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SIR CHARLES IN MONTREAL.

He is in Good Health and Spirits.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY AND THE QUEBEC CONFERENCE.

Political Outlook Promising, Especially in the Northwest.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

MONTREAL, Aug. 1.—Sir Charles Tupper arrived here yesterday from England, and appeared to be in the best of health and spirits.

He stated that the Conservative leaders had arranged a vigorous plan of campaign in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, but this had been abandoned on account of the Quebec conference.

The Conservative party had no desire to do anything which would in the least degree impair the success of that conference by creating in the minds of the United States representatives a feeling that the Canadian Commissioners did not have full confidence.

He realized that no such opportunity of securing an adjustment of the affairs in dispute between the United States and Canada had ever before been offered.

It was brought about by the position of the United States in the present war, and the sympathy evidenced by the English and Canadian people had done much to create a more friendly feeling, which would be manifested in a reception of the results coming from the Conference, if there were any results.

The political outlook was promising, especially in the Northwest. He believed that in the next general election the Liberals would not have more than two supporters returned west of Winnipeg.

Sir Charles will remain in Montreal for a few days and then pay a visit to Cape Breton, not having seen his constituents since the election.

Help is wanted when the nerves become weak and appetite fails. Hood's Sarsaparilla gives help by making the blood rich and pure.

SENDING SPANISH SOLDIERS HOME.

Transports are Coming After Them.

ALL WILL BE EMBARKED BY THE 15TH AUGUST.

There are Upwards of Fifteen Hundred Prisoners in All.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, July 29.—General Shafter has received advices that two Spanish transports, one of them being a hospital ship, have left the island of Martinique. They are expected here tomorrow. In addition three Spanish transports left yesterday and four others are to leave Cadiz on July 30th. These vessels are capable of carrying about 15,000 troops, and the embarkation will begin when all the vessels are here. It is expected that all the Spanish prisoners of war will be embarked by August 15th.

The American commander has authorized the Spanish officers who commanded the troops that came to Santiago during the siege, from Manzanillo, to send for their wives and families, in order that they may be able to take them back to Spain at the government's expense. In all there are about 75 women and children.

The telegraph operator at Manzanillo notified the authorities here that Captain-General Blanco at first refused to permit the delivery of messages sent by these officers to their families. But, later, under protest from General Shafter, the Captain-General allowed the messages to be delivered.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H. July 29.—Four of the Spanish prisoners at Camp Long, on Seavey's island, are confined in double irons in the tent that does duty for a guard house.

Of this number one is in for 10 days for refusing to do police duty and threatening bodily harm to a Spanish petty officer, another is there for stealing a watch from a fellow prisoner. The other two disregarded the rules of the camp and were caught smoking in their quarters.

Today Col. Forney caused the prisoners to be mustered and it was found that there were 1585. Of this number 139 are sick at the hospital, 6 are doing duty as nurses, 5 as cooks, and 218 are confined to their hammocks at the camp by slight cases of sickness.

Since landing, 24 have died, out of the 1609 prisoners. There are 13 officers with prisoners, the ranking officer being Lieut Antonio Magaz of the Viscays.

STILL MISTRESS OF THE SEAS.

Sensation in the Russian Press

CAUSED BY THE CRUISE OF A BRITISH SQUADRON

Of Enormous Weight and Great Fighting Power.

LONDON, July 29.—The Sebastopol correspondent of the Daily Graphic writes as follows:

"The expected cruise of a powerful British squadron in the North Sea is causing a sensation in the Russian press, or it is perhaps more correct to say the Russian press is doing its utmost to make a sensation out of it.

"The Kotlin, the Russian naval organ, and several of the leading St. Petersburg journals, describe the approaching visit of this 'colossal British armada, as an unmistakable demonstration of England's impregnable sea-power, deliberately intended to exercise a minatory impression upon Russia, and to remind her that, should the necessity suddenly arise, the British fleet are now capable of smashing or capturing, singly or combined the whole of the Continental flotillas.

"The enormous weight and fighting power of the coming squadron, which is said to include six of the newest British battleships of 14,900 tons, two of 14,000 tons, six of 10,000 tons, and an equal number of first-class armored cruisers, with an attendant following of torpedo boats, destroyers and transports, goes to prove, says the Russian journals, the 'impressive purpose' of the special cruise; and the fact that the squadron will avoid Kiel in proceeding to Copenhagen, Christiania and Stockholm, conclusively shows that Russia alone is the object of the unusual demonstration.

