

EASTERN QUESTION

The German Press Predicting Difficulties Over Peace Settlement.

ADVICE OF EUROPE NECESSARY

To Settle the Philippine Question--Spaniards in the Ladrones Wish to go to Manila--Philippines in Europe Oppose Catholic Domination in the Philippines--Threatened Repulse Between England and China--Affairs in Porto Rico--Spanish Formal Report on Surrender of Manila Fighting Between Spanish and Cabans'

Madrid, August 27, 3 p. m.--Negotiations have been opened with Washington to obtain permission for the Spaniards in the Ladrones islands to go to Manila, as the situation in the Ladrones is extremely critical.

Commandant Emilio Diaz de Moreu, former captain of the cruiser Cristobal Colon, promises to conduct a lively anti-government campaign in the cortes on his return to Spain.

PHILIPPINES IN EUROPE. London, August 27.--The Philippine islands committee in Europe has addressed a letter to President McKinley regarding the appeals made to him by high Roman Catholic ecclesiastics in America to protect the religious orders in the islands.

London, August 27, 3 p. m.--Duke Almodovar de Rios, minister for foreign affairs, expects an official notification today of the names of the American peace commissioners.

CAPTAIN DUNCAN SENTENCED

To Imprisonment for Desecrating Graves of Confederate Soldiers--The President at Camp Meade.

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The Koelnische Zeitung's editorial may be worth quoting, as there is the best reason for believing that it was inspired. It says: "Before a definite peace is concluded considerable time must elapse."

AFFAIRS IN PORTO RICO.

Guayama Porto Rico, August 27.--General Brooke has not yet received his instructions and credentials as a member of the Porto Rican commission, which he will await before proceeding to San Juan.

BUTLER SNOWED UNDER

Republicans of Greater Influence in His Party than their Quondam Leader. Theatrical Season Opened--Funds for the Shipp Monument.

Messenger Bureau. Raleigh, N. C., August 26. The republican leaders here manifested the liveliest interest in news from the First congressional district populist convention yesterday at Edenton, which they had arranged should renominate Harry Skinner.

Some republicans feared that E. A. Moyer might give Skinner trouble. There are not a few of them who are afraid of Senator Butler.

The railway commission next Tuesday will file its decision in the matter of the reduction of passenger rates on the Raleigh and Gaston division of the Seaboard Air Line.

The taxes due by Swain county were today paid into the state treasury. They were \$2,184.86. The costs were added. The sheriff and tax collector (Teague) failed, assigned and did not pay and his bondsmen had to put up the money, which they did through an Asheville bank.

The republican state chairman ridiculed the nomination of Dr. J. O. Wilcox of Wilkes by the republican "insurgents" of the Eighth district for congress against R. Z. Linney.

Chairman Holton says that though he has just opened his quarters, he has been at work a month and has sent out three addresses, none of which he will give to the press.

The populist in the First judicial district nominate W. J. Leary for judge, while the republicans nominate Augustus W. Moore for judge and C. W. Meeking for solicitor.

Revenue Collector Duncan, who went down to Edenton to look after republican interests at the meeting of the populist congressional convention, returned here today.

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AMERICANIZING CUBA

The Work Begun at Santiago--High Death Rate in the City--Pitiful Condition of the Spanish Prisoners

Santiago de Cuba, August 27, 6:50 p. m.--The American postal system is soon to be introduced here and household deliveries and letter boxes are to be established.

The modifications of the administration of the provincial civil government by Generals Lawton and Wood meets with the approbation of intelligent citizens, and cooperation in the movement is increasing.

Impressive funeral services were held today over the remains of the Colombian consul, Senor Bravo, who died from fever.

The death rate among citizens and troops is increasing. The deaths in the city daily number about eighty.

The steamer Panther left early this morning with 108 sick soldiers of all regiments, and the Roumania will leave tomorrow with 425 sick of all regiments, leaving 500 for the Olivette, which is expected on Wednesday.

Eight thousand rations were dispatched today to Guantanamo bay for two companies of Ray's immunes.

The Cheribon, a hospital ship, left today with 1,000 sick Spaniards.

Death of Judge E. T. Boykin (Special to The Messenger). Raleigh, N. C., August 27.--Judge Edward T. Boykin died 12:30 o'clock this afternoon at Dunn, it is said, of apoplexy, aged 44 years.

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ENGLAND AND CHINA.

