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SPAIN IS NOW ASKING FOR PEACE

Proposal Made by French Ambassador

WHO HAS HAD AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT.

Evacuation of Cuba and Porto Rico to be Insisted Upon.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Spain has sued for peace formally and directly to President McKinley through the French Ambassador.

The following official statement is made:

The French Ambassador on behalf of the Government of Spain and by direction of the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, presented to the President this afternoon a message from the Spanish Government looking to the termination of the war and the settlement of the terms of peace.

The call of the Ambassador lasted half an hour and the President and Secretary of State discussed with him the prospects of a conclusion of the war.

No reference was made to Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines, the object of the Madrid authorities being first to ascertain if the United States would discuss peace, and afterwards to consider the terms.

There was no suggestion of an armistice.

The President determined to consider the proposal and consult with the Cabinet before making a reply.

A special cabinet meeting will be held.

The general impression is that the complete Spanish evacuation of Cuba and Porto Rico will be insisted upon, and that the terms of United States will include coal-stations in the Philippines.

Burgoyne Survivors Arrested.

HAVRE, July 25.—Nineteen Austrian sailors who arrived here by La Bretagne, were taken today before a magistrate and confronted by four second class passengers, survivors of La Burgoyne, on charges of cruelty and brutality at the time of the collision between La Burgoyne and the British ship Cromartyshire, off Sable Island on July 4. Although the evidence offered against them was very slight, six of the accused were held on remand. The others were discharged.

THEIR CAPTORS FLAG CHEERED.

Spanish Prisoners are Thankful

TO UNCLE SAM FOR KINDNESS TO THEM.

Upwards of two Hundred Prisoners Sail for Home.

NEW YORK, July 25.—Prisoners of war cheering the flag of their captors was the unusual sight witnessed at the un on dock in Brooklyn, yesterday. The sight was all the more significant as the cheers came from Spanish throats.

The 254 prisoners captured on the four prize steamers now in port were about to sail for home under the British flag. They were on board the Hesperia, of the Anchor line, and just as she backed out of the dock one of the patrol boats came by. With one accord the prisoners raised three mighty cheers, which startled the people on the Brooklyn shore and could be heard to Governor's Island. It was the best they could do in thanking Uncle Sam for the kindness lavished upon them while they were prisoners. The Hesperia left at 3 p. m., bound for Italian ports. She will put the prisoners on shore at Gibraltar. The prisoners were a happy lot and their appearance showed that they had been well treated while in enforced idleness. Among the 254 prisoners were six officers. They have saloon accommodations, while the others are in the steerage. One of the Spanish officers said: "If our men in the field realized either the hopelessness of our cause or the treatment they would get at the hands of the Americans, they would not fight long. They can get home quicker by surrendering, and in the meantime be well fed and taken care of. But they think the Americans would kill them."

Armed Cubans Not Admitted.

SANTIAGO, July 22.—General Shatt's refusal to permit the entrance of armed Cubans into Santiago is an extremely wise move, as in these excited days there might be trouble. Unarmed persons, however, are free to enter at all times. As soon as the Spanish soldiers have embarked Cubans will be allowed to enter the city freely. The first embarkation is expected next Thursday.

A Peace Message.

LONDON, July 25.—A special despatch from Madrid says the Spanish Government has drawn up a message for Washington, preparatory to discussing the terms of peace. An armistice is proposed.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL

Laurier's Cobden Medal has Arrived!

THE FAST ATLANTIC SERVICE THROWN UP.

Fruit Commissioner Appointed for Paris Exposition.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

OTTAWA, July 27.—Laurier's Cobden Club medal has arrived from England.

Officials here concede that Peterson and Tate have thrown up the Fast Atlantic Contract.

Alexander McDonald Allan, formerly editor of The Huron Signal has been appointed Canadian Fruit Commissioner to the Paris Exposition.

WEALTH OF ROYALTIES.

Great Britain's Queen One of Europe's Most Inexpensive Rulers.

The Queen, though the ruler of the biggest and richest Empire the world has ever seen, is by no means the richest person on the earth, says the London Daily Mail. In fact, her salary, £385,000 a year, is one of the smallest paid to any ruler on the globe. And of the £385,000, all except £96,000 is spent by the Lord Chamberlain; the Master of the Horse, and the Lord Treasurer, who are responsible for the maintenance of the Royal Household.

And of the £96,000, £36,000 is put by for a rainy day, so that the exact amount received by Her Majesty is only £60,000, as fixed by Parliament.

