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NO ANSWER TO SPAIN

Yet. Answer Will Probably Be Delayed Till Saturday Or Monday.

THE UNITED STATES' REPLY

Will Be Different From What is Evidently Expected. President Desires to Hear From Dewey and Merritt Before An Answer is Sent, and the Philippine Situation is Said to Depend on Their Opinion. President Expected to Demand Of Spain Immediate Withdrawal Of Troops From Cuba and Porto Rico And Public Acknowledgment of Relinquishment of All Her Territory in West Indies. McKinley and His Cabinet in Session.

Washington, July 29.—The official answer to Spain as to peace will probably be delayed until Saturday or Monday.

The president desires to hear officially from Admiral Dewey and Gen. Merritt before an answer is sent to Madrid. The Philippine situation is said to depend on their opinion.

It is intimated this morning that the reply of the United States will be totally different from that evidently expected, as a condition precedent to the appointment of a peace commission.

The president is expected to demand of Spain the immediate withdrawal of all troops from Cuba and Porto Rico, and make public acknowledgement of the relinquishment of all her territory in the West Indies, also the resumption of diplomatic relations, which were broken off when Minister Woodford was so unceremoniously sent out of Madrid before he was able to present the ultimatum of the United States, after which the peace question, indemnity, etc., will be considered.

Cabinet in Session.

Washington, July 29.—The cabinet has been in session since 11 o'clock this morning, all the members being present, including Attorney General Griggs, who hurried back from Canada. Indications are that an answer will not be transmitted today.

Secretary Day was in conference with the president early this morning.

St. Paul Sails for Porto Rico.

Newport News, July 29.—The St. Paul sailed this morning from Hampton Roads for Porto Rico.

LIGHTNING'S WORK.

Part of Houses Burned, Women and Children Stunned and Other Bad Results.

Leonor, N. C., July 27.—Between showers Saturday afternoon, an unusually loud report of thunder and a blinding flash of lightning startled every citizen of the town. It was soon ascertained that lightning had been carried into three residences by the telephone wires diverging from one pole which was badly shattered. At Sheriff A. H. Boyd's residence a hole about three feet in diameter was made in the roof, the boxing and corner boards badly damaged in places, the weather-boarding at both ends and sides of the house splintered in different places. Mrs. Boyd and Miss Alice Boyd were terribly stunned, the latter rendered insensible for an hour. Leaning against a post on the back piazza, Philip Duis, colored, was prostrated, the lightning passing out at his foot, burning a hole in his shoe four inches in length. He is still living, but his recovery is doubtful.

At Mr. M. E. Schell's residence Mrs. Schell and two children were thrown to the floor, but soon recovered. The house was charred by the burning wire for ten feet and the glass in the front door was shattered.

At Mr. L. P. Henkel's residence two holes were made in the roof, scattering the shingles about the yard, and his sick daughter was made very ill by the shock. The wires were all burned from thirty to sixty feet from the residence.

LaGRANGE NEWS.

Personal Mention. Meeting to Consider Building a Tobacco Stemmy. Committee Appointed to Investigate the Matter.

FREE PRESS BUREAU, LAGRANGE, July 28, 1898.

Miss Mamie Dawson is visiting in Goldsboro.

Mrs. H. E. Dillon returned from Dover Wednesday.

Miss Lenore Fields is visiting her sister near Ayden.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hodges have returned from Morehead City.

Misses Helen Wooten and Laura Grady are visiting friends in Pitt county.

Mrs. Henry Duke returned today from a visit to relatives in Jones county.

Mrs. Strother, of Eureka, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Eason.

There will be preaching in the M. E. church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Miss Lizzie Lamb, of Fayetteville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. H. Sutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Huggins and little daughter returned Wednesday from Mt. Olive.

Misses Lela and Clyde Gardner, of near Grifton, are visiting at Mr. N. G. Sutton's.

Mr. Frank Barnes is painting Mr. M. Dully's residence, on Washington street.

Mr. Geo. Stanton, of Wilson, spent a few days with his uncle, Mr. H. E. Dillon.

A large crowd went to Goldsboro today to witness the firemen's tournament.

Mrs. A. S. Wooten, of Kinston, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dillon.

