

Army at Santiago in Great Danger. President and Cabinet Busy Both Ways.

To Be Moved to Some Point North Immediately to a Much Healthier Location. Uncle Sam Making Terms Much Easier Than Spain Would if She Were Victor.

Army Honeycombed With Malaria and Liable to Be Swept Away

Not Ten Percent Fit For Duty in the Opinion of Colonel Roosevelt.

SANTIAGO, de Cuba, Aug. 4. (Copyrighted by the Associated Press.) At a meeting held here this morning at headquarters in the presence of every commanding and medical officer...

The following letter from Col. Roosevelt to Gen. Shafter was handed to a correspondent of the Associated Press for publication:

Major General Shafter, Sir: In the meeting of generals and medical officers this morning,

we were all unanimous as to what should be done with the army. To keep us here, in the opinion of every officer, will simply involve the destruction of thousands. There is no possible reason for not shipping practically the entire command north at once.

A Preliminary Draft of a Treaty to Be Complete in a Week.

When Miles Moves the Spaniards Will Not Have Much Time for Reflection.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—A prolonged conference between the president and Secretaries Day and Long held this morning. Secretary Day joined the president after the latter had been conferring with secretary of the navy for three quarters of an hour.

THE SECOND WISCONSIN.

Checked by a Small Force of Spaniards in a Defile.

Friction in a Massachusetts Regiment Causes a Shower of Resignations.

PONCE, Porto Rico, Aug. 4.—No forward movement will be made by the American troops until the arrival of more transports which are expected hourly.

PONCE, Aug. 2.—General Stone, while reconnoitering northward along the road leading to Arecibo, with a company of the Second Wisconsin, encountered opposition at Utuado, where a small force of Spanish regulars and volunteers had been instructed to resist to the bitter end.

BOSTON, Aug. 4.—A cablegram from Ponce, says: A sensation occurred in the sixth Massachusetts. Friction between the line officers and officers of the brigade reached a climax Monday when Colonel Woodward, Lieutenant-Colonel Chaffin, Major Taylor, Chaplain Dousealt and Captain Goodell, resigned their commissions.

Closing Out Bankrupt Stock At Friedman's New Racket.

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Political News.

Democratic and Silverite Bodies in Three States.

Texas Democrats Are Divided Over the Platform.

GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 4.—The Democratic state convention committee on platform reaffirms the platform adopted at Chicago in 1896; denounces the Dingley tariff; declares that the war must not obscure the money question; denounces the war revenue bill for alleged inequalities of taxation;

CASPER, Wyo., Aug. 4.—A committee was appointed by the Democrats to confer with the Silver Republicans and learn upon what conditions they would unite upon a fusion ticket. The Silver Republicans modestly agreed to ask for the nominee for congress, or in lieu thereof two minor positions on the state ticket. Shortly after convening the platform committee reported, and the platform was adopted by the convention.

The platform endorsed the Chicago platform; asked for the enactment of an income tax law; favored the retention of all land over which the American flag floats.

In the executive caucus held by the Democratic convention this afternoon it was decided to allow the silver Republicans the places of state auditor and superintendent of public instruction.

Horace C. Algere was nominated for governor by acclamation, although there were two other candidates. The convention adjourned until 10 o'clock Thursday.

Florida Democrats. ORLANDO, Fla., Aug.—The state democratic convention completed its labors here. Not a contest was filed. All the nominations were made by acclamation, except those of three railroad commissioners, two ballots being necessary to choose from the candidates entered. Those named were: T. M. Day and J. M. Ryan, present incumbent, and John L. Morgao.

R. F. Taylor and F. B. Carter were renominated for justices of the supreme bench, and J. M. Whitefield for state treasurer. The platform reaffirms that of Chicago. Territorial aggression is condemned, and the army and navy congratulated for their victories, as is also Commodore Schley for the destruction of Admiral Cervera's fleet.

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THAT PEACE CONFERENCE.

Held Wednesday Night Between McKinley and the French Minister.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—After a conference on the peace question, lasting for just an hour, Wednesday evening, between the president and M. Cambon the French ambassador, the latter acting as the representative of Spain, Secretary Day emerged from the White House and announced that the parties to the conference had agreed to say nothing to the public as to what had occurred.

The secretary did not appear to be discouraged as he made this statement, though he admitted that no time had been set for another conference. From this it is gathered that the long-expected answer of the Spanish government to the president's note, upon being received, had turned out to be just as it was expected, either a counter proposition or a request for a fuller statement in detail upon some of the heads of the president's note.

As was stated, after conferring for an hour the parties separated, having been unable to reach a conclusion as to the acceptance of the peace conditions laid down by the president, and binding themselves to the observance of the strictest secrecy as to the proceedings until further progress had been made.

Hawaiian Soldiers. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4.—General Merriam, commanding the department of California, has received the following dispatch from Adjutant-General Corbin:

"The president directs that if any of the military forces of the Hawaiian Islands desire to become a part of your volunteer army that you organize not to exceed one battalion of infantry nominating the officers and causing the officers and men to be mustered into the service and have them report to Colonel Barber for duty."

A general court-martial composed of officers of the First Washington infantry, with Captain Max F. Ellerich as judge-advocate, will convene at Angel Island today.

The chamber of commerce of this city has received a letter from Admiral Dewey, thanking it for resolutions, adopted in his honor, and expressing his pleasure that his work in the Far East has contributed to the material welfare of San Francisco and the west coast of the United States.

Zola's Libeller. PARIS, Aug. 4.—The libel action of M. Emile Zola against the Petit Journal resulted in the infliction of a fine of 2000 francs upon M. Judet, the editor, and of 500 francs each upon his two assistants. The three were mulcted 5000 francs each as damages. On leaving the courtroom the editors were loudly cheered, and a man who cried "Vive Zola" was chased and narrowly escaped death at the hands of the angry crowd.

Collector at Newport. WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—President today appointed as collector of customs of the district of Yaquna, Charles B. Cronin, of Toledo.

Peace Commission. NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Madrid rumors to the effect that the final treaty of peace will be negotiated in London after the preliminaries have been arranged in Washington cannot be confirmed here. No intimation to that effect has been received at the American embassy.

Madrid Is for Peace. NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Madrid says: Not only the court, cabinet and political men of the capital, but the Madrid public as well, are unmistakably in favor of peace at any price. It is believed that any apparent opposition to the terms arranged at Washington will be merely for the sake of appearances, nothing more. Grave anxiety is felt, however, as to the attitude of the army and the feeling in the provinces. Several regiments in the Madrid garrison are known to be hostile to the government and the dynasty, but it is hoped that may open action can be restrained until after the conclusion of peace.

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Incendiarism Near Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 4.—About 10 o'clock last night some miscreants set fire to 1200 bushels of wheat one mile from this city, belonging to Attorney Scarborough. The wheat was stacked in the field and was to be threshed today. Two men were seen to leave the burning stacks.

Washington, Aug. 4.—A cabinet officer who met the president this afternoon stated that it was certain the answer would be received before the end of the week.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Firmly but courteously, the president has declined the earnest appeal of the French ambassador to modify the United States' demands except in slight and unimportant respects.

With the Spanish government assured that no further modifications can be expected, nothing remaining but the acceptance of the terms, outright, or their rejection without further debate, which is not expected. It has been practically decided that the peace commissioners meet in Paris.

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