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## TROUBLE IS IMMINENT

England and Russia Are About to Fly at Each Other Over China.

## RUSSIANS SEIZE A TOWN

As a Result the British Warships at Wei-Hai-Wei Are Cleared for Action.

## ACTIVITY AT PORT ARTHUR

Russian Vessels Are Assembling at That Place—Great Strategic Point Involved in Difficulty.

WEI-HAI-WEI, Nov. 2.—All the British warships here, the first-class battleship Centurion, first-class cruiser Narcissus, second-class cruiser Hermione, torpedo-boat destroyer Whiting, torpedo-boat destroyer Fame, torpedo-boat destroyer Handy, and the first-class gunboat Peacock, have cleared for action and are coupled with the Anglo-French war preparations. It is surmised that Russia, profiting by the present strained relations between Great Britain and France, has decided to forward her aims in the far east by seizing the valuable treaty port of Niu Chung, which Great Britain cannot permit, it is said.

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## PREPARATIONS FOR WAR

GO STEADILY FORWARD.  
British Guardsmen Will Be Mobilized for Active Service—Warships Being Supplied With Munitions.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The fact that coast guardmen throughout the United Kingdom have been warned to be in readiness for mobilization is regarded as a significant sign. Many of them have already joined ships.

## RENEWED IN READINESS

HALIFAX, Nov. 2.—The British battleship Renown is in full fighting trim, and tonight tested her searchlights. The Renown has taken aboard large quantities of ammunition and naval stores.

SYDNEY, Cape Breton, Nov. 2.—The British warships Cordelia and Pelican arrived today from Halifax. The visit is regarded as extraordinary, as both were supposed to leave for home to go out of commission. The ships have submarine mines and heavy guns aboard, and it is reported they will mine the entrance to Sydney and St. John's harbors.

## SUNKEN SPANISH SQUADRON MAY NEVER BE RAISED

Wrecking Company Receives Orders to Abandon the Work—Big Swedish Company May Be Employed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: The navy department has practically decided to abandon wrecking operations under existing contracts on the cruisers Cristobal Colon, Vizcaya and Almirante Oquendo, near Santiago, which have become enormously expensive to the government and to approve the recommendations, in part at least, of Naval Constructor Hobson and other officers who have been superintending the work of rescuing these vessels.

The department has reached the conclusion that the Vizcaya and Almirante Oquendo will probably never be rescued and the Cristobal Colon, if saved at all, will not be brought to the United States by the Merritt and Chapman Wrecking Company of New York, which has been working on this vessel under special contract involving the payment of \$25,000 a day since July 25, without visibly improving the chances of that vessel's salvage.

The same company, since July 6, when it executed the first contract for the prosecution of wrecking operations on the ships of Cervera's squadron, has been receiving a separate payment of \$800 a day with the single result that the infantaria Maria Teresa is now on her way to Norfolk, where a commission will decide what additional compensation, not exceeding \$200,000, shall be paid to the wrecking company on her account.

The board of construction, to whom the

mat—was referred for consideration by Secretary Long after he had virtually decided that the present arrangements were becoming intolerable, assumed the responsibility of recommending that the contract for the salvage of the Colon be annulled on November 10, and that new proposals for righting and raising the vessel be publicly sought by the navy department under restriction which would involve the government in no additional expense, unless the attempt was altogether successful.

The department will send a cable dispatch to Captain Chester, senior naval officer on the south coast of Cuba, if the recommendations of the board are approved, as they will without doubt, directing him to concentrate the wrecking work for the present altogether on the Reina Mercedes, which is submerged in still water and capable of ready raising, and that no further attention for the present be paid to the Oquendo and Vizcaya. Chester will, in all probability, be directed at once to destroy the cable Merrimac, utilizing for this purpose the naval vessels under his command and their explosives, this plan being calculated to relieve the government of additional expense, while at the same time giving that vessel a desirable practice in countermine and the removal of channel obstructions.

Naval officials have not expressed any particular dissatisfaction with the work of the Merritt and Chapman Wrecking Company, which has received \$1,600 a day for more than three months at Santiago, but the experts are thoroughly agreed that little more can be accomplished beyond the raising of the Mercedes with the present plant at Santiago, and they have decided that further expense in other directions is unwarranted.

This decision has been influenced to some extent by the arrival in Washington of the representatives of the great Swedish wrecking corporation which succeeded in rescuing the British battleship Howe from a condition comparable with that of the Colon, and which points to a record of over 500 ships which it has extricated from more or less serious positions, nearly all of them being submerged at considerable depth. This company, it seems, is not only confident of its ability to bring the Cristobal Colon and the other Spanish vessels to the United States, but is ready to guarantee the delivery of the Maine in the big dry dock at the New York navy yard.

The Swedish wreckers propose to take all risks of failure without expense to the government, and to rely, if they succeed, for compensation wholly on arbitration.

## SPAIN CLOSING UP

BUSINESS AT HAVANA.  
Inventories of the Different Departments Will Be Completed During Present Month—Sampson Will Remain.

## NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says:

The Spanish authorities are prepared to close all matters of the administration issue. A decree has been issued by the minister of finance stating that October 31 was the last day for the inauguration of his new business and that all current affairs would be ended during the month of November, when inventories of the different departments would be completed and filed and packed, to be sent to Spain.

At the request of the Spanish a letter has been addressed to General Wood at Santiago by the Americans requesting that he afford every facility for the removal of the bodies of General Bara, del Ray and Santocildes, the committee to remove which will leave Havana shortly.

A formal note has passed giving Dr. Lane permission to visit the military hospital. Admiral Sampson has decided not to leave Havana during the week of the commission. The work of establishing military property is proceeding rapidly. It is expected that it will be finished Friday. The construction of the pier at Marianao has been temporarily suspended owing to rough weather.

## PURCHASE OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY ROAD.

The Directors of the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe Road Have Determined Upon Its Purchase.

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—The directors of the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad have just issued a circular to stockholders giving reasons for the purchase of the San Francisco & San Joaquin Valley railroad.

The directors say:

The road in its unfinished condition, with no connection south of Bakerfield, and without even of San Francisco, except by the use of boats from Stockton, has earned more than its operating expenses and taxes. Its earnings will be largely increased when completed to San Francisco and in receipt of the through business of the Atchafalaya system to and from that city and other points in northern California.

If it shall be found necessary to construct a connecting link between Bakerfield and some point of intersection with the Santa Fe system of California, meeting there can be provided either by using general mortgage bonds reserved for expansion purposes, or by an issue of bonds upon the new lines. It is the expectation of your directors however, that such construction will not be required, as trackage rights over the existing line between Bakerfield and Mojave, 8 miles, can probably be obtained.

## TO PENSION EX-CONFEDERATES.

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 2.—A state election was held yesterday for the purpose of voting on a constitutional amendment to pension all indigent ex-Confederate soldiers who came to Texas since 1865, at \$5 per month. A very light vote was cast, both in cities and country. Absentee votes were taken in the election. At 2:30 this morning returns show 24,670 for the amendment and 16,718 against it.

It is believed the amendment will carry, but it will require a two-thirds vote.

## MRS. SANGER DEAD.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Mrs. Fannie Sanger, wife of Alexander Sanger, the millionaire drygoods merchant of Dallas, Texas, died at the Hotel Savoy early Tuesday morning from pneumonia.

Mrs. Sanger was 45 years old and had just returned from Europe, where she sought health at the different resorts. She has one son, 18 years old, who attends school in this city, and lives at the Hotel Savoy. The elder Sanger is well known throughout the western part of Texas, where he is prominent in business and social circles.

## RUPTURE IS PROBABLE

Negotiations Between Peace Commissioners Soon to Be Broken Off.

## FRIDAY IS THE DATE SET

Dispute Over Philippines Brought About This Serious Misunderstanding.

## THE POWERS ARE INVOLVED

Said That Russia Will Intimate That an Agreement Must Be Reached Before the Islands Are Annexed.

## PARIS, Nov. 2.—It is stated here that

the negotiations between the Spanish and American peace commissioners will be broken off in a few days, probably on Friday. The Spanish representatives are said to have refused the proposal of the American commissioners regarding the Philippines. Nothing official has yet been made known.

## RUSSIA IS INVOLVED

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: Russia and another power are credited with the intention of intimating to the government at Washington that the annexation of the Philippines must be preceded by a common agreement on future action in certain circumstances.

In pursuance to oral agreements reached at the last joint session of the evacuation commissions, the American commissioners have sent to the Spaniards a note, naming January 1 next as the day upon which Spanish evacuation must be formally accomplished.

## SPANISH ARE IRRATIONAL

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The Paris correspondent of the Morning Post says: The expected rupture of the peace negotiations between the United States and Spain will be officially announced Friday. The feeling here is that the attitude of the Spaniards is irrational, in view of the financial proposals of the United States.

AUSTRIA'S SUGGESTION.  
LONDON, Nov. 2.—e Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: The Austrian cabinet considers an English protectorate over the Philippines the only proper solution of the question.

## TO BUILD ELECTRIC RAILWAYS IN JAPAN.

Chicago and Eastern Capitalists Have Formed a Company for That Purpose, With Capital of \$10,000,000.

## CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—The Record says:

Trolley cars will soon be chugging through the streets of Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka and other large cities of Japan if the plans now being formed in Chicago are carried out. A company of Chicago and eastern capitalists is being formed which is to have a capital of not less than \$10,000,000 for the purpose of building electric railways throughout the island in all the principal towns.

The financial backers of the enterprise are not as yet revealed, but it is asserted that they will be well known banking firms, amply able to carry out any concessions they may get from the government.

The Drexels and Stephens B. Elkins, of New York, are mentioned in connection with the enterprise, and it is claimed by those on the inside that a large share of the money will come from Philadelphia.

