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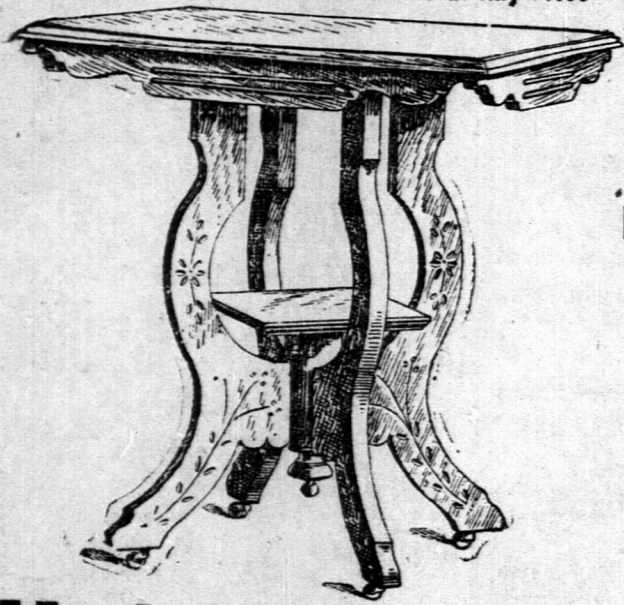
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THE CONFERENCE.

The international conference at Washington is nearing the conclusion of its labors, and it seems probable that the recent summons to New York of four or five prominent members of the Ottawa cabinet was to pronounce upon the merits of a draft treaty of some sort. As was well known the late Congressman Dingley, who was a member of the Commission was strongly opposed to any considerable measure of reciprocity with Canada. When Mr Dingley died Mr S E Payne was appointed to take his place on the Commission and he appears to have been selected because his attitude in regard to protection and reciprocity is the same as that held by Mr Dingley. This is interpreted as an indication that the Conference is not likely to materially remove the existing trade restrictions.

If a treaty should be agreed upon and signed within the next few days it is surmised that it will not be considered by the present Congress, which expires on 4th March next. This will be partly because Congress has a great deal to do in the limited time before its expiry, being greatly occupied with the important matters arising out of, or resulting from the war. The importance of these questions entirely overshadows the negotiations with Canada in the American mind, and it is said the treaty will hardly come before the Senate before next autumn. It is hinted that one object of the delay may be that questions at issue may be first thrashed out and considered in the Canadian parliament.

We note that some Canadian opposition journals are predicting that if a favorable treaty is secured the Laurier government will take advantage of the occasion to obtain a dissolution of parliament. This is improbable enough in any case, and if the surmises above noted should turn out true the treaty will not be ratified for eight or nine months to come.

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Disturbing news comes from Manila. The insurgents in the Islands after their long conflict with Spain, hoped to establish an independent government of their own and are now angry to find the authority of the United States set up there without their consent. When Manila was besieged the insurgent troops assisted, surrounding the city and cutting off the Spanish supplies, but when the American troops captured the city the insurgents were not permitted to enter. They have since remained, surrounding the city, a large sullen angry body of armed men.

Aguinaldo, the rebel chief has claimed from the first that independence was promised the Filipinos through him by those authorized to speak for the Washington government. Some months since a general assembly of representative insurgents was convened at which their

rights were asserted and more recently a proclamation of independence was issued by Aguinaldo. Efforts have been made to reach a settlement, and a Filipino delegate, Agoncillo, is still at Washington on that mission, but nothing seems to have come of it. Thereupon the insurgents seem to have determined to prevent the extension of American authority in the islands. Affairs became more and more threatening and on Saturday night and Sunday last, actual hostilities broke out resulting in a deadly battle.

The insurgents are in actual possession of the islands except a limited area at Manila, Cavite and Iloilo. If they persist in their opposition to United States authority it will be a long and very costly task to subjugate them, possibly as costly as the late war with Spain. More probably they may be conciliated by concessions. The "White Man's Burden," as Kipling calls it, which Uncle Sam is taking up, is one which bids fair to severely test his patience and good temper.

The death of General Von Caprivi, which is announced in our despatches, removes a German statesman of prominence, who was selected to fill the post of Chancellor of the Empire when Bismarck was deposed in 1890. General Caprivi was born in Prussia in 1831. In the army he rose by merit from a lieutenant to be commanding General of the tenth army corps. He was also mainly instrumental in reorganizing the German navy. As Chancellor and Minister of Foreign Affairs he secured Heligoland from Britain in exchange for German claims in Zanzibar and elsewhere in Africa. He negotiated a number of important commercial treaties and secured a renewal of the trifle alliance between Germany, Austria and Italy in 1891. He retired from the Chancellorship in 1894.

The latest improvement in printing is reported from Belgium where an entire newspaper has been produced without type. The entire sheet was first put in form on the typewriter on a large card. Then the whole was photographed page by page, and a print was made therefore on sensitized ink. This print was etched with acid, thus leaving a complete solid form ready for the press from which any number of copies might be printed. The difficulty is to get in this way the same clear impression given by type or stereo type plates, but there are fair prospects that in the not distant future type-setting may be almost entirely superseded.

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- I. In what city will a great international exhibition be held in 1900?
- II. Who is Major Esterhazy? And for what is he noted?
- III. Give a description of the Doukhobors?
- IV. What American statesman died recently?
- V. Where is Wei-Hai-Wei? And why noted?
- VI. A Russian officer of high rank was reported to have said recently that Russia was training a man in her army to be Emperor of France. To whom did he refer?
- VII. What elections were recently held in P. E. Island? What were the results?
- VIII. What do you know of the Venezuelan question?
- IX. What difficulties have recently been experienced by the settlers in Anticosti?
- X. What questions are being considered by the Anglo-American commission at present in session at Washington?

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