferior quality of the goods would forever discredit the product and ruin the market for Havana tobacco.

It is likely that the president will refer the matter to congress for action. Spain, by her grasping methods, which in the case of tobacco, the richest source of revenue at her command had an object in view, preserved the integrity of the product in the markets of the world by placing such a high import duty on tobacco as to practically prohibit its shipments into the island and so none but Cuban tobacco has been exported from the island.

Recent experiments in tobacco cultivation in Florida from Havana seed have demonstrated that all grades of tobacco can be raised in this country which only experts can tell from the genuine article. Its cultivation is inexpensive.

SPAIN WILL NOT RENEW THE WAR STRUGGLE.

Work on All Fortifications Stopped, and Not the Slightest Evidence of Renewing Hostilities.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A dispatch to the World from Madrid says: "Telegraphic inquiries by the World correspondent have elicited irrefutable proof that the Spanish dockyards show absolutely no signs of renewed activity, nor the slightest symptom implying the remotest idea of renewing the struggle with the United States."

The vessels composing Admiral Camara's fleet are now dispersed to various ports, principally Cadix, Cartagena and Ferrol, with their crews reduced to a peace footing, and the majority of the officers on leave and the marines ashore. Work on all coast defense works and fortifications for defense, the arsenals and the dockyards, stopped at the suspension of hostilities.

The officers and men of Admiral Cervera's fleet obtained unlimited leave on arriving.

At Ferrol and Cadix especially things are as quiet as before. Besides, gunnery and machinery trials on several of the war vessels, including the Carlos V and Pelayo, revealed lamentable deficiencies. From conversations with ministers and leading politicians, the World correspondent can state that the notion of breaking off negotiations over the Cuban debt, is regarded as absolutely preposterous and suicidal. Even as to the Philippines, in which vastly greater interests center, it is taken for granted here that Spain must in the long run yield whatever the United States insists upon.

UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO REACH THE KLONDIKE.

Washingtonians Narrowly Escape With Their Lives Trying to Reach Gold Fields.

SEATTLE, Oct. 24.—T. A. Baker, of Portland, Ore., who arrived from Alaska last night, says he met two men and a woman at Skagway who had just finished a trip of incredible hardships over the Edmonston trail. They were Henry Mitchell and wife, of Goldendale, and Geo. Lefevre, of Spokane, who left Spokane 14 months ago for the Klondike by the overland route. When they started they had 2,000 pounds of provisions and 21 horses. Now they have nothing. All their supplies and animals were lost, and they considered themselves fortunate in having escaped with their lives.

They saw provisions scattered along the trail from the time they were well up in the interior until they left for the coast, and found several graves of those who had perished in attempting to reach the goldfields. Several times they lost their way, and it was only by good fortune that the trail was found again. After traveling several hundred miles and perceiving that it was useless to attempt to get through by keeping to the regular route, they made directly for the coast, going down one of the rivers to the south of Skagway.

HAWAIIAN LEGISLATION FIRST BEFORE CONGRESS.

Owing to Growing Trade It Is Believed Congress Will Subsidize a Cable to Connect the Islands With U. S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Of the several commissions adjusting the relations of the United States with its newly acquired possessions, the Hawaiians will be the first ready with a bill for the consideration of congress.

This, of course, will make provisions for the government of the islands, but aside from this there will be another of the greatest importance. It will provide for the construction of a cable between the Sandwich Islands and the United States.

Owing to the growing trade with this new territory and the necessity of the government having quick means of communication with its officials there, congress will probably subsidize a cable.

AN ALLEGED SHORTAGE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—An alleged shortage has been discovered in the stores of the quartermaster department of the Iowa regiment amounting, in the value of the missing goods, to several hundred dollars. Colonel Loper, commanding the Iowa regiment, admitted that he feared the loss would amount into the hundreds of dollars, though its exact extent could only be determined by a careful survey, which Regimental Quartermaster Cady has already undertaken. He said it was his intention to put some competent accountants to work upon the books and stores of the department. The colonel said that it was his conviction that no loss through dishonesty could possibly have occurred, and whatever its extent he believed that it would be found to have arisen through carelessness or inexperience of those who had charge of the issuing of the supplies.

MILITARY OFFICER APPOINTED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—Major G. L. Eddie has been chosen by the army medical department to succeed Major W. S. Matthews, of the Fifty-ninth Iowa regiment as the commanding officer of the Presidio hospital. He will eventually be placed at the head of the new hospital which is about to be erected at the Presidio at a cost of \$75,000. Major Matthews has been granted a 30 days furlough.

RESULT OF RACE WAR

Great Loss of Life Attends a Clash Between White Men and Negroes.

TWELVE PERSONS SLAIN

Blacks Still Being Pursued and It Is Thought That Other Deaths Will Follow.

CAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY

Deputy Sheriff Tried to Arrest a Negro and His Men Were Fired Upon from Ambush.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 24.—The Picayune's Forest (Miss.) special says: Eleven dead negroes and one dead white man, and one negro and three white men seriously injured is the result of a writing of a bloody war being waged between the white and black races in the Harpersville neighborhood of this (Scott) county. Several rioters have been captured and lodged in jail at Forest today, but others escaped into the swamps. Large crowds of white men are in close pursuit, however, and more names are hourly expected to be added to the death list.

Following is a partial list of the killed: Black—Fish Burke, J. E. Gatewood, Henry Anderson, John Gatewood, Hugh Anderson, Sim Haralson, Ben Haralson, White—W. H. Sibley, Wounded—Black—Ben Pace, White—James Hamilton, M. Johnson, James Armstrong.

