

AMERICANISM OR IMPERIALISM?

The Most Important Cabinet Meeting in Washington for Many Administrations.

Formulating Terms of Peace Upon Which Depends the Whole Foreign Policy of This Great Nation.

CABINET IN SESSION.

Considering Terms of Surrender and Peace With Spain.

Must Give Up Cuba and Porto Rico and Some Territory in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—Interest focused this morning on the approaching cabinet meeting. It was the general expectation that this meeting would prove the most important that has been held, not only during the present, but in many preceding administrations.

Upon the nature of the answer to the Spanish overtures for peace would depend future policy of the United States, for it would determine whether the nation would embark on a policy of world-wide expansion, or content itself with expelling the Spanish flag from the western hemisphere and providing what may be an ample guarantee for the extension of our trade to the east.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The cabinet has reached the following decisions: The absolute surrender of Porto Rico to the United States, the recognition

of the independence of Cuba, the cession of one of the Ladrone islands as a coaling station, and the cession to the United States of at least a coaling station in the Philippines. The question undecided is what disposition will be made of Philippines as a whole.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The answer to the Spanish note to be communicated by this government makes the following general terms as conditions of peace:

The absolute cession of Porto Rico. The relinquishment of Spanish sovereignty in Cuba. The cession of several islands adjacent to Porto Rico and Cuba, leaving the disposition of the Philippines and other islands in that quarter subject to further negotiations. The present aim is to maintain a coaling station in the Philippines and to build up there an American city, possibly at Manila itself.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The cabinet is in session considering the reply to Spain. An answer will probably be made this afternoon. It is certain Spain must give up Cuba and Porto Rico. In the case of the Philippine islands a decision has not yet been reached, but the United States will ask a port and some territory.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The public men who talked with the president today assert that the administration has confidence in the sincerity of motive of the Spanish note, and that this note is the beginning of the end and it is practically certain that the general terms the government will propose will be accepted by Spain.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The indebtedness of Cuba and Porto Rico will not be assumed by this government.

NO ARMISTICE BUT AN ULTIMATUM.

Our answer will make no mention of money indemnity. Neither will there be any armistice. The answer will be in the nature of an ultimatum and if Spain desires not to accept they will fare worse in the future. Admiral Dewey may be called to Washington later to consult with the administration as to the general situation in the Philippines.

15,000 SPANISH TROOPS.

On Board of Transports Bound for the Indies.

Shafter Will Give Them a Warm Reception—Humane Provision for Debarkation.

SANTIAGO, July 29.—General Shafter has advised that the two Spanish transports left Martinique, are expected here tomorrow. Three Spanish transports left Cadiz yesterday and four others are to leave Cadiz on July 30. These vessels are capable of carrying 15,000 troops. Embarkation will begin when all vessels are here. It is expected the Spanish prisoners will be embarked by August 15. The American commander has authorized the Spanish officers who came to Santiago during the siege of Manzanillo to send for their wives and families, that they be taken back to Spain at the government's expense. There are about 750 women and children.

NEWPORT NEWS, July 29.—The St. Paul sailed this morning, being the last of General Brooke's expedition to get away.

Good News From Miles.

Stars and Stripes Enthusiastically Saluted by 50,000 at Port Ponce.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The following dispatch is from General Miles: Port Ponce.—On the 25th the garrison had an engagement with the Spanish line and our casualties amounted to four wounded. The Spanish lost 3 killed and 13 wounded. Yanco was occupied yesterday. Henry's division is here today. Last evening Commander Davis of the Dixie, moved into port, followed by Captain Higginson with his fleet, this morning. Gen. Wilson with Ernest's brigade is now rapidly disembarking, and the Spanish troops are retreating. Ponce and Port have a population of 50,000, now under the American flag. The populace today saluted the flag with enthusiasm. The navy has several prizes. Telegraphic communication is being restored. The army will soon be in the mountain region. The troops are in the best of health and spirits.

(Signed) MILES.

FIRST PORT OF PORTO RICO.