Quarterly meeting of the M. E. church will be held at Trinity Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Richardson, of Goldsboro, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Stanton.

Mrs. Riddick and Mrs. —, of Portsmouth, Va., are visiting their sister, Mrs. J. M. Hadley.

Mess. Walter and Fred Dawson, of Tarboro, are visiting at Mr. Jno. H. Dawson's, of near here.

Mrs. Lucy Creech, after spending some time with Mrs. Julia A. Creech, returned to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Guyer, after spending some time with Mr. G. L. Taylor, have returned to Jefferson, S. C.

Misses Lillie, Bessie and Eula Rouse are at home for the first time this summer.

Miss Lillie Edmondson, of Greene county, is visiting them.

Mrs. Lucy J. Joyner and Miss Lizzie Anderson left for Pitt county Monday—Miss Lizzie to return home and Mrs. Joyner to visit Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Anderson.

A meeting of the citizens was held in the city hall Wednesday night to consider the prospects of building a tobacco stemmy. Dr. J. M. Hodges was made chairman and R. M. Harper secretary.

The chairman in a few words explained the object of the meeting. Mr. J. L. Abbott then addressed the meeting and explained the many benefits of a stemmy in our town. With all the natural advantages, we lack only the push and energy of our citizens, directed properly, to compete with any market.

A committee composed of Mess. O. Taylor, chairman, G. B. W. Hadley and R. M. Harper was appointed to ascertain the cost of machinery, and obtain such other information as is necessary. The meeting adjourned to meet again next Wednesday night.

A Gang of Outlaws Wiped Out.

Kansas City, Mo., July 27.—A special to the Star from Eufalia, I. T., says: In two distinct battles with deputy sheriffs, a gang of cattle thieves and outlaws, who have disturbed the Creek nations for a long time, have been destroyed. The fight occurred six miles east of Checotah, and resulted in one outlaw, a half-breed Cherokee named Petit, being mortally wounded; David Greathouse, an ex-member of the French gang, slightly wounded and captured, and one Ahorn captured. Later the remainder of the gang were intercepted near Bragg's Cherokee nation, by Deputy Marshals Leobeter and Piaz and all of the outlaws killed. These latter were Goldsby, brother of Cherokee Bill; Mose Miller and the famous "Pickelaw Bill."

The Wreck Near Columbia.

Columbia, S. C., July 27.—It is developed today upon a close inspection by the chairman of the state railroad commission that the wreck on the Atlantic Coast Line near this city yesterday was deliberately planned and executed. A heavy iron bolt so placed as to lift the flange of the engine guide wheels on the outside of the curve was used. This evening the railroad authorities thoroughly satisfied of this offered a reward of \$250 for the capture of the miscreant.

WAS NEVER HAMPERED.

Shafter Says He Was Not Interfered With by War Department

AND HAD CAMPAIGN FAILED

The Fault Would Have Been Solely His Own. Startling Information About the Treatment of Our Wounded Troops at Santiago. Officers Blame Gen. Shafter For Such a Condition of Affairs.

Santiago, July 29.—Gen. Shafter says that the war department has in no way interfered with his conduct of the campaign here, and adds that he never was hampered by the department; that if the campaign had failed the fault would have been solely his own.

Shameful Treatment of Our Wounded.

Washington, July 29.—The war department continues to receive startling information about the management and care of our wounded troops at Santiago. It is learned on the best authority that there were only two ambulances in the entire army for the transportation of the wounded to the hospitals.

It is reported that when the wounded arrived they were stretched on the bare ground, some entirely nude, with no protection from the tropical heats and remained so for hours awaiting attendance. Various officials blame Gen. Shafter for such a condition of affairs.

SICK AND WOUNDED FROM SANTIAGO.

Red Cross Steamer Leaves After Medicine and Supplies for Santiago.

New York, July 29.—The transport Leona arrived at quarantine this morning with a number of sick and wounded from Santiago.

The Red Cross steamer State of Texas was sighted off Highlands this morning and will reach here this afternoon, where it will take on a load of supplies and medicine and return to Santiago.

HUGO ITEMS.

July 28, 1898.

Eggs 8 cents per dozen. Tobacco graders are somewhat scarce in this vicinity.

The farmers are very busy getting tobacco ready for next Monday.

