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THE TREATY OF PEACE.

Outlines of its Seventeen Articles Obtained.

Paris, Dec 13.—Extraordinary precautions are maintained by both the peace commissions to preserve secrecy as to the contents of the treaty. Each commission has two copies, but even the commission attaches are not permitted to peruse the documents.

The correspondent of the Associated Press, however, has obtained from a source usually reliable the following outline of the treaty:

Article I provides for the relinquishment of Cuba.

Article II provides for cession of Porto Rico.

Article III provides for the cession of the Philippines for $20,000,000 as compensation.

Article IV embraces the plan for the cession of the Philippines, including the return of Spanish prisoners in the hands of the Tragales.

Article V deals with the cession of barracks, war materials, arms, stores, buildings and all property appertaining to the Spanish administration in the Philippines.

Article VI is a renunciation by both nations of their respective claims against each other and citizens of each other.

Article VII grants to Spanish trade and shipping in the Philippines the same treatment as American trade and shipping for a period of ten years.

Article VIII provides for the release of all prisoners of war held by Spain and of all prisoners held by her for political offenses committed in the colonies acquired by the United States.

Article IX guarantees the legal rights of Spaniards in Cuba.

Article X establishes religious freedom in the Philippines and guarantees to all churches equal rights.

Articles XI provides for the composition of courts and other tribunals in Porto Rico and Cuba.

Article XII provides for the administration of justice in Porto Rico and Cuba.

Article XIII provides for the continuance for five years of Spanish copyrights in the ceded territories giving Spanish books admittance free of duty.

Article XIV provides for the establishment of consulates by Spain in the ceded territories.

Article XV grants to Spanish commerce in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines the same treatment as to American for ten years, Spanish shipping to be treated as coasting vessels.

Article XVI stipulates that the obligations of the United States to Spanish citizens and property in Cuba shall terminate with the withdrawal of the United States authorities from the island.

Article XVII provides that the treaty must be ratified within six months from the date of signing by the representative governments in order to be binding.

The Election in 1900.

New York, December 17.—William Jennings Bryan is in town. He was found last night, (Saturday) at the Bartholdi Hotel. Colonel Bryan declared himself an uncompromising opponent of the McKinley policy of expansion. He said:

"It is too early at this time to discuss party politics for the presidential election of 1900, but I think the issues then will be free silver, anti-expansion, anti-imperialism and the rights of labor.

"I have already expressed myself against imperialism and territorial expansion. The proposal to adopt the colonial idea of European nations is fraught with the greatest danger.

"What will be the fate of the treaty in the Senate I do not care to predict. While I was in Washington I sought all the information I could get. I cannot say that I learned sufficient to warrant me in expressing a positive opinion.

"Do I think free silver will be an issue in 1900? Certainly. It will be the main question. How about the labor problem? I am not prepared to answer that question."

God's Thoughts in Flowers.

All beauty has its home in God,
Truth in His body-perfect—right,
While wisdom in the magic rod,
That forms His shadow of the light.

All flowers are the thoughts of God—
Their form and beauty are from Him—
As gorgeously they flame and nod,
On graceful stem and beauteous limb.

God thinks and every flower blooms;
He thinks again and planets shine;
And every rainbow tint that looms,
Reveals the beauty of His mind.

God's only work is thought. And lines
Go out and spread from Him afar,
His beauteous thought at once combines
The glories of flower and star.

What can convey from mind to mind,
The tender friendships of the soul,
So well as flowers that gently bind,
The head of thought to heart of gold,
—E. A. Yates.

Alone at Christmas.

If in this age of organizations innumerable there is room for one more, it is for an organization which would bring together, especially on Christmas, those who are alone in the world, particularly women who are alone. I do not think that many of us who have our kin closest to us on Christmas Day stop to realize what our feelings would be if they were not with us. It is so hard to imagine ourselves in a position other than the one we are in. And yet that position might easily be other than it is. With many that position is other than God has made our own: a fact we are all apt to forget. We remember some poor family at Christmas, but at least it is a family. It is together. The one is company for the other, even in poverty. We remember the sick, and God blesses those who do. But I wish some of us might cast a look around and give a thought to those who are not sick, who are not perhaps poor, as the world judges, yet who are alone. Some girl, perhaps, alone: some woman alone: some young man: some old man: alone! Alone at Christmas!—Edward Bok in the December Ladies' Home Journal.

