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GREAT WAR GAME ON IN EARNEST THIS MORNING

The White Squadron Off Rockport Is On the Qui Vive For the Blue

ANXIOUS AND READY FOR THE CONFLICT

The Dispatch Boat Was Sent Ashore Early This Morning But Since That Time Nothing Has Been Heard From the Defending Fleet

Rock Port, Mass., Aug. 22.—Admiral Higginson sent a launch with dispatches to the wharf at 5 o'clock this morning but since then there has been no communication with the battleships Keokuk, Massachusetts and Alabama, which remain in line east of Thimble Shoar Island.

The scout boats are still at sea. The night was cloudy, but after sunrise bright for a time, when a thick haze settled over the shore and the town. It is only a land fog, however, and there is little chance of the "enemy" breaking through the defending line without being discovered.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The naval war game which off the New England coast contemplates the practical solution of a problem based on the supposition that this Government and that of Great Britain were at war and that the latter was attempting to strike a blow at some vulnerable point on the coast, establish a base of supplies, perhaps land thousands of troops later and begin an advance on Boston, Portland or Newport.

The supposition at present is that England declared war against the United States four weeks ago and started a fleet across the Atlantic, touching first at Halifax for coal and supplies. England, it is assumed, would proceed on the theory that the United States could not afford to concentrate her most powerful vessels at any one point on the coast and thus leave others exposed, and therefore that her squadron can whip the American fleet off New England, land under cover of its guns and hold a base of supplies until the army is rushed from Halifax and elsewhere.

Briefly, the English fleet is believed to be making for some point between Cape Cod on the south and Portland on the north, and it is the purpose of the United States ships to meet it on the ocean and prevent a landing.

Fleet values are, of course, given the two fleets. Commander Pillsbury, who is supposed to command the British or "white" fleet, has but three ships while Admiral Higginson, commander of the American or "blue" fleet, has a squadron of 21, including torpedo boats. Technically the contest is known as a search problem. According to the hypothesis of the game the respective strength of the two fleets is as 45 to 102, the blue, represented by Admiral Higginson, being the superior to the latter extent. If Commander Pillsbury can succeed in making a landing for six hours without being confronted by a superior force, dispatched by the Admiral, the attacking or British fleet wins. The torpedo boats are to represent scouts for the purpose of conveying information to the commander of the blue.

Hampton Beach, N. H., Aug. 22.—Early this forenoon three stacked vessels, apparently torpedo boats, were observed six miles at sea, patrolling the coast. They made three trips between Portsmouth and Hampton River.

MASCAGNI WILL FIGHT DISMISSAL FROM ROSSINI

Declares That if Justice is Not Granted Him in Italy, He Will Make His Future Home in the United States

Rome, Aug. 22.—Signor Mascagni, the musical author and director, says he will fight in the courts his dismissal from the directorship of Rossini Conservatory.

TWO FOREIGN NOTABLES NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH WHILE GRATIFYING THEIR CRAZE FOR AUTOMOBILING

Sultan of Morocco Has a Narrow Brush With the Other World Near Fez and Nearly Collapses From Fright While Sir Thomas Succeeds in Smashing His Cranky Old Machine Into Splintering Wood in London

Tangier, Aug. 22.—The Sultan of Morocco, while out automobiling today was badly scared. Near Fez the chauffeur lost control of the machine, and it dashed into a stone wall. It was going very fast and to that the Sultan owes his life.

London, Aug. 22.—Sir Thomas Lipton narrowly escaped serious injury today. He was riding an automobile at Woodgreen, near London when the machine skidded and crashed into an iron railing. Lipton was badly shaken, but not badly hurt.

Lipton was driving the machine himself on the way to his office in the city with one of his secretaries and a driver. While trying to avoid the wet tram tracks the auto slipped and ran into a railing. The machine was wrecked and the railing broken.



ROYALTY GOES VISITING TODAY. On the left is King Emanuel III of Italy, in the center his mother, the Dowager Queen Margharita and on the right Emperor William of Germany. King Victor and his mother left Rome today for Berlin, where they will visit the Emperor of the Germans.

TO SELL FAMOUS ART GALLERY AND ERECT HOSPITAL

Italy to Dispose of Institution That Holds Canova's Hebe and the Gobelin Tapestry to a Hungarian Merchant

Rome, Aug. 22.—The municipal council for Central Italy has decided to sell the art gallery and build a hospital with the proceeds. The gallery includes the Gobelin tapestry and Canova's statue of Hebe. A Hungarian merchant has offered 22,000 francs for the gallery.