Negotiations are now going on for the obtaining of a charter that will enable the work to go on at once. In this connection the name of W. D. Eastlake, who has an office in the Montadock building, has been mentioned. Mr. Eastlake says:

"I will say that I have been appointed by certain parties, representative capitalists, with a view to establishing such a company. But nothing has yet been definitely arranged."

"Japan has been my home for a number of years. July 1 of next year the whole kingdom is to be opened without restrictions to foreigners. Heretofore there has been little or no opportunity for Americans or Europeans to transact business successfully with the interior regions. Travel has been possible only on passports of limited duration, and if a merchant wanted to buy goods produced away from the coast he has had to obtain them through two or three, or sometimes through half a dozen, middlemen. This will all be done away with under the new policy."

"Naturally one of the first needs of the enlarged travel that will result will be cheap transportation. To supply this will be the object of the new company. At present everything depends upon obtaining a charter from the royal government, and there are no positive assurances that the charter will be granted."

Rumors are afloat that the Siemens and Halske Electric Company of America was in the combination. Treasurer Block of the company said that he could not discuss the matter.

## TO PARALLEL CANADIAN PACIFIC.

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—The Tribune says: The Great Northern, it is reported, intends to make application to the next session of the Canadian parliament for a franchise to extend to Spokane Falls

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and Northern through southern British Columbia. The franchise desired by the Great Northern is believed to be for a new ambitious enterprise than has yet been created. The real object is reported to be a paralleling of the Canadian Pacific Crow's Nest line through southern British Columbia in addition to the Kettle River road.

## AN HONEST ITALIAN

CHESTNUT PEDDLER.  
Picks up Package on Cedar street, New York, Containing in Securities \$25,000 and Returns It to the Owners.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—When a warthy, solemn-eyed Italian stepped into the banking house of Carson, Leach & Co., 35 Nassau street, threw a package on a counter with a "That's for you," and then started to walk out, there was a chorus of clerks calling him to come back.

An hour before a messenger from another financial institution started out to deliver packages of more or less value. He knew he had one addressed simply Carson, Leach & Co., without the firm's street or number, and he was not aware that the envelope contained securities aggregating \$25,000.

When he stepped into Carson, Leach & Company's place, the package in question was missing. To make known his loss and stop payment on the government bonds in Washington and the surety there was but the work of a few moments. Still, the securities were negotiable at any bank in the universe. The envelope which the Italian had so carelessly tossed over to the bank clerk contained the missing securities. He was called back and taken into Mr. Leach's private office.

His story was very simple. He was a chestnut peddler and stood in Cedar street. He picked up the envelope from under the feet of the throng that passed by his stand. He saw the name on it, he stopped a pedestrian and asked him what the writing was. The man told him and also gave him the location of the office. He delivered the package. It was only a little way from where the stand was. He did not want any reward. The only thing that was puzzling Mr. Leach was what to do for the finder, but substantial recognition of his act will be demanded.

## STOWAWAY BRIDES

ON THE TRANSPORT.  
The Indiana Carries the Wives of Two Volunteer Officers and Is Ordered Arrested at Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—The mail steamer Doric and the transport Ohio, now on their way across the Pacific, carry orders from General Merriam directing that the tropic island be arrested at Honolulu and her commander, Colonel Purinton, ordered to land several stowaways, wives of volunteer officers of the army.

Two of these are said to be mentioned specifically in the order, and both are brides of Kansas officers. They are Mrs. J. G. Schlemmer, wife of the chaplain, and Mrs. F. E. Buchanan, wife of Captain Buchanan, who sailed on the Senator in command of the Oregon recruits.

The Ohio is not expected to overtake the Indiana, but the Doric may do so. In such a case he ladies may proceed on their vessel to Honolulu and from there go to Manila to join their husbands. The transport Pennsylvania will sail tomorrow, carrying the fifty-first Iowa regiment.

## DAVID B. HILL CHEERED

BY NEW YORK DEMOCRATS.  
Monster Massing of the Business Men's Association—Letter of Congratulation From ex-President Cleveland.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Every seat in Carnegie hall was filled tonight before the mass-meeting of the Business Men's Association was called to order by Theodore W. Myers.

Ex-Senator David B. Hill was the speaker of the night, and throughout the speech was greeted with applause.

The entrance of Richard Crocker while Hill was speaking was the occasion of one of the heartiest demonstrations of the evening.

The reading of a letter from former President Grover Cleveland congratulating the Business Men's Association "for striving to prevent maladministration and extravagance of the republicans" was followed by deafening applause.

## SEVEN CALIFORNIANS LOST.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 2.—Frank I. Walker, of Atlin City, who came down by the Fairmount, enroute to Chicago, brings meagre news of a story current when he left the north of the loss of a party of seven Californians, headed by A. E. Englehardt, of Pasadena, from which locality all seven hailed originally.

The casualty occurred in a swamp lying between the new gold fields and the terminus of steam navigation from Bonnet lake. As nearly as could be ascertained, the party lost the trail and wandering in to the quicksand forming the bed of a dry creek, were engulfed. A searching party was sent from Atlin city to investigate but nothing had been heard from them when Walker left. The names are not obtainable.

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