"From Whence They Come."

Second thoughts are best.—Dryden.

All mankind love a lover.—Emerson.

There's a gude time coming.—Scott.

Confusion worse confounded.—Milton.

A sadder and a wiser man.—Coleridge.

Stolen sweets are best.—Colley Cibber.

Truth is stranger than fiction.—Byron.

Variety's the very spice of life.—Cowper.

The very pink of perfection.—Goldsmith.

His bark is worse than his bite.—Herbert.

While there is life there's hope.—John Gay.

Procrastination is the thief of time.—Young.

What a monstrous tail our cat has got!—Henry Carey.

'Tis distance lends enchantment to the view.—Campbell.

Necessity, the mother of invention.—George Farquhar.

Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do.—Isaac Watts.

There's nothing half so sweet in life as love's young dream.—Moore.

There is a limit at which forbearance ceases to be a virtue.—Edmund Burke.

Peculiar and Enterprising.

Baltimore Sun.

The business men of High Springs, Florida, are a peculiar, as well as an enterprising, lot. One of them offers a reward of $200 for proof to convict the parties who originated the rumor that he intended to sell out, and another has published a card to the effect that as quite a number of parties prefer to fight him rather than pay their debts, and that if nothing but fighting will do them, he will give them the "best he has in his shop."

W. C. Smith, Crofton, S. C., writes: Have used Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine 10 years for headache, indigestion, lost appetite and worms. Would not give one dose for a trunkful of Black Draught.

REAL LESSON OF CHRISTMAS.

There Can be No Love for God Which is Unattended by Love for Man.

"Too often in our Christmas religious observances is this thought almost entirely lost sight of, or not sufficiently emphasized," writes Edward Bok in the December Ladies' Home Journal. "There can be no love for God which is unattended with love for man. The final test of a Christian life is not the worship of God, but always the love of man for man. If the message of Him whose birth we celebrate at Christmas teaches us one thing above all others, it is not that we shall try to do for Him as a person, but that we shall seek to do for one another. That is knowing Jesus and clearly understanding Him. And wherever this true conception of His life and teaching is reached, there we find men and women thrilled with the passion for giving. The little child wakes on Christmas morning with its heart full to overflowing with gladness, and by every gift in stocking, or beside cradle or bed, is taught anew the old, old lesson of love. Husband and wife, brother and sister, lover and sweetheart, friend and friend, as they receive their gifts are reminded once more that love is not a dream, but a reality—and a reality which grows more vital, more precious and more enduring with the years. The sick, in chair or in bed, as they open their Christmas packages are almost reconciled to loneliness and pain. The friendless, the poor, the outcast, the waifs on the streets; those who have sinned and seem shut out from God and from man, all begin to feel strange thrills of hope and renewed aspirations as they are taken up and enfolded in the richness and fulness of the Divine love as it comes to them through human love or attention on Christmas Day. That is knowing Christmas in its highest and noblest sense; in its truest conception; knowing it in that spirit from which we derive the surest happiness."

An Unexpected Phase.

One afternoon a Brush avenue mother conscientiously decided that her blue eyed boy needed a vigorous application of the hairbrush treatment and armed herself with the intention of giving it. But the lad, disagreeing with her diagnosis of the case, sought safety in flight and brought up in the attic. This is reached from the floor below by a short ladder and through an aperture that is not calculated to pass large people. The mother belongs to this class and made a vain effort to follow the fugitive from justice. She flourished the brush and commanded him to come out, but he refused and irreverently jeered at her efforts to reach him.