COTTON MEN CHANGE BASE.

Mr. Hartmann Leaves Sanders, Orr & Co.—Other Changes. Mr. Charles Asbury of this city, has secured a position with the Mayodan Mills in Rockingham county as cotton buyer. He will begin his new duties the first of September.

Mr. George Hartman who has been with Sanders, Orr & Co., for the past 13 years, will, the first of September, embark in the cotton business for himself. He will represent Smith and Kouglan of Birmingham, Ala., and Lovemann and Co., of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Mr. Hartmann is one of the best cotton graders in the South and has made many friends in Charlotte.

Mr. John Cowan leaves the first of September for Canton, Miss., where he will, this season, buy cotton for Heath, Richardson & Co., of Liverpool. Mr. Cowan spends his summer in Charlotte and he has a host of friends here who will regret to see him leave.

Market Review.

New York, Aug. 22.—The opening of the stock market showed a material falling off in the volume of activity of the two previous days but the tone is firm and the general list showed a decided tendency toward recovery.

To Succeed Jules Cambon

Paris, Aug. 22.—The Foreign Office today confirmed the report that M. Jusseraud, at present the French Minister to Copenhagen, will succeed M. Jules Cambon as French Ambassador to Washington.

ROOSEVELT IS OFF ON HIS NEW ENGLAND JUNKET

Residents of Dear Old Oyster Bay Fire a Salute to Speed the Parting and Teddy Probably Looked Happy

Oyster Bay, Aug. 22.—President Roosevelt and party, Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel Roosevelt, Dr. Jung and Secretary Cortelyou left at 10:45 o'clock this morning aboard the Sylph for New Haven, Conn., where he begins his New England tour.

The Presidential salute was fired from an anvil by Oyster Bay residents as the President departed.

Want Boers to Go to Madagascar

Paris, Aug. 22.—The French colonial office has offered the Boer delegates in Europe special advantages in the effort to encourage the Boers in South Africa to migrate to Madagascar.

INSURGENTS GIVE THE AMERICANS MUCH TROUBLE

Mail Advices Report That Supposed Subdued Mountainous Natives Are Again on the Strenuous Warpath

Washington, Aug. 22.—Manila mail advices report great activity among the insurgents in the mountainous districts of Tobacco, Malanee and Tyre in Albay Province. The rebels number 305. The native constabulary is out daily at Bantau. Six natives have been killed and three Chinese carried off. The American soldiers are unable to get aid from the natives.

CONSERVATIVES ARE SUCCESSFUL IN KENT TODAY

Election of a Member of Parliament From Seven Oaks Division Results in the Return of H. W. Forster

London, Aug. 22.—The election of a member of Parliament from the West or Seven Oaks Division of Kent today resulted in the return of H. W. Forster by a Conservative vote of 5332, Morice, liberal, received 4442.

THIEVES LOOT POSTOFFICE.

Gang of Masked Men Gag Deputy. Bloodhounds In Pursuit. Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 22.—News reached here today of the robbery of the postoffice at Stuttgart, Ark., last night by a gang of masked men who took \$600 in money and \$900 in stamps and a number of registered letters.

A deputy was locking up the office when he was covered with revolvers, bound, gagged and made to hand over the cash. Bloodhounds are in pursuit.

Wedding Gown Of Coconut Fiber.

Fitchburg, Mass., Aug. 22.—Wearing a gown of coconut fiber brought from the Philippines by the groom, Miss Ida Smith, daughter of Miss Lucy Smith, was married here yesterday to Lieut. Joseph Herbert Ford, assistant surgeon United States Army. Lieutenant Ford is a son of the late Samuel Ford, of Washington, and has been stationed at the capital since his return from the Philippines.

Cecil Rhodes Left Countess Warwick Valuable Lands

London, Aug. 22.—The Essex County Chronicle today says that it is reported that Cecil Rhodes bequeathed Countess Warwick lands valued at 200,000 pounds. The Countess is the wife of the Fifth Earl of Warwick. She is a society leader and prominent in philanthropic work.

GERMAN PAPERS TRY TO STIR INDUSTRIAL STRIFE

Advise the German Industrial Leaders to Keep Away From St. Louis

GERMAN BUSINESS HERE IT SAYS, IMPOSSIBLE

American Protectionism, says Tageblatt, Kills All Hope of a German Trade in United States and Germans Should Not Go on Such Ground

Berlin, Aug. 22.—Tageblatt today attempts to dissuade German industrial leaders from exhibiting at the St. Louis Exposition. That paper says: "All special branches of industry, such as electricians, are weary of exhibitions as American protectionism renders German business there impossible. Even at the imminent danger of breaking down American prosperity Germans should not go on such uncertain ground."

