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## PEACE ALMOST IN SIGHT

### Is the Prevailing Belief in London.

#### EQUIVOCAL DENIALS AT THE SPANISH CAPITAL.

Opening of Peace Negotiations Imply  
a Cessation of Hostilities.

LONDON, July 28.—The equivocal denials from Madrid recently, when inquiries were made on the subject of the reported peace negotiations, were seemingly given out at the Spanish capital prior to Spain's formal application at Washington for peace. Similar communications intended for home consumption may be expected to allay Castilian susceptibilities and do not affect the real point at issue. The liveliest satisfaction is expressed in all quarters and newspapers throughout Europe, at the fact that Spain has at least done the right thing for the first time during the war, and peace is looked upon as being within measurable distance.

It is taken for granted that the opening of the peace negotiations implies a cessation of hostilities and it is believed that the United States was at first unofficially approached and gave a general idea of the conditions she would insist on before M. Cambon, the French ambassador at Washington, presented his note, and that the formal negotiations will consist chiefly of the formation of terms already practically settled.

#### THE COLONEL'S STORY.

How Jim Adkins Went to War, Got Buried  
and Was Resurrected.

"Talking about war times," said the old colonel, "did any of you ever hear the story of Jim Adkins?"

"No."  
"Well, I'm surprised. Everybody in the settlement knew it. Jim was a no 'count sort of a fellow, and the old man was anxious to get rid of him, so when the war broke out and they were looking around for men the old man gave him away."

"Gave him away?"  
"Yes, Jim was in the hayloft, and they were about to leave without him when the old man winked and pointed to the barn."

"That was enough, and they got him and marched him to the front."

"The old man was sorry after Jim was gone and his conscience hurt him bad. But he hoped for the best, until one day he got a message that told him Jim had been killed and buried on the battlefield."

"Then he packed his grip and started right off to bring Jim's body home, if possible, for the grief stricken mother would have nothing else and made life miserable for him with her reproaches."

"He went to Virginia, and was there informed that it would be impossible to remove the body. So he stood over the spot where it was buried and wept for three days. Then he went sadly home."

"And, lo and behold, the first man he met as he neared his gate was Jim—safe, sound and right side up with care!"

"It was some time before the old man could say a word, but when he found it was really Jim—in flesh and blood—that they had got Jim mixed up with some other Adkins, and he hadn't been killed at all, the old man was hot! He slowly divested himself of his coat, then rolled up his sleeves and made for him! It was the liveliest scrap you ever saw—the old man on top, and the two of 'em wallowing in the dust!"

"It took the old lady and the three girls and two stout darkies to pull the old man off."

"He never did explain why he did it, and Jim didn't ask any questions, but the next morning he told his mother that while his furlough wasn't out still he knew his country needed him and he couldn't stand to stay at home under those circumstances, so he left his blessing for the old man and took the first train for the front."—Atlanta Constitution.

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## AN EXCHANGE OF GIBRALTAR

### Between Great Britain and Spain.

#### PREPARATIONS FOR THE BAY OF GIBRALTAR.

There are Eleven Thousand men and  
Many Guns at Algeciras.

LONDON, July 28.—The Gibraltar correspondent of the Daily News: A curious exchange of civilities has passed between Great Britain and Spain. The Spanish consul here, under instructions from Madrid, called on Sir Robert Biddulph, governor and commander-in-chief at Gibraltar, expressing concern lest the Americans should find "facilities" at Gibraltar. The governor replied that the Spanish government might rest quite easily, for if Commodore Watson came the authorities would act strictly according to the Queen's proclamation, copies of which, he said, had just been distributed to all the chief officials of the garrison. Spain for the last fortnight has been making extensive preparations for the bay of Gibraltar. Twenty guns have just been shipped to Ceuta, and forty have been mounted around the bay. There are eleven thousand men at Algeciras and 1000 engineers working at the batteries and fortified trenches behind the cemetery of Linea. A couple of guns have been dragged up behind the Queen of Spain's chair commanding the north front of these works.

Guns were landed yesterday at Algeciras but not mounted, in consequence of the British representations. The half finished earthworks are doomed to speedy decay. Spain while complying with British representations, protested privately that the treaty of Utrecht had been broken so often by the English that it had become obsolete.

#### A Dutch Ironclad.

It is of interest to note that according to some authorities the Dutch were the first in the modern period of history to build an ironclad and that during the siege of Antwerp by the Spaniards in 1585 the people of that city built an enormous flat bottomed vessel, armored it with heavy iron plates and thus constructed what they regarded as an impregnable battery. This they named Finis Belli. Unfortunately the vessel got aground before coming into action and fell into the hands of the enemy. It was held by Alexander of Parma to the end of the siege as a curiosity, but was never employed by either side in any action.—Cassier's Magazine.

#### Surmounting the Obstacle.

Her Papa—I'm afraid, young man, that you and my daughter would not be happy together. You might get along all right for a long time and agree on important matters, but what would happen when the little things came to worry?  
Her Lover—Well, er—we could hire a nurse.—New York Journal.

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#### ACCORDING TO THE LATEST ACCOUNTS.

The Reply to the Peace Proposal Al-  
most Ready.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The terms which the United States Government will find acceptable as a basis of peace are being reduced to form by Secretary Day, the President having reached a conclusion on their outlines.

These terms were the formal act of the discussion yesterday of the official circles, although it was stated on Wednesday that no announcement of the position assumed by the United States in this matter would be forthcoming before it had been formally discussed in the Cabinet today.

There is the best reason to believe that after the best conferences the President had individually with members of his cabinet; he has already made up his own mind and that Secretary Day has even now practically reduced to form the reply that the United States Government will make to the Spanish Government overtures through Ambassador Cambon.

About the only point that seems to be open to an amendment of an acceptable character is the disposition of the Philippines.

While the administration has not failed to take notice of the extent of the dem and for their acquisition by the United States, as exhibited in certain sections of the country, it can be stated that a conclusion has been reached to abide by the first decision on this point, namely, to relinquish the islands, retaining a coaling station there, surrounded by a sufficient zone of land to make it self-supporting.

This decision, it is possible, though not probable, may be again changed before the cabinet disposes of the matter today.

If this point shall be difficult of settlement the answer to Spain may not be rendered today but may have to wait until another cabinet meeting next Tuesday.

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To the South Terminal Station and  
its Advantages.

BOSTON, July 28.—The people of South Boston, more than any other section of the city, will be deeply interested in the proposed elevation over the approaches to the south terminal station, as it will afford this district a direct means of communication to and from the city proper. It is desired by those directly interested that the improvement be inaugurated without unnecessary delay as its utilization is manifestly urgent. The citizens of South Boston feel that they are at present great sufferers from the alterations in streets on account of the new station and that no time should be lost in providing a remedy. Of course there will be more or less delay in beginning the work, as the railroad commissioners have yet to pass upon the details of construction and see that they are made to conform with the laws bearing upon overhead structures across the tracks of a steam railroad. It is understood that Mayor Quincy has given instructions to the city engineer and street department to prepare plans and estimates for the railroad commissioners which will be presented for their acceptance soon after the board's vacation ends, at about the middle of September.

#### A YANKEE CRUISER

Stops John Bull's Grenadiers on the  
Way to Spain.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, July 29.—The London Daily Mail understands that the British transport *Jolunga*, conveying grenadiers to Gibraltar was stopped in the Bay of Biscay by an American cruiser.

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