Mr. Joe Phillips and Miss Daisy Dail, of Greene, visited Mr. Callen Phillips Sunday.

We are sorry to announce the death of Mr. Henry Brooks' little boy. He died last Wednesday.

A Cyclists' Paradise.

Cyclists in rural France are well catered for in delightful little country cafes, with open air tables often set in an arbor of evergreens. A franc and a half or two will get you a perfection of an omelet, a plate of stewed wild rabbit, soft cheese, wine and black coffee, and for an extra 4 sous or so the waitress, if the wheelman is ungallant enough to let her do it, will inflate his tires, the merest "marchand de vins" being nowadays the proud possessor of a standard pump.—Caterer.

A "Daisy."

"You are a daisy," is used by Dickens in "David Copperfield" in the sense of calling a person a daisy in the way to express admiration and at the same time to laugh at one's credulity. Steerforth says to young Copperfield: "David, my daisy, you are so innocent of the world. Let me call you my daisy, as it is so refreshing to find one in these corrupt days so innocent and unsophisticated. My dear Copperfield, the daisies of the field are not fresher than you."

A Successful Preacher.

An English bishop, as he was going about his diocese, asked the porter of a lunatic asylum how a chaplain whom he, the bishop, had lately appointed, was getting on.

"Oh, my lord," said the man, "his preaching is most successful. The hidlots he joys it partickler."

THE SPANISH MINISTRY

Resolved to Terminate the War Ten Days Ago.

Paris, July 27.—The following official note was issued here today:

"At the request of the Spanish government, the French ambassador at Washington has been authorized by the French government to present a note from the cabinet at Madrid to the president of the United States. It is in the name of Spain that M. Cambon, who is charged to watch Spanish interests in the United States, made this communication to President McKinley at the white house yesterday afternoon, in the presence of Secretary Day."

The government of France has notified all the French embassies of the fact that Spain has made proposals through M. Cambon, the French ambassador at Washington, for peace with the United States.

The French government is ignorant of the peace conditions which Spain is ready to offer.

The Temps this evening says President McKinley gave M. Cambon a reply which the latter has transmitted to the French minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcasse.

The Temps also outlines the preliminaries to Spain's request. It says the cabinet ten days ago concluded to terminate the war, which henceforth, in the opinion of the ministers, will be purposeless. They realized that the United States was sensitive of its dignity and that foreign intervention would only irritate, and requested M. Delcasse, through M. Cambon, to ascertain if the United States would consent to France tendering her good offices. On M. Cambon responding in the affirmative, Spain's note was immediately entrusted to him.

SEVEN SPRINGS ITEMS.

July 28, 1898.

Mr. Mack Parks spent Sunday at Mr. T. W. Uzzell's.

Mr. W. R. Simmons is making improvements in his store.

Miss Mattie Ivey is teaching about seven miles from here.

Dr. Johnson and wife, of Grifton, visited friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bizzell, of Goldsboro, spent Sunday near here.

Mr. Oscar Hardy and sister, Miss Leslie, spent Sunday at Mr. J. J. Ivey's.

Miss Clyde Quinn, of Duplin, visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a number of our people attended the firemen's tournament at Goldsboro.

Rev. T. H. Sutton closed a meeting at Piney Grove last week. Fourteen accessions.

Misses Glennie Moody and Sadie Wood, of Newbern, are visiting at Mr. J. J. Ivey's.

Cancelling stamps, to cancel revenue stamps on checks, etc., ordered at low prices by THE FREE PRESS.

HARD TIMES IN HAVANA.

Hunger Claiming Many Victims of All Classes.

BREAD RIOTS HAVE BEGUN.

Two Bankers Killed. Since the Blockade Was Extended No Provisions Have Entered Havana, and Blanco's Scanty Store Has Been Exhausted. Spanish Troops Have Faith in the Rumors That Camara's Fleet Has Sailed to Their Assistance.

Key West, July 29.—Hunger is claiming many victims among all classes in Havana. Since the blockade has been extended no provisions have entered Havana, and Gen. Blanco's scanty store has been exhausted. Bread riots have already begun. Two bankers have been killed.

The Spanish troops have faith in the rumor that Camara's fleet has sailed to their assistance.

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