It is impossible to obtain a full list of the negroes who were shot down in the woods and were hurriedly buried by the whites where they fell.

Governor McLaurin went to Harpersville last night and appealed to the whites not to molest the prisoners in the custody of the sheriff. He finally persuaded the crowd to permit the sheriff to take the prisoners to jail. Sheriff Stevenson had placed additional guards at the Forest jail to prevent the lynching of the rioters now in custody.

The negroes under arrest have made a full confession.

The trouble originated last Friday, when a negro named Burke had an altercation with his employer, Charles Freeman, a white man, in which the negro got the best of the difficulty. The next night, a crowd of white men, headed by Wallace Sibley, who was deputized to arrest the man, went to Burke's house, which is about a mile from Harpersville. When they arrived upon the scene and called for Burke, they were greeted by a fusillade from the negroes, concealed in ambush in the bushes surrounding the house and in the house itself. Wallace Sibley, the leader, fell dead at the first volley. The whites returned the fire, but were unable to do any execution, as their assailants were all concealed.

There is great excitement over the matter and the entire country is aroused.

RATES GO UP.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 24.—Higher rates are being demanded for cargoes to French ports and some shipowners have refused such cargoes.

HOBSON WOULD RAISE THE SUNKEN WARSHIPS.

Cristobal Colon, Vizcaya, and Reina Mercedes Can Be Successfully Floated With But Little Cost.

BOSTON, Oct. 24.—Previous to Lieutenant Hobson's departure for Washington today he was questioned as to the prospect of raising the sunken Spanish war vessels off Santiago. He said he was now engaged in the preliminary work on the Cristobal Colon, and that it would take at least three weeks more before anything would be ready.

The government had appropriated \$500,000 for raising the vessel, but it would be money well spent, he said, if the venture proved a success, as the ship is worth \$1,000,000. The purpose of his visit to this country, Hobson said, was to see the secretary of the navy regarding further work on the warships. He thought the Vizcaya would be saved, but would not affirm positively. A drydock would have to be built around her before she could be raised. An appropriation of \$1,000,000 would cover the cost of raising the Vizcaya. She cost \$3,000,000.

The Almirante Oquendo, Lieutenant Hobson says, is a hopeless wreck. The Reina Mercedes, which was sunk in Santiago harbor, is a good vessel, and can be raised with but little cost. "There is a growing sentiment among naval officers that every one of the sunken ships should be raised and, if found to

be unworthy, be kept as relics. The Spanish vessels that have been, and, no doubt, could be, saved and put in commission should retain their names as a memento of the prowess of America."

MARIA TERESA READY.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A dispatch to the Herald from Calmanera, Cuba, says: The armored cruiser Maria Teresa is coaling. The cement worked in over the patches will be hardened by Tuesday and all points will be water tight.

On account of the wrecked deck beams, heavy chain cables, carried around both turrets and howitzers amidships, will be employed to take up the fore and after steam, and in heavy weather extra wire hawsers will be carried from the mainmast head to the deck.

All the carpenter work is done, and all other temporary repairs are so nearly completed that a hundred Cubans of the working force have been discharged.

The engines are in a satisfactory condition and it is confidently expected that the Maria Teresa will start for the United States on Thursday.

LATE NEWS FROM ALABAMA SEAPORT TOWNS.

Accidental Shooting at Cook's Inlet—New Gold Strikes Near Atlin City Yielding Rich Returns.

SEATTLE, Oct. 24.—A detachment of Captain Abercrombie's surveying party, consisting of 14 men under Lieutenant Kelly, U. S. A., arrived here this morning from Cook Inlet on the steamer AL-KI.

Schooner Woodbury arrived from Cook Inlet with 25 miners. F. M. Stone, of Hollister, Cal., a passenger, brings news of the accidental shooting of a brother-in-law of L. H. Jenkins, of Scranton, Pa., September 1. The man was known to Stone only by the name of Phil. While crossing a river his pistol fell out of his belt and was discharged.

Another passenger on the Woodbury was Andrew Williamson, who has been in Cook Inlet country several years. New gold strikes are reported about 6 miles north of Atlin City, where it is said from \$1 to \$4 to the pan, has been washed out.

NAVAL STATION TO BE ESTABLISHED AT SAN JUAN.

Secretary Long Considers It an Excellent Place, and a Large Appropriation Will Be Asked for.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Secretary Long has taken the initiative steps to make San Juan de Porto Rico the first naval station in the West Indian waters. Congress will be asked to appropriate money enough to make it one of the best equipped naval stations the United States possesses. Speaking of this, Secretary Long said:

"A station at San Juan will be of the utmost importance to the navy. San Juan is an excellent place for a good many of our ships in the winter time. It is an invaluable possession from every point of view."

A naval official said: "Congress will be asked to appropriate a large sum of money for the improvement of San Juan harbor and the coast defenses."

"It is probable that the historic forts will be retained as far as possible. It is not unlikely that a navy yard will be established."

GUAM HAS BEEN CHOSEN.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—The consideration by the peace commissioners of Porto Rico and the Ladrone islands has been merged with the Cuban question, and all the points involved are being carried forward to a simultaneous conclusion. When this has been arrived at the Philippine question will be taken up. Of course there is still a possibility of disagreement. The joint commission was adjourned until Wednesday next. Guam, in the Ladrone, has been chosen by the Americans for the United States under the terms of the protocol.

LAST OF THE DO-S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The following dispatch has been received at the war department: "Ponce, Oct. 24.—General Ortega and the last of the Spanish soldiers sailed for Spain this evening. "Brooke, Major General."

VISITS SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the interior, arrived in this city today. His visit to the coast is partly for pleasure but chiefly for business reasons.

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