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at Paris Which They are to be Exchanged for Colonial P. isoners.

#### 25c to \$1; Vests, 10c to \$1; Aguinaldo Probably Will not Refuse but Force Will be Used if He Does.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The most important development of today's cabinet for the increase of the regular army, it meeting was the sending of a dispatch New lot of handsomely got- to General Otis directing him to demand of Aguinaldo the surrender of all the Spanish prisoners in the possession of the insurgents.

Arrangements are being perfected by the Paris commission by which all the New lot of the best Kid Spanish political prisoners shall be released in exchange for the liberation of vice as possible. The demand of the enall the political prisoners arrested for complicity in the Cuban or Philippine

> It is not improbable that Aguinaldo will be disposed to refuse the proposition and the administration doesn't anticipate open rupture. However, Aguinaldo must give a pos-

ltive answer and the United States will use force if necessary.

#### The dislarmament of the Filipino army will probably be one of the first steps after the treaty is signed.

#### MORE TROOPS FOR THE PHILIPPINES

#### Preparing to Send Several Regiments of Regulars.

Washington, Dec. 2.-Preparations are being made to send a number of regular infantry and artillery regiments to the Philippines. The Third, Fourth Sixth, Seventh, Twentieth and Twentyfourth will allmost certainly go and possibly the Twelfth and Seventeenth Orders for the dispatch of troops will not be isused until the definite conclusion of peace but preparations are being made to get the transports in readilness. No volunteers will be withdrawn from Manila until the regulars arrive.

#### TO FREE SPANISH PRISONERS

Madrid, Dec. 2.-At the conclusion of a lengthy cabinet meeting today Sa gasta telegraphed Rios, directing him them. Try one of them, and you will to use every possible means to obtain a have no other. They sell for 121-2 cts speedy release of the Spanish prisoners held by the Filipinos. If their liberation is not obtained immediately the cabinet will negotiate directly with Washington.

## **COURT MAY NOT OPEN**

It is reported that Judge J. W. Bowman will be unable to open the superior court here next Monday.

At the Swain court he informed Attorney W. W. Jones and Judge Fred Moore that his son was seriously in a hospital at Washington and needed his attendance. He did not feel that he could reach Asheville until next Thurs.

If the judge fails to be on hand Monday court will open but adjourn im-mediately. This pregram will be con-tinued until Judge Bowman's arrival. G. A. Mears & Sons' shoe store.

Will Depart as Soon as the Transports Arrive.

Savannah, Dec. 2.—The One Hundred and First Indiana, the Second Illinois, the First North Carollina, the Fourth Virginia, the Forty-ninth Iowa and the Sixth Missouri, encamped here, comprisin the Second division of Lee's corps, have been ordered to prepare for embarkation to Cuba as soon as transports arrive. General Lee said today he hoped the start would begin in a few days.

## **VOLUNTEERS MAY** NOT STAY IN CUBA

Regular Army May be In. creased Enough to Supply all Demands.

Washington, Dec. 2.-If congress, early in session should make provision is quite probable that mone of the volunteer regiments now in the service will be held to do garrison duty in Cuba. The troops to be sent to Cuba will be composed largely of regular regiments so far as they are available. Plans are maturing for the mustering out of as many volunteers now in serlisted men to go home and leave the service is growing greater and greater every day. This is true in nearly every garrison, and the arrival of senators and representatives with requests for the muster out of regiments or men in the regiments has largely increased during the past three days.

#### **BIG DEATH** RATE AT HAVANA

#### Sanitary Inspector at a Loss to Account for It.

Washington, Dec. 2.-Sanitary Inspector Brunner at Havania reports 440 deaths in the week ending November 24. Four only were from yellow fever. Dr. Brunner is at a loss to account for the enormous death rate under the weather conditions existing but makes recommendations for a thorough cleaning of the city.

## ALGER RECOMMENDS **BIG STANDING ARMY**

#### Partly to be Composed of Natives of the Islands.

Washington, Dec. 2.-As expected Secretary Alger, in his report, made public today, recommends the increase of the army to 100,000 men. A portion of this army he advises should be recruited from natives of the new islands of the United States under American officers. In the cities of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Phillippines a constabulary force of natives, he says, should be

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Bill for the Beginning o Work Maybe Passed by This Congress.

