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ALL FAIR FOR PEACE

The Protocol to be Signed To-day.

THE WAR MAY NOW BE CONSIDERED AS OVER.

The Cuban Debt Question Left out by the President.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

WASHINGTON, Aug 12.—The protocol will be signed to-day by M Cambon and Secretary Day.

Hostilities will then be suspended as quickly as orders can be cabled to the commanders of the opposing forces; and the peace commissioners, five for each country, will be appointed and instructed, so that by the middle of September they can meet in Paris where the treaty of peace will be formed.

No important question but that relating to the future of the Philippines is left to the commissioners to settle. Time will be allowed the Spanish troops to evacuate Cuba and Porto Rico.

This will obviate necessity of United States troops going there in the hot weather. The Spaniards will take their arms when they go.

It is understood that the Cuban debt question has been entirely eliminated by the President.

The war may now be considered closed, —just 100 days from its inception.

TOURISTS.—Prince Edward Island Illustrated is a beautifully illustrated book on P. E. Island. For sale at the bookstores or at this office—50c

Prince Maximilian of Saxony, who became a priest a few years ago, has been appointed Bishop of Kulm, in West Prussia. The Prince is 28 years of age.

PLEBISCITE.—The temperance workers of every description are called to the Y M C A Hall, for Friday next, at 8 p. m. The work of arranging for the Plebiscite campaign will be on. The whole temperance force of the city is invited to meet with the Alliance to consider plans of work. Male and female, Protestant and Catholic, are all invited.

RUSSIA VERSUS GREAT BRITAIN

Number of Ships in the Far East.

FORMIDABLE FLEETS NOW IN THE PACIFIC.

Strength of Naval Forces Likely Soon to be Opposed to Each Other.

Russia has at present a powerful fleet in the Pacific in comparison with the rest of her naval forces. It comprises one first-battleship, two second-class battleships, two coast defence ironclads, seven first-class cruisers, one second-class cruiser, seven gunboats and six torpedo craft. The first-class battleship is the Navarin, of 476 tons displacement, and with a speed of 16 knots. She has 16 inch armor and carries an armament of four 12 inch guns. The Nicolas I and Sissoi Veliky are of 8,400 tons and 8,800 tons respectively. Their speed is 16 knots; the first carries two 12 inch and four 9 inch guns, the latter carries four 12 inch guns. It will be seen from these figures that all three of these Russian ironclads are powerful ships. Of the cruisers on the Pacific Station the Rurik and Russia are among the largest of that class in the world, being of 10,900 and 12,300 tons respectively. Both carry a belt of armor and their principal armament is four 8 inch guns, and a number of 6 inch fire guns.

Against this force Great Britain has in Chinese waters three first-class battleships, the Barfleur, Centurion and Victorious, the latter one of the most powerful ironclads in the world; the belted cruisers, Immortalite, Narcissus and Undaunted, and the first-class cruisers Powerful and Grafton, besides many smaller ships. The British fleet on that station would be more than a match for the Russian, but it could be reinforced very quickly from the Mediterranean fleet or from the Pacific station, where the ironclad Imperieuse would be available.

The gathering of so large a fleet by Russia in the Pacific in time of peace, has a suspicious look, and can only mean that trouble is expected there with some naval power. Possibly Japan is the nation aimed at; but Great Britain cannot afford to overlook so threatening a demonstration in the east by the great northern power.

The fleet of Japan which would probably be allied with that of Great Britain in the event of war with Russia is by no means to be despised for it includes three battleships two of them very large and powerful, four armored cruisers and many smaller vessels.

MARRIAGE OF OFFICERS.

The Armies of Europe Have Various Rules Regulating It.

The restrictive conditions at present in force with regard to the marriage of officers in the Russian army forbid this privilege under any circumstance in the case of officers under the age of 23. Between the ages of 23 and 28 years the dot of an officer's wife must amount to a sum representing the minimum income of 250 rubles yearly.

On comparison of these conditions with those regulating the same question in other European armies it may be noted that in the Austria-Hungarian army the number of officers authorized to contract marriage is limited by a fixed proportion assigned to each grade, and, these totals being reached, all further marriages must be deferred pending the occurrence of vacancies in the married establishments.

The Italian army regulations, which fix the income of the fiancée at a minimum of from 1,200 to 2,000 lire, would appear to be more rational in their operation. Italian officers, however, apply a somewhat liberal interpretation to this law, with the result that the number of marriages occurring under actual provisions does not exceed more than an eighth of the total number, seven-eighths of the officers being united under the conditions of the religious ceremony only, and thus exposing themselves to all the inconveniences which attend a marriage not recognized by civil law.

