

THE PEACE PHASE

Subject of Discussion in Official Quarters and Diplomatic Circles.

SPAIN'S EXACT PROPOSITION

Question of Terms of Peace Not Broached—Likely to be Much Diplomatic Fencing at the Beginning—No Difficulties Anticipated Except as to the Philippines—Diplomats Making Inquiries as to the Peace Question—Formality of the Spanish Proposition—Plans for Conducting Negotiations—General Brooke Sails Today.

Washington, July 27.—The initiation of overtures for peace has had the effect of suspending in a large measure for the time being, at least, interest in the military and naval situation. Though it is known, through the open admission of members of the administration that the present peace phase would remain unchanged until after another cabinet meeting on Friday, there was still evident a disposition to discuss this matter in its every aspect. Naturally, the first point of inquiry was the exact shape taken by the Spanish presentation of yesterday. Curiosity on this point remained ungratified, and must probably so continue for some days to come, the president having declined the invitation to define the statement issued from the White House yesterday shall be given to the public at this time. The motive is a prudent one, and the president has even gone so far as to suggest that a disposition to expedite the publication of the Spanish overtures from publication at this time, might have the effect of prejudicing the character and extent of the demand likely to be made by the United States as the condition of the movement upon San Juan at once.

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UNSUCCESSFUL EXPEDITION

The Wanderer Prevented by Spanish Forces from Landing Supplies on the Cuban Shores.

Key West, Fla., July 27, 9:30 a. m.—News reached here today of the attempted landing on the Cuban shore of a large expedition, men and arms, by the steamer Wanderer, which left Key West about a week ago. Banes, west of Havana, was the point selected for debarkation, but arriving there the expedition was confronted by a body of cavalry numbering 1,000 or more and a sharp engagement ensued. The Wanderer was to have been met by a party of Cubans who had evidently been dispersed by the Spanish forces before the arrival of the steamer. The Wanderer, which was not under convoy, drew up about 400 yards from the shore and began discharging its cargo by means of small boats. At first there was no sign of resistance and a portion of the supplies had already been placed on the beach when a vigorous rifle fire was opened on the ship from the shore. The expedition was forced to cover the retreat by the fire of the Spanish forces. The Wanderer's men got into the water and the supplies were left on the beach. The Spanish forces then landed and the Wanderer was forced to retreat. The expedition was a complete failure.

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A STEAMER AFIRE AT SEA

Perilous Situation of Those on Board.

The Steamer with Driven Piston Prevents Men Seizing the Life Boats—Preparations Made to Abandon the Ship—With Fire Still Burning She Steams Into New York.

New York, July 27.—The steamship Ardandhu, of the Tweedie Line, trading between West Indian ports and this city, came up the bay today with a heavy list to starboard and the cargo stored in her lower hold on fire. The fire of the ship made its appearance Monday night when, if the vessel had made an uninterrupted voyage she should have been off the New Jersey shore and close to Sandy Hook. But leaky boilers and the breaking down of her engines delayed the steamer at least thirty hours, and at the time of the discovery of the flames in hold No. 3, the steamship was off Fenwick's island on the coast of Maryland. The wildest excitement followed the outbreak of the fire, and several passengers endeavored to seize the life boats. Third Mate Percy Sanders was forced to draw his revolver to prevent the men from the steerage leaving the burning steamer. An immense procession was formed and a march was made to the executive building.

President Dill was at his beach home when the steamer was sighted. He hurried to town and reached the wharf as the steamer tied up.

Captain Searcy, of the ship, was on board the Ardandhu ready to receive the citizens of New York for bringing the news. The ship's officers stood by the rope ladders. Thus a panic was avoided and the safety of the fifty-six persons on board the Ardandhu was secured.

The heat was so intense and the smoke was so heavy that it was for a time unsafe for the passengers to remain on board the ship. They were all ordered forward and the women and children were first put into the life boats, each of which had a full supply of food and water on board, and was supplied with compasses and signal rockets.

It was nearly midnight when Captain Walker considered that he had the ship under control, and decided to continue on his way to New York. The women and children were taken back to the steamer and the life boats were hoisted to the deck. The officers from that time on kept watch over the life boats to prevent the eleven Jamaicans who appeared to be terror-stricken from deserting the burning steamer. Two of the steerage passengers, however, stowed themselves in the small boat astern and remained there until the Ardandhu reached the narrows.

On the trip up the coast Captain Walker brought the steamship to a standstill to ascertain if the steam boiler of the ship was damaged. The lower hold, although it was apparent that the flames were being held in check, it was also clear that the fire in hold No. 3, was an extensive one, and it would not be done if he could prevent it.

There are but two officers aboard the steamer, Lieutenant H. W. Miller of the Thirtieth Infantry, and Lieutenant E. T. Cole, of the Sixth Infantry. The New York Journal, and the New York Herald, and Mr. H. W. Miller of the New York Journal, and Mr. R. Q. Leonard, Mr. Corbin is said to be well but his condition is by no means serious. No one has been allowed ashore, and the ship is being kept in the harbor. The ship is being kept in the harbor. The ship is being kept in the harbor.

Win your battles against disease by acting promptly. One Minute Cough Cure produces immediate relief. It is a safe and effective remedy for all coughs, colds, and bronchitis. It is sold in all drug stores.

How British Peers Make Money London, July 27.—The public examination in the bankruptcy court today into the affairs of Mr. Ernest Terah Hooley, the company promoter, for whose property, on his own application, a receiver was appointed on July 23rd, attracted a big crowd of people. The debtor, who is not a member of the peerage, is a man named Rucker, crippling the business by his debt of \$500,000 within two months.

In detailing the flotation of the Dunlop Company, Mr. Hooley said that he had taken a large sum of money from the directors, and that he had used it to pay for the expenses of the company. He said that he had used the money to pay for the expenses of the company, and that he had used it to pay for the expenses of the company.

Major B. F. Dixon goes to Port Royal, Colonel Burghwyn, Lieutenant Colonel Cowles, Adjutant S. H. Macrae and the band to St. Michaels Island to embark tomorrow morning at daybreak for Porto Rico, together with four battalions of regulars, three troops of cavalry and the signal corps. Major General Brooke, commanding the First Army Corps, will accompany the troops. The expedition is now three days behind the time scheduled for it to depart, and it seems to have been unavoidable.

The King of Spain Has Reached London, July 27.—A special dispatch from Madrid says the king of Spain is suffering from an attack of the measles. The attack is following its usual course.

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Contents of State Firemen at Goldboro New Bern Wins the Engine Contest. (Special to The Messenger.)

Goldboro, N. C., July 27.—Last night the North Carolina Firemen's Association passed resolutions thanking the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line for free transportation of apparatus and denouncing the Southern railway for its action in refusing to give free transportation. Several members of the association were outspoken in their denunciation of the action of the Southern railway. Greenboro was selected as the place to hold the convention and tournament in 1899.

Today has afforded many scenes of interest for large crowds of visitors that have come to the city for this special occasion. The parade made an imposing street pageant and was witnessed by several thousand people all along the line of march.

The first contest for prize money came at 12 o'clock. This contest was between New Bern steam fire engine, of New Bern, Atlantic steam fire engine, of Goldboro, and the first engine, of New Bern, which lowered its records and threw water fifty feet in 2:53.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock the hand race was held. It was a very exciting race, and was witnessed by several thousand people. The race