Officials of the Panama Canal Company Also Call on the President.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Director Generall Hutin, of the Panama Canal company, and General Counsel Cromwell called on the president today. No attempt was made to discuss the canal situation. It is understood that the president has determined to include in his annual message to congress on next Monday a reference to the Nicaraguan canal, but he will make no mention of the Panama canal. The mention of the Nicaragua project will, it is expected, be couched in favorable terms. The attitude of the administration has long been known to be favorable to the conwill be made to pass a bill at this ses-

#### THE NICARAGUA CANAL

#### Commissioners Hurrying up Their Reper for Congress.

canal commission is burrying forward its work with a view to presenting a report by the time congress meets or soon thereafter. In any event it is probable that a summary of the commission's findings will be made known to the president for such use, if any, as he desires to make it in his message to congress. An important technical piece of work just completed by the commission is a chart showing for the first time the level of Lake Nicaragua for every day of an entire year, establishing a basis for the size and character of dams, locks, etc.

The observations show that the lake level is about 103 1-2 feet above sea level in May and 107 feet in October, these being the extreme months. This reverses the usual calculations of deep water in spring, and is due to the rainy season of the tropics, which comes lake in the summer. The observations are regarded by the commission as very favorable in their influence on the caual project as a whole.

One of the latest reasons advanced for the necessity of an extra session is the fact that the canal concession of the Nicaragua government expires next October, and lif congress does not act favorably upon the canal propostition during the regular session an extra session will have to be called next spring.

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#### Led to Insufficient Transports for Santiago.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The most important testimony before the war investigation commission today related to the transportation of the army to San-

Colonel Bird, the chief of the transportlation division, said the transports had been arranged for thirty six to run as far as Havana, and as no notice had been given in advance of the size of Shafter's expedition or as to its true destination, adequate preparations couldn't be made.

He thought it was the business of the man in charge of the expedition to see that the changes were made.

He said the first order was to provide transportation for five thousand men to go to Cuba and the next was for twenty thousand to go to Mariel but nothing had been said about twentyfive thousand men for Santiago until too late.

Captain McKay, who assisted in the work at Tampa, claimed that the embarkation was orderly and systematic and any errors in navigating the transports were due to the naval officer in command.

## BERNARD ORDERED TO GET INDICTMENTS

#### Against Participants in Wilmington Race Riots.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 2.-United States District Attorney Bermard has instructions from Washington to cause the indictment of the persons who drove United States Commissioner struction of the canal and an attempt Bunning from the city owing to the

> The plan at present is to secure bills of indictment, issue bench warrants from Rakigh and have the trials in that city. White men will be witnesses.

#### CRIMINAL COURT

#### Washington, Dec. 2.—The Nicaragua Several Cases Disposed of by Judge Stevens Yesterday.

In the criminal court yesterday John Thompson, charged with selling liquor on Sunday, was acquitted. John Rice, charged with an assault upon his wife. was acquitted.

Dock Fowler, who was charged with insulting a lady on Mountain street, was called and failed to answer.

A large number of indictments for gambling are being sent to the grand ury which is still in session. The 'orange cider' cases were not reached by that body yesterday but will be considered today.

James Harper, one of the parties to he Biltmore row, entered a plea of not date for the official visit.

J. L. Trantham, the merchant who did the shooting, was the principal witnes examined. Before the investigation closed Harper, through his counsel, asked leave of the court to withdraw his plea of not guilty for forcible trespass. That question and a further hearing of the party were then left op-

The grand jury will be dismissed to-

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Apples,

Peace Commission Comes to Another Deadlock.

Caused by the Desire of the Americans for a Speedy Conclusion of the Business.

Spaniards Wanted to Spend the Time Polishing the Phrases of Agreed Clauses.

Another Meeting to be Held To-morrow-Spaniards Awaiting New Instructions.

Paris, Dec. 2.-Today's session of the

joint peace commission was practically

A difference of opinion arose respecting the order of proceedings, the Spaniards suggesting that the articles already agreed to be put in the form that they will appear in the treaty while the Americans requested that the remaining articles be first discussed and agreed

The Spaniards said they must wait for final instructions and here a tem-

The Spaniards telegrapeed Madrid for additional instructions and will meet the Americans tomorrow.

Apparently both sides are playing for advantage or position.

#### INVITATION

porary deadlock arose.

### TO M'KINLEY

#### Alabama Lower House Asks Him to be Guest of the State.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 1.-The house of representatives today adopted the senate resolution inviting President McKinley to become a guest of Alabama on his coming trip south.

The resolution as passed by the senate praised the administration for "contributing largely to the obliteration of sectional lines," but the house substituted a non-committal statement. December 17 was named as a tentative

#### EIGHT WERE KILLED.

Wilmington, N. S., Dec. 2.-The official report of the superintendent of health just issued says eight negroes are all that came to his attention as reported killed during the recent rlot. He adds that as many as five other bodies have been found in the swamps of this section, supposed to have died from -injuries received during the riot.

#### HOBSON MAY CO BACK.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Secretary Long has granted Hobson's request to go to Santiago if the wrecking company requests him as a representative of the government.

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