Surrenders to the Americans With Great Enthusiasm—Capitulation Took Place Yesterday.

ST. THOMAS, July 29.—The Port of Ponce, island of Porto Rico, surrendered to Commander Davis of the auxiliary gunboat Dixie on Wednesday. There was no resistance and the Americans were welcomed with enthusiasm. Capitulation of the town of Ponce took place Thursday afternoon.

DOLE ON ANNEXATION.

Other Details of the Acquisition of the Hawaiian Islands.

HONOLULU, July 29.—The citizens have subscribed \$15,000 for the day's celebration and the most important event in the history of the islands with a magnificence worthy of occasion.

Steamers to other islands having already spread the news of annexation, scenes occurred similar to the one in Honolulu. Preparations were at once made in all the towns to officially celebrate the raising of the stars and stripes by Admiral Miller in this city.

Spectators are already cornering the supply of Hawaiian coins and postage stamps, which are to be of value in a few years.

The banks have commenced to use the war revenue stamps on checks and drafts, a consignment having been sent down.

After the receipt of the news of annexation, President Dole said to the Associated Press correspondent.

"I think the status will go on just as it is now until congress has had time to fix it permanently. I feel confident that all Hawaiians who are voters now will continue to be so. I think that legislation by congress will be slow.

There will be some hesitation about making radical changes.

"I have strong hopes that the land policy will not be interrupted. Congress will most probably pass a supplementary act, which will allow our land system to go on. Senator Morgan said when he was here that the system we have for us is better than the American system, and Morgan is one of our best friends.

"The news of the annexation commensurates the efforts and the main policy of the present government from the time when it was initiated as 'provisional' through the time when it was recognized by the great states of the earth to the time when it has been received into the bosom of the greatest republic, and one of the most powerful states that the world has ever known."

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Barber in Command.

Troops to Sail Under Charge of the New York Colonel.

A Kansas Quartermaster Arrested for Embezzling Government Stores.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29.—It was originally intended that Lieut-Col. Lee Stover, of the First South Dakota, would be in command of the men on the St. Paul when that transport should leave this port, but Col. Thomas H. Barber, of the First New York infantry, who is to sail on the same vessel, being the senior officer, has been instructed by General Merriam to assume command of the troops on the trip from here to Honolulu. After leaving that place, however, Lieut. Col. Stover will be supreme in command until the vessel arrives at Manila.

All the medical officers in the Eighth army corps have been instructed to institute an inquiry with a view to eliminating from the various regiments all the enlisted men who, although unfit for military duty, have passed the medical examination and been mustered in.

Five new cases of typhoid fever have developed at Camp Merritt. The victims are Privates Edgar Porter, Frank Smith, Charles Christ and Charles Murphy, of the Eighteenth infantry, and W. H. Bacon, of the Twenty-third infantry. There are now 13 cases of fever at the camp.

Private Glen Benedict, of the Oregon recruits, have been reported by his regimental surgeon to be mentally unsound. He will be recommended for a discharge.

A message from Secretary Alger received at Los Angeles states that the Seventh California volunteers will go to Manila.

Quartermaster-Sergeant James A. Young, of the Twentieth Kansas, regiment, has been ordered under arrest by Colonel Funston, charged with embezzlement of government property. He is alleged to have sold stores issued as food for the regiment. Young admits his guilt and gives the excuse that he was doing what every other commissary officer at Camp Merritt has been doing all along.

The regimental commanders deny that such a state of things existed in their commissary departments, but the matter will be investigated at once.

The California Red Cross Society has made a statement showing that up to date \$20,405 have been received, of which \$400 is a special fund for the proposed hospital ship. When the last bill shall have been paid for the Manila hospital equipment there will be a little over \$11,000 in bank.

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REVENUE TAX RULINGS.