"The Russian press is evidently misinformed with regard to the 'avoidance of the German naval port of Kiel,' as it is to that place that the British squadron will first proceed. This, however, is of little consequence; the Russian press may in this matter be left to 'fit the cap' to its own desired adjustment. The impression which it seems so ready to accept will do no harm; on the contrary it will have an excellent and instructive effect. Here, in the Black Sea naval headquarters, for example, it is already assumed that should Russia claim the exclusive right of sending her Euxine battleships through the Dardanelles, England would instantly send a squadron like that going through the Baltic on a pacific cruise into the Black Sea merely to enforce the international right of the 'open door' at the Dardanelles.

"Russia may have the sole and initial right, with Turkey's formal consent, of opening the Black Sea door; but once opened, it will be the duty of England more especially to insist upon equally free ingress and egress for the other European fleets, otherwise the Black sea would at once be practically as well as theoretically converted into a Russian lake, and the free navigation of the Danube would henceforth be controlled or blocked at the pleasure of the Russian Government.

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WHY SPAIN HESITATED.

Conflicting Reports From Diplomats

AS TO PRESIDENT MCKINLEY'S DISPOSITION.

Reports Varied Regarding His Ideas of the Terms of Peace.

LONDON, July 29.—A special despatch from Madrid says: "The Government does not conceal that it hesitated for some days to go beyond an official exploration at Washington, because the diplomatic agents employed to make the soundings gave conflicting accounts of President McKinley's disposition. One represented him as eager to terminate the war on moderate conditions; the other that the most onerous conditions would be imposed so much so that the Madrid Government thought it useless to sue officially.

When, however, it was seen that the American war preparations continued, Duke Almodovar de Rio, Minister of Foreign Affairs, was instructed to send a note. The Cabinet met Wednesday evening to deliberate as to the best means and channel of negotiation. Paris and London were both discussed. No decision was arrived at, but a majority favored sending Senor Moret, former minister of the Colonies on a special mission to London to negotiate the treaty of peace with Ambassador Hay.

Official feeling favors direct negotiations without interference from outsiders. There is little doubt that if President McKinley's reply proves an acceptable basis, the negotiations will not be protracted, since Spain, for many reasons, is desirous of a speedy settlement, and not least so because at the present moment public opinion is calm. After today's Cabinet Council, Senor Sagasta, the Premier, said he had grounds for hoping that an understanding might be arrived at, but he could say nothing definite. Duke Almodovar de Rio said the European Cabinets had been informed of the step Spain had taken, but not as to the text of the note sent to President McKinley. The Cabinet council will not meet again until Friday evening, by which time President McKinley's reply is expected.

The Ministerial El Correo says the Government communicated to the Queen Regent in Council a despatch intimating that President McKinley on principle assented to the opening of negotiations.

El Imparcial says that the Carlist agitation, which at first appeared to be trampled out, has re-commenced in the Province of Cuenca and in parts of Navarre.

Don Carlos Ordered Out.

BERNE, July 29.—The Federal Council of Switzerland, according to the assertion of several newspapers, has intimated to Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender, now at Lucerne, that he must leave the country in case he starts an agitation in Spain.

Camara's Squadron Strengthened.

GIBRALTAR, July 29.—The Spanish cruiser Lepanto, now at Carthage, has been ordered to join Admiral Camara's squadron, which has been at Cadiz since Wednesday. The cruiser Alfonso XII. is quite unfit for sea. She requires extensive alterations.

THE TERMS OF PEACE.

United States Reply to Spain's Overtures

GIVEN TO THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR FOR TRANSMISSION.

Cuba to be Free—Text of the Other Propositions Made.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

WASHINGTON, August 1.—The reply of the United States Government to Spain's overtures for peace was given to the French Ambassador on Saturday for transmission to the Spanish Government.

The terms decided upon are: Cuba to be free, Porto Rico to be ceded to the United States as a coaling station, all the Spanish forces to be withdrawn from the West Indies, and the appointment of commissions to settle details of the government of the Philippines.

The answer will not reach the Spanish ministry before today.

DEATH OF BISMARCK.

The End Came Late on Saturday Night.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

BERLIN, Aug. 1.—Bismarck died at 11 o'clock on Saturday night.

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

THE PROHIBITION PLEBISCITE.

It is Fixed for the 29th September.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

OTTAWA, Aug. 1.—The date for the prohibition plebiscite has been set down as September 29th.

FOR THE AMERICA'S CUP.

The Royal Ulster Yacht Club Will Challenge.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, August 1.—The Times announces that the Royal Ulster Yacht Club has arranged to challenge for the America's Cup.

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