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ANSWER TO SPAIN BEEN DELAYED.

The President and Cabinet in Conference--Will Await Word Direct from Spain.

SPAIN MUST GRANT SOME BOLD REQUESTS.

Diplomatic Relations to be Resumed--Havana without Food--Troops at Santiago Reported Badly Treated.

THE TERMS OF PEACE.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
WASHINGTON, July 29.—The official answer to Spain will probably be delayed until Saturday or Monday as the President desires to hear officially from Admiral Dewey and General Merritt before the answer is sent to Madrid. The Philippine situation is said to depend on their opinions. It is intimated this morning that the reply of the United States will be totally different from that confidentially expected, as the 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, to make public acknowledgement of her relinquishment of all her territory in the West Indies and also a resumption of the diplomatic relations which were broken off when Minister Woodford was 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.

CAN IT BE TRUE?

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
WASHINGTON, July 29.—The War Department continues to receive startling information concerning the management and care of the wounded at Santiago. It is learned from 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 of them entirely nude with no protection from the tropical heat and they remained in this condition for hours awaiting attendance. Various officials blame General Shafter for this condition of affairs.

HUNGER IN HAVANA.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
KEY WEST, FLA., July 29.—Hunger is claiming many victims among all classes in Havana. Since the blockade has been extended no provisions have entered Havana and Blanco's scanty store has been exhausted. The bread riots have already begun. Two bakers have been killed. The Spanish troops have faith in the rumor that Camara's fleet has sailed to their assistance.

LEONA AND TEXAS.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
NEW YORK, July 29.—The transport Leona arrived at the quarantine this morning having on board a number of sick and wounded from Santiago. The Red Cross steamer, "State of Texas," which was sighted off the Highlands this morning, reached here this afternoon. She will receive a load of supplies and medicine and return to Santiago.

SHAFTER'S STATEMENT.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
SANTIAGO, July 29.—General Shafter says that the War Department has in no way interfered with the conduct of the campaign. He adds that he never was hampered by the department and that if the campaign had failed the fault would have been solely his own.

ST. PAUL SAILS.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
NEWPORT NEWS, July 29.—The St. Paul sailed this morning from Hampton Roads for Porto Rico.

CRUSADE ON DOGS COMMISSION MEETS

Canines Dying in the Capitol Square

DOG POISONER'S WORK

The Capitol Square as a Health Resort for Dogs Proves a Failure--Is Dr. Burns on the War Path?

Not long since the northwestern section of Raleigh was visited by a mysterious dog slayer, and this animal played havoc among the pets there. When the war with Spain began this beast disappeared. However, the dogs were not permitted to remain unmolested long. Some one has taken time by the forelock, and while Col. Tobe Marshall has been whetting his knife for an aggressive campaign against the unlicensed canines this "somebody" has begun active operations. For weeks it has been known that the capital square was mined and well protected but it was not known that these defenses were against an invasion of dogs rather than Spaniards. But for the past ten days the square has become a favorite place for dogs to die. The other night, while seated on a bench in the square, a handsome dog was seen coming from the direction of the capitol but never got home to tell his story. Before he reached the capitol gate he died in convulsions. Several performances of this kind have been reported by others, until the question is often asked why dogs die in the capitol square? Indeed, the people are very solicitous about Rover's health when he visits the capitol. In this connection the following communication was received today:

Raleigh, June 29, '98.
Mr. Editor: I understand that more than half a dozen dogs have been poisoned within the immediate vicinity of Capitol Square during the past ten days. To say nothing of this cowardly brutish assassination, I would like to ask if tax-paid dogs, which are as liable as others to gnaw the bone, should not have some protection? Otherwise, why pay the tax?

ENQUIRER.

The Times-Visitor is informed that eight dogs have perished in the square during the past week. "Enquirer" owns a valuable dog and he is compelled to keep him chained now for fear of the monster in the capitol. Mr. Perrin Busbee's beautiful setter was among last night's victims. Would it not be well for Keeper of the Capitol Burns to make an investigation and ascertain why dogs die selecting the capitol square for a dying ground?

"OLD GLORY" TO BE UNFURLED.

Program of Ceremonies to Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon at Four O'clock.
Like the eagle which exultantly soars amidst the ethereal blue, the standard years to be unfurled and thrown to the breeze.