A War Cloud Arising--The Situation Most Acute--Stormy Scene Between British and Russian Representatives

London, August 27.--The Pekin correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "The situation has suddenly become acute. The relations between the Tsung Li Yamen and Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister, are strained to the point of rupture."

"In support of Sir Claude MacDonald the fleet has been concentrated at Wei Hi Wal, and Hankow and all the war-ships, under 5,000 tons, have been mobilized in the Yang Tse river. The naval demonstration is solely directed against China, as it is semi-officially stated that the existing relations with Russia are cordial."

Great Britain is willing to drop her protest in respect to the new Chwang railway, but Russia is required to cancel her agreement with China, that the country having the largest financial interest should arbitrate in disputes connected with the Pekin-Hankow railway.

The negotiations are confined to Pekin. The British and Russian ambassadors at St. Petersburg and Pekin are in close communication.

London, August 26.--All the information obtainable to show that the dispatch sent from here to New York today confirming yesterday's cablegram that England has been preparing for a naval demonstration in the event of grave Anglo-Russian complications is merely gossip.

Violent scenes are reported to have occurred between Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister, and M. Pavloff, the Russian charge d'affaires, owing to the latter's commanding the Tsung Li Yamen to break his agreement with the Hong Kong bank under pain of the czar's strong displeasure.

The position is now worse than ever. All the Russian ships have returned to Port Arthur, while the British vessels are assembling at Wei Hai Wei and Chefoo. Extreme activity prevails at Port Arthur.

A Million Dollars Sent to Manila. San Francisco, Cal., August 27.--The transport steamer Scandia sailed for Honolulu and Manila today.

The action of the Russians at New Chwang indicates an intention on their part to remain there in strong force whether they build the Tien Tsin railway or not.

The International Commission. Quebec, August 27.--Both the American and the Canadian delegates of the arbitration conference have been in session today.

Several of the government experts from Washington and Ottawa have left Quebec which indicates that no exhaustive discussions of all the subjects will be gone into before the recess.

The commissioners are being entertained at the Garrison Club by Solicitor General Fitzpatrick this evening.

Schley Criticizes Cervera's Plans of Escape. Washington, August 26.--Admiral Schley says: "It is my opinion that the Spanish admiral might have escaped with possibly one or two of his ships had he adopted different tactics in coming out of the harbor."

Hospital Nurses Sick. New York, August 27.--Some of the nurses in the general hospital at Camp Wikoff are suffering from dysentery and orders were issued today that they be given quarters to themselves, in which to exercise, bathe and rest.

Killed by a Train. Ware, Mass., August 27.--A railroad train on the Boston and Maine railroad struck a buckboard at Whiting's crossing tonight and killed five members of a pleasure party.

The Royal is the highest grade baking powder known. Actual tests show it goes one-third further than any other brand.



A ROW WITH THE POLICE

A Serious Disturbance at Lexington, S.C.--Two Persons Seriously Wounded

Columbia, S. C., August 27.--A special to The State from Lexington, where the last meeting but one of the state campaign was held Friday says:

After the campaign meeting here yesterday, which passed off pleasantly enough, the town was thrown into a ferment by a disturbance among the police authorities and a few country consuls.

Policeman Johnson, it is said, was endeavoring to arrest Seay for disturbing the peace, when the latter overpowered Johnson and, after beating him, stabbed him with a knife.

Doctors Hendrix and Wingard are giving the wounded men all possible surgical attention.

Senator Fry Talks of the Peace Commission

Boston, Mass., August 27.--William H. Fry, United States senator from Maine and member of the peace commission, passed through Boston on his way from Washington to Maine today.

"President McKinley did me the honor to say that he particularly wanted me to serve on the commission," said the senator.

Camp Thomas a Pest Hole. New York, August 27.--The hospital train of two cars arrived at Jersey City from Camp Thomas, Chickamauga park, both of the cars were full of typhoid patients.

The Hope's Return from Greenland. St. Johns, N. F., August 27.--The steamer Hope arrived here last night from her trip to Greenland, whither she carried the Peary exploring expedition.

The President Reaches Somerset. Somerset, Pa., August 27.--The presidential party, composed of President and Mrs. McKinley, Assistant Secretary Bortelyou, and Major Wells Hayes, reached Somerset by special train from Johnstown at 8:40 o'clock this evening.

C.M. Clay Applies for a Divorce. Lexington, Ky., August 27.--There is current a story which many here believe, that Cassius M. Clay has filed at Richmond, Ky., a petition for divorce from his child wife, Dora Richardson. At Richmond and at the home of Mr. Clay the rumor cannot be verified.