When the father came home to dinner he was informed of the situation and grew wroth as he listened to the ex parte presentation of the case. He would have that boy if he had to tear the house down, and started for the attic. It was close work, and his surprise could not be expressed in words when the boy, instead of cowering in a corner, came heartily to his assistance.

"Try to wriggle through dad," urged the lad as he renewed his hold under the paternal arms and pulled for all he was worth. "Keep wiggling. It's a close fit but you'll make it. Never mind the shirt. There you are," as the father came through. "We're in great luck. I thought she'd chase you up here as soon as you got home. Come up here and sit down till she cools off."

What would you do with a boy like that?—Ex.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

THE HERALD'S regular correspondent.

Washington, Dec 20, 1898

The reception given Col Bryan by Democratic Senators and Representatives shows very plainly that he is still recognized by them as the party leader. One probable result of Col Bryan's visit to Washington will be that, with one or two possible exceptions, Democratic Senators will offer no opposition to the prompt ratification of the treaty of peace by the Senate, they having, after talking the matter over, agreed with Col Bryan that the question of expansion was not involved in the treaty and will not necessarily be affected by that document. Col. Bryan is very emphatic in expressing his belief that we should accord the same treatment to the Philippines that will be given to Cuba. Representative Swanson, of Virginia, goes further than Col Bryan in opposing expansion. He said, while discussing Mr. McKinley's Atlanta speech, in which he asked "Who would haul down the flag?" in the Philippins: "I am one of the men in Dixie who would haul down the flag over the Philippines. I would rather establish a republic in the Orient than destroy one in the Occident. The Philippine Islands should be turned loose and their people should be allowed to establish and maintain their own government." But there are other Democrats who favor expansion. For instance, Representative King, of Utah, who hopes soon to be a Senator, said: "The Democratic party will never go on record as a party in opposition to expansion. We will oppose imperialism, but not expansion, and we will advocate giving all persons under the sovereignty of the United States the greatest degree of self-government of which they are capable," and Senator Sullivan said: "Col. Bryan tried to convince me that I was wrong, but I firmly believe that the United States should not relinquish anything it has earned by war." Among other Democrats who openly express their belief in keeping what we won by the war, are Senators Morgan and Money, Representatives Berry, of Kentucky, and Livingston, of Georgia. There are many Democrats who decline taking ground either for or against expansion until it can be officially learned what interpretation the administration intends to put upon the term.

The Democrats of the House, who solidly opposed the measure, are gratified at their success in defeating the bill for the incorporation of an International American Bank. This victory was won with the assistance of the votes of some western Republicans and the absence, when a vote was taken, of others. The vote was 148 to 103. Representative Dingley, the Republican floor leader, could not conceal his chagrin at the defeat of the bill. The Senate bill, incorporating this bank is in the hands of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, and when it is reported to the House the fight may have to be made over again.

Representative Rixie, of Virginia, fully endorses the opinion of Mr. McKinley, that the government ought to help take care of the Confederate dead, and goes further, by advocating its helping to take care of needy living Confederate soldiers. He has introduced a bill providing that all maimed, crippled and needy soldirrs and sailors, who served in the Civil War, shall be admitted upon the same terms to all Soldiers' Homes and other institutions wholly maintained by the United States government.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections has referred the charge of bribery made against Senator Hanna, by the Ohio Senate, to a sub committee, composed of Senators Hoar, Spooner and Turley, for investigation and report. There will be a whitewash report from the majority of this sub committee, and that will end the matter, so far as this committee is concerned.

A joint resolution for the usual two weeks' Christmas recess of Congress has been reported from the House Ways and Means Committee, and it will be promptly adopted. Congress very seldom turns down an opportunity for a holiday.

The war investigation commission will take a Christmas holiday, although for anything it is accomplishing, it might just as well take a permanent holiday. The next prominent witness it will hear will be Gen. Shafter. The commission has been having a little trouble of its own. Half of its force of stenographers went on a strike, because they said they were tired of doing all the work, and that the other half were incompetent.