Which Kinds of Medicines to Be Taxed Are Designated.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The commissioner of internal revenue has issued an important circular in which he gives an interpretation of the last clause of section 20 of the new revenue act, as to what medical preparations or articles are subject to tax thereunder. The commissioner construes this clause as follows:

"Any medical article which is compounded by any formula, published or unpublished, will be held to be taxable under schedule B, act of June 13, 1898, when it is put up in style or manner similar to that of patent, trademark or proprietary medicine in general, or is advertised upon the package or otherwise as a remedy or specific for any ailment, as having any special claim to merit, or as having any peculiar advantage in mode of preparation, quality, use or effect.

Any medicine will be held to be put up in style or manner similar, etc., when the package, wraps, label, bottle or container resembles in one or more particulars any make or brand of patent, trademark or proprietary medicine in general.

For example, the use of a trademark upon medicine makes it taxable; also the use of the maker's name or any other person's name in the possessive form, immediately before the name of the medicine, as "Smith's pills," or the use of any name immediately following the name of the medicine. This shall not be construed, however, to prohibit the name of the physician who was the author of the formula immediately following the name of the medicine.

Any medicinal article will be held to be advertised on the package or otherwise as having any special claim to merit or to any peculiar advantage in the mode of preparation, quality, use or effect when any description of it either on the package or otherwise includes any statement to the effect that it has special or peculiar medical value over other like articles or other articles of the same class, or when it has any word, phrase or sentence, either in the title or formula, or otherwise, which indicates its superior merit over articles of its class.

For example, "Tasteless quinine," but this shall not be construed to exclude the words "Pure," "Chemically pure," etc., which have for their object the definition of the grade of the article, or the words granulated, crystallized, pressed, etc., intended to indicate the manner of manufacture, or which indicated only well-known established methods of manufacture.

Manila Surrenders.

Spain Authorizes the Military Commander to Yield.

Gen Merritt Will Be Practically Dictator of the Island.

LONDON, July 29.—A Madrid telegram to the London office of the New York Herald says the government has received a telegram announcing the surrender of Manila to Admiral Dewey.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The war department has no information that Manila has surrendered.

MADRID, July 29.—The reports that Manila has surrendered are due to the knowledge that Spain has authorized Captain General Augusti to yield.

LONDON, July 29.—The Madrid correspondent of the Times says: La Correspondencia de Espana announces that in view of the probable capitulation of Manila, General Rice, captain-general of the Vicaya Islands, has been ordered to assume charge of all the territory formerly administered by Captain-General Augusti. Thus General Austin will be able to sign only the capitulation of the city or Manila and its environs.

NEW YORK, July 29.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: General Merritt has reached Manila, according to the most conservative calculation of the war department authorities, and the announcement is momentarily expected by cable from Hong Kong that he has assumed the military governorship of the Philippines, as directed by the president. He left San Francisco on the steamer Newport, four weeks ago today, two days after the departure of the third military expedition, which he expected to pass on the way to Honolulu, and after coaling at that port he was to continue as rapidly as possible to his ultimate destination.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29.—The Merchants' Association, at a special meeting, adopted a resolution petitioning the president to hold and retain the Philippine Islands. Similar action will probably be taken within the next day or two by the chamber of commerce and other local business organizations.

LONDON, July 29.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: The project of a European conference regarding the Philippines was brought forward long ago, and there is every prospect that the conference will meet in Paris.

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Returning Miners. SAN FRANCISCO, July 29.—The steamer Portland has arrived from St. Michaels, bringing seven returned Klondike miners and about \$250,000 in gold dust and bullion.

Three Dawson City mine owners, Edward Lewis, Geo. Davis, and C. McCabe, brought out over \$200,000, principally in bullion, representing their joint labors in Dawson City during the past season.

Killed. SEATTLE, Wash., July 29.—Meager particulars were received here of an explosion at the Coney mine, near

Skykoshish. Two men were killed, Charles Walters and R. W. Robinson. Two others were slightly wounded. The explosion was caused by the premature discharge of dynamite.

Sick Soldiers. NEW YORK, July 28.—The steamer Leona, which arrived at Newport News yesterday, is now on the way to New York, with 35 sick soldiers on board.

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