Similar disabilities would now appear to be incurred by Russian officers, and suggestions have been made by the press in Russia that a general revision of the law is becoming necessary. The question is assuming some importance from the fact that Russian officers, reaching a total number of nearly 40,000, represent one of the most important classes in the state.—Brooklyn Citizen.

BLAME LAID UPON BLANCO

For the Late Defeat At Santiago.

CERVERA BLAMES BLANCO FOR THE SURRENDER.

His Official Report to Madrid—Why the Colon Surrendered.

Washington, Aug 11.—Captain General Blanco is held responsible by Admiral Cervera for the destruction of the Spanish fleet. In this official report to Madrid, which has been transmitted to Spain through the French Ambassador, Admiral Cervera calls attention to the orders issued by Blanco upon his arrival at Curacao. He received instructions to proceed to Santiago de Cuba against his judgment. He received orders on July 1 to leave the harbor, and notwithstanding a telegram to Blanco showing the result of a sortie of that kind, he was ordered to obey instructions. The Navy Department declines to make the report public, on the ground that it is a confidential document and it is similarly regarded at the French Embassy. The report is a lengthy document, covering over sixty pages, dating from the time the fleet left the Cape Verde until it was destroyed. The report of the commanding officer of the Colon shows that he readily surrendered to the Oregon. Had it not been for a bursting steampipe, which caused the revolutions of the Colon's engines to drop from 86 to 54 per minute, the Colon had not been caught so easily.

KLONDIKE GOLD.

A Large Shipment Is Received in Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug 11.—The big shipment of Klondike gold which was sent from Dawson up the river to Skagway on the Ora, arrived in Vancouver this morning. With gold and drafts to the amount of between half a million and two million dollars on board, according to various estimates, the steamer Carralon, Captain Roberts, arrived in port. This is by far the largest amount of gold which has ever arrived in Vancouver at one time from the north, and as the Klondikers distributed themselves around town to make purchases before the steamer sailed for Seattle, they made quite a showing of wealth.

HE WAS WELL MADE UP.

The Cause of a Wonderful Hit Made by the Late Bill Nye.

James Whitcomb Riley tells a quaint story of his former lecturing partner, Bill Nye. It was the opening of their joint season. They had both been rusticated during the vacation and were brown as berries. Nye looked much like an Othello in his sunburned make up, and Riley suggested to him the application of some "liquid white," a cosmetic much affected by the gentler sex of the profession.

Nye sent for the preparation, and never having used anything of the kind before he filled the palm of his hand with it and carefully smeared it over his countenance. There was no mirror in his primitive dressing room, and Riley was beautifying himself on the other side of the stage.

The "liquid white" dries out somewhat like whitewash, and when Nye appeared before the audience he was a sight to behold. His head looked like a frosted top piece on a wedding cake. His face, white as the driven snow, was expressionless and blank. The audience shrieked, and when he came off from his first selection they demanded his reappearance. He obliged them to howls of laughter. Again he made his exit, and again was redemanded by the uproarious audience.

Believing he had made a hit, he was about to return to the stage when he was caught by the arm by Mrs. Nye, who cried, "William Edgar Nye, what have you got on your face?"

"Nothing but its usual expression, my dear."

"Expression! Fiddlesticks! You're a fright," cried his wife, and leading him to where there was a piece of broken looking glass showed him how he looked.

Nye was mortified, and catching sight of Riley, just about going on the stage, he would have undoubtedly followed him on and been revenged but for the intervention of Mrs. Nye. His head was scraped, combed and washed, and his next selection was read without "a hand" from the audience. Moreover, the story is a fact and not a press agent's concoction.—Detroit Free Press.

MILITARY NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

Appointment of Col. Hutton and Major Foster.

THE DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION MATCHES THIS YEAR.

To be Fired in Four Days—The Prize Lists Cut Down.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

OTTAWA, Aug. 12.—The selection of Colonel Hutton as Commander of the Canadian forces, and of Major Foster as Quarter-Master-General, has been confirmed by the Government.

These officers left Liverpool to-day for Montreal.

It has been decided that the matches of the Dominion Rifle Association this year will be shot in four days, in place of five as heretofore. The number of matches has been cut down, and the prize lists somewhat reduced.

A nugget of gold weighing 1,636 ounces and valued at \$32,500 has been found at Ksnownan in West Australia.

Eggs—The best place in the city to sell eggs, if large and clean, is at Brace's Grocery on Queen St. He is paying the highest price in cash or goods.

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