There is a regular cat and dog fight going on among the Republicans over whether an extra session of the next Congress shall be held in the spring, and it is growing more bitter all the time. Mr. McKinley and the Republican leaders in both Senate and House, agreed at the beginning of the session that an extra session should be avoided if possible; but the men who want financial legislation as soon as the Republicans control both branches of Congress, are working on Senators and Representatives, in order to make an extra session necessary, if they cannot compel Mr. McKinley, by all sorts of pressure, to change his mind and agree to call one. Democrats are not taking any part in this wrangle, although most of them believe that Republican financial legislation at an extra session would benefit the Democratic party.

A Contract Job.

"I was only ten years old when I secured my first contract," said the well known contractor who was in a talkative mood.

"My father was living on a farm at the time, and as winter drew nigh he conceived the plan of turning the little creek that ran through the pond into a hollow near by, thus forming a pond from which to cut ice during the winter.

"My father figured up the cost, and finding that it amounted to more than he had thought it would, was about to give it up, when I looked the situation over and told him that I would take the contract for ten dollars. He laughed and told me to go ahead, not dreaming for an instant that I would have ambition enough to begin on the work, as up to that time I had not shown a liking for hard labor.

"I called the boys of the neighborhood together and placed the situation before them. The nearest pond was a matter of ten miles away, and even a boy with a pair of brand new skates did not thrill at the prospect of walking that far for a skate. I showed them how with a little work we could have a place to skate right at home. They fell in with the idea, and went to work to carry out the plan.

"We were over a month working at it; that is, the other boys were, while I stood around and bossed the job.

"I was proud of the work when it was finished, and I think my father was, too, although he couldn't see for the life of him how I managed to secure so much help for nothing.

"With the first heavy freeze there was a rush for the pond by the boys that was only equaled by the rush away from it when father discovered them there, and started after them with a horse whip.

"He said that he wasn't goin' to have a lot of fine ice split by a pack of pesky boys skatin' on it."

"I think the incident had a certain influence upon my choice of a profession, as it taught me that there was money in contracting."—Ex.

Mrs. Ferson—"They tell me that your friend Whirler is quite a traveler."

Stayson—"Nothing to speak of. Never been out of the United States, that I ever heard of. Never went farther than the Philippines in all his life."—Boston Transcript.

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An Old Question.

Does it end with the sob of the mourner?
The sound of the dull, falling clod?
The grave in the small, quiet corner—
A fresh mound awaiting its sod?

Chill silence, denying, refuting,
While slowly, in sun and in shower,
Earth's cosmical force is transmuting
Dear forms to the grass blade, the flower?

Or softly, as the touch of the petal
June wafts from the heart of a rose,
Do the hands of our loved lightly settle,
With the old-time caressing
Love knows?

Do our vanished thus warn us—implore us—
From strange, viewless, heights that they gain?
Does their love, like a shield, hover o'er us,
To guard from life's peril and pain?

In the light of their new, larger vision,
Is our pitiful frailty of earth
Comprehended, condoned? Our misprision
Annulled in the scale of our worth?

Is it part of their new joy, to teach us—
To guide us—to help us to climb,
Till the old love shall circle us—reach us—
At last on those summits sublime?

Ah, tomes pantheistic, deistic!
Oh, searchings of Nature's deep plan!
Ye solve not this dream of the mystic,
As old as the making of man!
—Stephen Power Otis in Truth.

Too Many Alarms.

Not long ago one of the professors of Princeton, whose recitations were held the first thing in the morning, admonished the students in his division to correct the fault of tardiness, which he claimed was increasing in a lamentable manner, and when one of the students explained that they all studied so late at night they were apt to oversleep in the morning he kindly advised them to secure alarm clocks, which he said were one of the most valuable and useful of inventions.

The next day nearly every student in the class came into recitation with an alarm clock in his pocket, which by patient and united efforts were set so that one would go off promptly at every successive minute of the hour. The effect can be imagined.