Compared with the huge incomes of many of her subjects, this is paltry indeed. Hers, too, is the smallest salary that any British sovereign has ever received. Most of the Queen's predecessors on the throne had at least £800,000 a year. On the Queen's accession this was reduced to the present amount by the nation taking over the Crown lands, and paying instead a fixed annual sum to Her Majesty. The value of these lands has increased so much during her reign that had they remained in her possession the Queen would be the wealthiest person in the country. All the most valuable land in London, worth £3,000,000 an acre is Crown land.

In addition, however, to her official salary, the Queen possesses private means.

THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER

brings her £48,000 a year; this is exactly double the income she formerly received from that source, so much has the property increased in value. During the early years of her married life the Queen's expenditure far exceeded her income, and had it not been for a couple of legacies from her subjects the Court expenses would have had to be curtailed. John Camden Nield bequeathed the whole of his property, more than £50,000 in value, to the Queen, and a Mr. Newhouse, dying without heirs, left £10,000 to Her Majesty. Ripper years brought wisdom, and by economy and frugality the Queen has been able to purchase 37,000 acres of good land in Great Britain, yielding a rent-roll of about £21,000 a year. She also owns considerable property in Germany, a large quantity in New York, and thousands of acres in Manitoba and "out west."

Claremont House, Osborne and Balmoral are the private property of the Queen. The first named, standing in its estate of 460 acres, she bought for £74,000—a decided bargain, for it originally cost Lord Clive £150,000. Balmoral and Osborne are said to be worth half a million sterling. In addition to her property at Coburg, the Queen also possesses a villa at Baden, bequeathed to her by the Princess of Hohenlohe.

The Royal family is not only the cheapest this country ever had, it is also the most inexpensive in the world. The entire expense of the whole British Royal family amounts to only £165,000 a year, for against the total expenditure of £580,000 must be set the receipt of £415,000 from Crown lands, leaving the above net debt. Nearly all European sovereigns receive much bigger salaries than the Queen.

Seizure of Mail Matter.

SANTIAGO, July 25.—Twenty bags of mail were seized at Santiago post office on the day of the American occupation. It consists of Spanish official and private correspondence. Yesterday the Spanish customs authorities asked to have the mail turned over to them but the request was refused and the matter was sent to New York today by steamer Coucho.

BAD STATE OF AFFAIRS.

A Pitiful Appeal for Assistance.

OLD MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN STARVING.

All the Provisions are in the Hands of Spaniards.

GUANTANAMO BAY, July 25, 11 a. m.—The following pitiful appeal has been addressed by the starving people of Cienfuegos to Rear Admiral Sampson:

Honorable Sir:

The Cubans, old men, women and children, resident in the town of Cienfuegos and this neighborhood are all dying of hunger. The young men are all in the field with the Cuban troops and have neither shoes nor food. All the provisions in this town are in the hands of the Spaniards. Cubans cannot obtain a piece of bread, as it is necessary to send everything to the field. The Weyler system is in full sway. The situation is terrible. If you, Honorable Sir, do not come quick with your squadron in our help and take possession of this town, we shall be lost. We beg you precipitate your operations. About five thousand old men, women and children shall die of hunger in this poor town. Some of these old men have four or five sons fighting for his freedom. This is our situation, horrible situation. If the great people of the United States do not come quick to our help we are lost. For God's sake come quick.

(Signed) SOME CUBANS.



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THE POWERS WILL RESIST

Annexation by the United States.

AS REGARDS THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Have Decided That the Islands Must Remain With Spain.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, July 27.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says the result of the protracted negotiations initiated by Germany is that the powers have arrived at a formal agreement to oppose the American annexation of the Philippines, which must remain Spanish.

Going Cheap

Job lot of Women's and Children's Boots selling cheap in Boxes on our middle counter. Children's for 29c.

GOFF BROS

QUEEN REGENT DESIRES PEACE.

She Wished to Avoid War.

IS NOW ANXIOUS FOR AN HONORABLE SETTLEMENT.

The Quarrel Easier of Adjustment than Generally Believed.

MADRID, July 25.—The correspondent here of the Associated Press has had an interesting conversation with a person occupying a high position in the Queen Regent's household. He said the quarrel between the Spain and the United States was much easier of adjustment than generally believed. The Queen Regent, he continued, endeavored to avoid war and she desired an honorable peace. She was quite alive to the force of public opinion and held strictly to the constitutional laws of the nation. It was an honor to suppose the Queen Regent was under the pressure of any government or that she was regardless of public opinion when it was consonant with the true interests of the Spanish people. The official referred to then said: "The present government will not initiate peace but a modified cabinet headed by Senor Gamazoo will conclude the negotiations and then retire, and General Polavieja with a combination including Senor Silvea and General Campos, will reorganize the country."

"Everybody considers Spain should treat direct with the Americans, whose political good sense will prevail over spread-eagleism."

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