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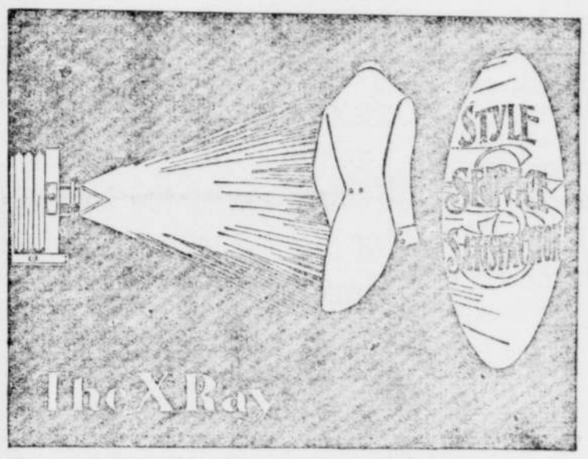

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May Have Trouble.

San Francisco, Sept 23.—The Evening Post prints an article today in which it makes known the plans of the Germans in regard to the disposition of the Philippines. It will be remembered that some time ago the Post published an exclusive article regarding the seizure of the Ladrone islands by the United States. The details of the plan on the part of the government were furnished by a gentleman high in the opinion of government officials of this country and Germany.

The same gentleman now states Germany is endeavoring to embitter the followers of Agulinaldo against the Americans and she has officers in their ranks, secretly drilling them. The gentleman in question says this has been going on for years, and, prior to the interference of the United States in the Philippines, almost every German vessel that landed there carried one or more officers in disguise and stacks of arms and ammunition for the insurgents.

The Post's informant has just received a letter from an authoritative source in Hamburg giving the details of Germany's future in the islands. Briefly, the plan is as follows:

Germany will send numerous trading vessels to the islands and will arm 150,000 Filippinos, besides furnishing Krupp guns and artillery for field use. The islanders will be thorghly drilled by German officers and by February Aguinaldo will be prepared to make an onslaught upon the American forces.

To aid this plot, the letter says Germany is trying to induce China to purchase a large number of big war vessels, ostensible to stregthen her navy but really to be held for transfer to Germany should complications arise.

German agents who have made report to the government say it will be impossible for the United States to land more than 50,000 men in the Philippines before Aguinaldo is ready to make his coup. The German agent's report of the condition affairs says America's only hope is to disarm the insurgents.

The Post attributes recent ordering of additional troops to Manila, after mustering out had been ordered, as an indication the United States has been informed of Germany's attempt to frustrate American acquisition of the island.

FILIPPINO'S PLAN.

Manila, Sep. 23.—The Filippino national assembly has decided to recognize the independence of the islands; second, to establish a protectorate over their external affairs and to induce the powers to recognize their independence; third, to appoint a joint commission of Americans and Filipinos for the arrangement of details to "reciprocate the Americans' services."

An Ultimatum From Powers.

Rome, Sep. 24.—Within 24 hours Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy will append their signatures to an aggreement to the pacification of of the island of Crete, including a plan for coercion of the sultan into submission. The scheme has for some time been drafted, but its enforcement was delayed to invite the participation of Germany, which country declined.

At the begining of the week the four powers will send an ultimatum to the sultan of Turkey, summoning him to accept the project and informing him that unless he does so measures will be taken to enforce his compliance. The powers have irrevocable decided to settle the Cretan question immediately and will not hesitate to send their fleets to the Dardanells and beyond if necessary.

Spaniards Must Move Spry.

Washington, Sept.24—The officials here are watching with interest the progress being made by the military commission in Havana in securing the evacuation of the island. The commission has been slow in making reports to the war department, but from the latest received it appears that the body would like to have more definite instructions as to procedure.

It seems that the Spanish side has said they could not begin the evacuation of the island until the 1st of November and that it could not be completed before the 28th of February next. In view of the alarming state of the Cubans, who are suffering from hunger and inability to obtain work, the president decided that he could not assent to the consumtion of so much time.

Therefore he caused the commission to be instructed to demand that the evacuation begin not later than Ooctober 15th, and that it be completed by December 31st next. What the result of this demand will be is not yet known, but it is said the admistration is determined is determined to allow no dilatory tacts on the part of the Spanish forces in leaving the island, although disposed to permit reasonable indulgence.

Board of Investigation.

Washington, Sep. 24—The commission to investigate the conduct of the war department held its initial meeting at the White House today. Eight of the nine members were present, as follows:

Major General Granville, M. Dodge of Iowa, Colonel J. A. Saxton of Illinois, Captain E. P. Howell of Georgia, Major General J. M. Wilson of engineers of the United States army, Hon. Charles Denby of Indiana, late minister of China; ex governor Woobury of Vermont, ex Governor James A. Beavor of Pennsylvania and Major General H. McD McCook of the army, retired.

The president said that complaints have been directed especially at the surgeons general's, the quartermaster general's and the commissary general's departments of the army, and he suggested that the conduct of these department should receive especial consideration at the hands of comission.

To this speific request he added that it washis desire that the entire military organization should, if it appeared necessary, be made the subject o inquiry, saying that he wished the commission to go to the bottom of the subject in all cases and proceed with its work without fear or favor.

Dr. Phileas S. Connor of Cincinnati was announced as the ninth member.

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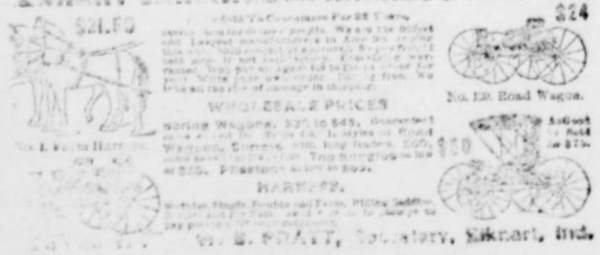

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