The National flag is, therefore, the embodiment of constituted authority, and, as such, is sublime in its majesty. All honor, then, to the heroes who "stand by the colors" in the day of adversity, who willingly sacrifice all that is near and dear to them, and place upon the altar of devotion the heaven-born gift of life itself, that their country may continue to be "The land of the free and the home of the brave."

And thus conserve her self-respect and enable her to command the admiration of the nations. How much greater is it, however, when the Motherland steps majestically forward with her bravest sons, and, with the "Star-Spangled Banner" as her scepter, upraised, proclaims to all ends of the earth that she goes forth on a mission of mercy.

Compassion for an abused and helpless sister impels her pilgrimage, and, like the Crusaders of old, she hath sworn to return not until the oppressors shall have been driven from the scene of calamity.

As a manifestation of their patriotism, the employees of the Seaboard Air Line shops here purchased the large flag to be unfurled tomorrow afternoon. The flag will be unfurled with great military effect.

The entire command, under Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn, 2d Reg. N. C. V., U. S. A., now at Camp Dan Russell will be present, together with their excellent band. The two lodges of Jr. O. U. A. M. have been invited to be present. It will no doubt be a grand affair, as the committee in charge have left nothing undone that will lend to the comfort and entertainment of those who attend. The following is the programme:

Song—"America."
Led by Mr. J. D. Turner on Trombone.
Prayer.
Rev. W. C. Norman, D. D.
Music:
Second Regiment Band.
Address:
Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn, Second Regiment N. C. V., U. S. A.,
Introduced by
Hos. W. M. Bunn, Mayor of this city.
Unfurling Flag.
By Little Miss Myrtle King, Daughter of D. M. King, M. M. of Raleigh Shops.
Music—"Star Spangled Banner,"
Second Regiment Band.
Salute of Thirteen Guns.
Music—"Dixie."
Second Regiment Band.

Many Prominent Railroad Men Attend session

THE COAST LINE'S PLEA

Mr. Burton's Able Argument Before the Commission--The Answer Made by Attorneys Hinsdale and Douglas for the Governor.

The Railroad Commission has had a busy day. The room was crowded with notable railroad, express and telegraph experts, and attorneys and the argument of counsel and the figures of experts drew a crowd that filled the porch in front of the office.

The proceedings began with an argument by Mr. R. O. Burton, giving figures to show that the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad had been discriminated against in that it had been ordered to reduce rates when other roads were permitted to charge the old 3 and 3/4 cent rate.

Col. Jno. W. Hinsdale and Mr. W. C. Douglass answered for the State, contending that the Commission had acted after hearing full argument, that no new matter had been brought out and that there was no reason why the Commission should change its ruling.

Mr. Warren G. Elliott, President of Wilmington & Weldon said his company had not been furnished any reason for picking it out as the only road that should reduce passenger rates. He argued that, the Board having decided that it would be unfair to reduce the rate on the Southern Railroad, a forced reduction on the Atlantic Coast Line would compel the Southern to reduce at competitive points, and thus work injury to that system.

Chairman Caldwell intimated that that was a matter for the consideration of the railroads and not for the Commission.

Mr. F. H. Busbee then asked a postponement for the Southern Express Company, because its general counsel Mr. DuBignon would not be present at the hearing today. The request was taken under advisement.

Capt. W. H. Day read a letter from Attorney Watts of the Seaboard, asking if the Commission desired the names of all railroad attorneys and agents along its whole line or only those within the State of North Carolina. It was decided that the names only of free pass holders in the State was desired.

Mr. J. W. Kates, superintendent of the Postal Telegraph Company, testified that the property of his system in North Carolina was worth not to exceed \$38,000, the assessment for last year whereas the increase had made to \$100,000. He went into details to show that it cost only a trifle over the sum at which it was assessed last year. He asked to have it reduced to last year's basis.

By agreement the matter of the increase in A. and N. C. R. R. was passed over.

Then followed a long examination of Mr. T. M. Emerson, of the Atlantic Coast Line; Mr. Drake, of the Southern; Mr. Glover, of the Seaboard; Hon. Geo. M. Rose, and Mr. W. E. Kyle, of the C. F. and Y. V. R. R., all protesting against the order reducing freight rates on molasses, cotton goods and bacon when shipped in sacks. The Wilmington Tariff Association had asked for a reduction of those rates, and Mr. Kyle, General Manager, and Mr. Taylor, President of the Association, will be heard in favor of the reductions ordered, claiming that they are asking only for the rates granted in Georgia.