Shortly after the first student was called to recite, one of the clocks in the pocket of a boy at the other end of the room went off with a terrible clamor, and before it had finished, a second in another part of the room made even a louder racket. There was a brief interval which the professor utilized to call up another student, but the latter was scarcely on his feet before the third clock went off. The performance was continued for half an hour or more, when the professor, who had a keen sense of humor, recognized the situation and cut short the fun by terminating the recitation.

The boys explained that they had followed his advice and secured alarm clocks which they were carrying around with them because they were likely to fall asleep at most any time.—Chicago Record.

Hobson Much Kissed.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Lieutenant Richmond Pearson Hobson was heavily bombarded by a large fleet of kissing girls at the Auditorium to night, but as no distress signal was hoisted after the engagement, it is not believed that he was seriously injured.

Lieutenant Hobson lectured on "The Sinking of the Merrimac," under the auspices of the Chicago Press Club, and after the lecture the members of the audience pressed forward for an impromptu reception. There was much handshaking and applause, but more interesting than these were 163 kisses given the Merrimac's hero by as many girls. The Lieutenant met the attack bravely, and even seemed to encourage it.

Delicate Diplomacy of an Editor.

"Can you tell me what sort of weather we may expect next month?" wrote a subscriber to the editor of a paper. The editor replied as follows: It is my belief that the weather next month will be very much like your subscription." The inquirer wondered for an hour what the editor was driving at, when he happened to think of the word "unsettled." He sent the required amount next day.

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HAVANA WELCOMES LEE.

Crowds Cheer Him and Press to Shake His Hand.

Havana, Dec 16.—In addition to the guards surrounding the Hotel de Inglaterra and the Central Park last night, a body of Spanish troops occupied the upper story of the hotel to prevent any shooting from there. The night passed without noteworthy incident. The theatres and cafes around the Central Park were all closed, and that part of the city presented a gloomy aspect. A heavy Spanish guard occupies the streets from 6 p. m to 6 a. m. During the day the guard is withdrawn, and people and carriages are allowed to pass through the streets.

Gen. Lee came to Havana this afternoon from Mariano. He was accompanied by Lieut-Col. Dorst, his chief of staff. They paid a visit to Gen. Green at the Hotel de Inglaterra. As soon as it was learned that Gen. Lee was at the hotel a great crowd of people rushed in to shake him by the hand, while others remained outside waving American flags and cheering loudly. A number of young girls visited the hotel and presented flowers to him. Gen. Lee's popularity is immense, and wherever he goes he is followed by enthusiastic crowds.

Captain-General Castellanos has suppressed the Havana lottery and ordered that the funds be placed at his disposal. It is announced that those who have purchased tickets will have their money returned to them.

American troops are arriving rapidly. The evacuation by the Spaniards here has been delayed by the non-arrival of steamers, but two are now here and will take on board a number of troops for Spain.

The cruiser New York left here to day. Admiral Sampson remains.

Captain General Castellanos has issued a decree pardoning all offences committed by volunteers and ordering the Judges to set at liberty all volunteers who are in custody no matter what the crimes or offences with which they are charged.

Another Boat to Be Raised.

Santiago, Dec. 15.—Capt. V. B. Lyle, of the revenue marine service, and Capt. James Shelly, of the Fifth Immunes, started for Mayari to day. They have been commissioned to raise a Spanish gunboat sunk in the bay of Nipe during the war to prevent the ingress of American war ships.

Joaquin Ferrer, a citizen of Mayari, protested to General Wood to day that the gunboat was his property. He declared he had purchased it from the Cuban government and showed a bill of sale to support his statement. General Wood told him no one had a right to sell the vessel, and authorized Captain Lyle to apply to Colonel Hood at Holguin for assistance if Cubans interfered with the work of raising the gunboat.

Over 200 Cuban laborers struck to-day. They refused to unload a transport at Port Victor because General Wood reduced their pay. The strikers declared they would not permit other labors to take their places, but General Wood immediately sent 200 men protected by a company of infantry, the captain of which had orders to kill any one who interfered with the new men.

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