ENGLISH CONCERN IS AFTER AMERICAN BUSINESS

Birmingham Concern Will Establish Great Arms and Ammunition Factory

PLANT TO BE LOCATED IN PENNSYLVANIA

Working Agreement Will Be Made By the English Concern With Some Firm Outside the Trust to Supply the Steel to Conduct Business

Birmingham, Aug. 22.—The Post today says the Creusot Company is contemplating the establishment of an arms and ammunition factory in the United States. A representative sails for New York soon to look for a site, probably in Pennsylvania. A working agreement will be made with some prominent American firm outside of the steel trust to supply the metal.

MITCHELL BELIEVES END IS IN SIGHT; HARD COAL CONTINUES UPWARD CLIMB

Chicago, Aug. 22.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, believes the strike is near an end. He leaves here this afternoon for New York, where he said he will hold a conference with Morgan.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 22.—Operators who were seen today regarding the increased price of coal state that the coal companies are not to blame for it, but that individual dealers are raising the price without any warrant. The companies have not raised the prices to the dealers, and this month they are the same as they were in August of last year. The scale has not been changed.

While it cannot be learned just how much coal there is on the tracks and in the coal-yards throughout the country, it is estimated by operators that the amount is about 4,000,000 tons and may be two millions more. The companies refuse to say how much they have.

It is significant, however, that in the event of the ending of the strike the market would at once be furnished with as much coal as it could absorb. Operators explain this by stating that what the companies have upon their tracks they are holding for their own use in case the strike lasts a long time, and they are selling only a very little of it in cases of particular contracts which they must fill.

If the strike ended all this would be rushed to market. Most of it could reach New York and Philadelphia within half a day, Buffalo in one day and Chicago in two, and then the mines would be rushed to keep up the supply.

At present there is being mined in the region no less than 50,000 tons of coal a week, and about 20,000 or 25,000 tons of this is going to market. From what can be learned it is believed here that the retail dealers are holding back much coal and under the plea of scarcity are raising the price.

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LATEST FOREIGN NEWS AS FLASHED FROM THE WIRES

Berlin, Aug. 22.—The Duchess Margherita, the future Queen of Wurtemberg, was successfully operated on this morning at Gmunden. The nature of the operation was not made public.

Berlin, Aug. 22.—Admiral Von Deidrichs, recently appointed chief Admiral on the staff of the Imperial Navy, has resigned and vice Admiral Buechsel will succeed him.

Uvaia, Mexico, Aug. 22.—A party of fifteen Mexicans unearthed at Cline Canyon a vault containing Spanish gold coin amounting in all to \$100,000. The money was counted and divided. It is claimed the money was buried by a paymaster in the Mexican army during the war with Texas.

Paris, Aug. 22.—Arrangements had been made to send the bodies of Mr. Fair and his wife to Cherbourg this afternoon for transportation to the United States, when a hitch occurred which caused a postponement.

Vienna, Aug. 22.—Mitags Zeitung today says King Alexander of Serbia, realizing that he cannot expect children of his own, will adopt a peasant boy as successor to the throne.

Paris, Aug. 22.—The manager of the Ritz Hotel, having charge of the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Fair, denies that the bodies will be secretly shipped to the United States.

Constantinople, Aug. 22.—Izzet Bey, second secretary of foreign correspondence, today called upon U. S. Minister Leymann, promised a settlement of all pending American claims and asked for a resumption of diplomatic calls between the American minister and the Minister of the Porte. Later Leymann called on the Grand Vizier.

ALFONSO STARTLES HIS COUNCILLORS BY DECIDING TO WED A PLEBIAN BRIDE

Madrid, Aug. 22.—King Alfonso has disregarded all proposals of his councillors that he marry a European princess and has announced his intention of wedding the daughter of some South American capitalist for the three fold purpose of mending the shattered state of his finances, reconciling the Republican element by taking a Plebian consort and restoring Spanish prestige in Latin America.

DOCK LABORERS STRIKE IS ASSUMING SERIOUS NATURE

Havana, Aug. 22.—The dock laborers strike is becoming more serious. The transportation companies are encountering great difficulty in unloading vessels, as mobs of striking laborers stop carts on the streets and try to induce the drivers to join their forces.

A continuation of the strike means paralysis of business both foreign and local. No solution at present is in sight. President Palma has delayed his tour of the island on account of strike.