The Western Union's objection to the increased tax assessment and reduction in the price of messages is being heard this afternoon.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

For Raleigh and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday.
For North Carolina--Fair tonight and Saturday.

Weather Conditions.—The barometer continues high in the south and the amount of rainfall has diminished considerably in that section, except near the Atlantic coast. Rains occurred again along the coast from Jacksonville to Boston, with the largest amount 1.09 inch, at Jacksonville.

The pressure is lowest from the Lake region southwest to Kansas. The weather has become cloudy also in the central Mississippi valley, with rain at several stations, including 1.22 inches at Chicago. The weather continues cool in the northwest, but elsewhere the temperature is about normal.

Mr. Samuel E. Henszey, the manager of the Cumcock coal mines, was a visitor in the city yesterday. Mr. Henszey states that the mines will resume operations in a few days. The property has not been worked since the mines were wrecked by a dynamite explosion. Improved and expensive machinery has since been put in and this will soon be ready for operation. The capacity of the mines will be greatly increased.

MORGAN ON PEACE LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

The Senator's Opinion on How to Negotiate

DONS ARE DIPLOMATS

President McKinley's Desire for Peace May Cause Him to be too Hasty--The Reports of Fever in Santiago Army are Correct.

Special Cor. Times-Visitor.
WASHINGTON, July 29.—Mr. McKinley and his advisors never had more need for all their wits than now that Spanish trickery has made a start, through the French Ambassador, for the opening of "negotiations" for peace. They have got to remember that while no European power would dare to fight the United States, there are several of them that would be only too glad to aid Spain in getting the best of us through diplomacy, and if Mr. McKinley consents to make the terms of peace subject to "negotiations" there are numerous ways in which it might be done. There are men in this country, especially those who have connections with the great European financiers who have money invested in Spanish bonds that are secured by Cuban revenues, who would be only too glad to have a chance to try to save something out of the wreck by having the terms of peace arranged by diplomatic negotiations. It is not a case for negotiation. Senator Morgan correctly stated the case when he said: "It is the duty of Spain, if she wants to make peace, and that means if she wants to surrender, to ask terms of the United States, and state what she will be willing to accept. Spain having lost the control of her colonies because of her incompetence, either to govern or to defend them, the United States ought to accept nothing except a full and complete surrender of the sovereignty of all of these islands, from Porto Rico to the Philippines. To make a treaty with Spain to which Cuba becomes a party by being an agent in the negotiation of the treaty or being provided for in the treaty itself will lead to embarrassment and complications in the future. The war has not yet progressed to that stage in which the people of Spain or even the Spaniards in Cuba, have realized the fact that the United States has power to suppress Spain utterly if it should choose to do so."

There is much anxiety to know how Mr. McKinley will meet the Spanish peace play, and fear is expressed that his desire to bring the war to a close may cause him to get caught in some diplomatic trap that may cost this country a whole lot of money. The people have been able to extract a great deal of satisfaction from the victories we have won from the Spaniards on land and on water, but when men who are honest and aboveboard get to negotiating with men whose knavery is a by-word all over the world, the result is seldom satisfactory to the honest man. A good motto for the administration just now would be "No negotiations, but unconditional surrender." If Spain won't accept that now, we go on and whip her into doing so.

The news from General Miles is entirely satisfactory, as far as it goes. He had no trouble in landing on Porto Rico early this week, without the loss of a man, and his force is being daily increased by new arrivals. The expectation at the War Department is that he will get his campaign actually started within a week.

Admiral Sampson's report of the fight that resulted in wiping out Cervera's fleet was received by the Navy Department and made public this week. It is more satisfactory to Commodore Schley's friends than was the cablegram sent the day of the fight, which seemed to indicate an intention on Sampson's part to appropriate to himself credit that properly belonged to Schley, but it is by no means just. It shows the littleness of the man Sampson. His official report does not take anything away from Schley to which he is entitled, but it seems to indicate an unwillingness to give him all that he earned by the daring manner in which he fought the Brooklyn against ships that were her superiors in armament. However, Schley gives no sign of this in his report to the Admiral, unless his reference to the victory being "big enough for all of us" was a sly dig at Sampson. A notable feature of the reports of Commodore Schley and Captains Evans and Clark was their high praise of the officers and crews of the Brooklyn, Texas and Oregon for their conduct in the battle.

Official dispatches from General Shafter bear out the contentions of those who have been claiming right along that the cases of yellow fever in our army were much more numerous than anything given out by the War Department indicated. More than 2,400 of Shafter's men, about ten per cent of them are now down with the fever, and more than five hundred who have had the fever have returned to duty.

According to Shafter's statement, that fit of sulks in which General Garcia took himself and his insurgents away from the vicinity of our army was inevitable, since Garcia asked for more than Shafter had any authority to give him, in the way of official recognition for himself and the government he represents. Among other things Garcia wanted to sign the articles of capitulation, something that General Shafter himself did not do, they being signed only by the commissioners who represented the two armies in drawing them up.

Dusty Travelers From Dusty Trains

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Those Who are in the Public Eye--Movement of People Who Have or Have Not Gone to the War--Big News in Little Space.

Miss Ellie Haywood left this morning for Old Point Comfort.

Private Secretary Card returned from Wayne county this morning.

Dr. "Blue" Capehart, of Washington, is in the city visiting his father.

Mr. Shell Jones of Forestville, is in the city spending a few days with his father, Sheriff Jones.

Major Thomas W. Davis, of Wilmington, is here to see his son who is in the Second Regiment.

Mr. Julius Mahler arrived this morning and is spending the day in Raleigh with his mother.

Captain and Mrs. J. M. Turner left this morning for Old Point Comfort where they will spend several weeks.

Mrs. Dr. W. H. Bagwell and children, of Greenville, N. C., are visiting her sister, Mrs. F. E. Pool, on Fayetteville Street.

T. B. Tree, of Richmond, superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, is here today attending the Railroad Commission session.

Messrs. Geo. M. Rose and H. E. Kyle, of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad, are attending the Railroad Commission meeting.

Mr. J. W. Fry, of Greensboro, is here today representing the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad Company before the Railroad Commission.

Governor Russell returned this afternoon from Wrightsville Beach, where he spent several days at his summer cottage.

Capt. C. M. Cook, of Louisburg, who has been here several days on professional business, left for his home this morning.

Preclia Hughes (colored), aged 30, died last night at St. Agnes' Hospital. Her body was today taken to Forestville for interment.

Auditor Ayer returned this morning from Aorencade City. He was called back to Raleigh by a telegram announcing the sickness of Chief Clerk Snum.

Mr. J. G. Upchurch, a prominent business man on Exchange street is picnicking down the new road. He carried his wheel with him to ride back through the country.

Mr. Fred Habel left this morning for a pleasure trip. It is stated that he will take in the Klondyke before his return, though he positively denies any intention of going further north than New York.

Sergeant Hamilton and four privates of Company L, First North Carolina Regiment left yesterday for Concord, N. C., having been honorably discharged on account physical disability.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Deputy Warden Moore, of the State penitentiary, returned today with T. B. Matthews, the U. S. convict, who escaped two weeks ago, in his custody. Matthews will be given work now that will keep him too busy to think of escaping.

Dr. K. P. Battle, Prof. of History and Political Economy at the University, came down from Chapel Hill this morning. He is here with Mr. R. H. Battle and will leave shortly for Anson county to visit relatives. Dr. Battle is in good health and retains that energy for which he has always been noted.

The engineers have completed arrangements for one of the most extensive and least expensive excursions ever run in this State. The excursion will be run August the 29th. It will leave Wilmington early in the morning and will go to Norfolk via Raleigh. The return trip fare will be the lowest in the history of excursions. The rate will be \$2.50 for the round trip from Wilmington.

MR. LASSITER'S MARRIAGE.

Our venerable and esteemed townsman, Mr. James H. Lassiter, left yesterday for Southampton county, the home of Miss Chetta Darden, with whom he was united in the holy bonds of wedlock Wednesday, July 27th, at 8 o'clock p. m. Rev. Dr. J. D. Hufham accompanied the groom from Henderson and performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Lassiter will go to Buffalo Springs to pass the honeymoon, after which they will come to Henderson and occupy Mr. Lassiter's beautiful home—Henderson Gold Leaf. Mr. Lassiter is well known in Raleigh, where he has often visited. He is now in his 82d year and the bride is in her 47th.