

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

LIBERAL LEADERS CONFER WITH MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT.

Believed No Attack Will Be Made on Havana Until After Arrival of Pino Guerra's Forces—American Warships Will Protect British Interests.

Havana, Sept. 18.—The only results thus far of President Palma's order for the suspension of hostilities have been that liberal leaders, who hitherto have had every reason for anticipating arrest, are circulating openly in Havana again and even conferring with members of the government with regard to peace and that such insurgents in the field as have been consulted, while they express themselves as agreeable to settling matters amicably, at the same time assume an independent attitude which cannot be said to bide particularly well for a prompt settlement of existing difficulties.

In the meantime Cienfuegos is in a state of siege, communication by telegraph being severed, not only in the direction of Havana, but to Santiago as well. It is known that Cienfuegos had not been attacked up to midnight Sunday, but what has transpired since that time is not known here. All accounts agree that there are easily 3,000 insurgents a few miles southeast of Havana, and rumors are in circulation that they will enter the city peaceably, if they are not molested, but that they will fight if they meet with resistance. All visitors to insurgent camps in Havana province return with this impression, but it is believed no attempt will be made against Havana until the arrival of Pino Guerra's force, which now is variously reported to be from twenty to forty miles distant. The general impression is that the presence in Havana harbor of the American cruiser Denver will not act as a deterrent to such a movement, the auxiliary cruiser Dixie having gone to Cienfuegos and the cruiser Des Moines having gone presumably to bring to Cuba Secretary of War Taft and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon.

The announcement from Washington that American vessels of war will protect British as well as American interests is taken as applying especially to Cienfuegos, where the English-owned Cuban Central railroad has been obliged to suspend operations and has suffered considerable damage to its property.

The peace endeavors have really resolved themselves more into negotiations between the moderates and liberals than between the government and the insurgents. The moderates, while entirely loyal to President Palma, seem now to be less concerned over his continuance in office than with the perpetuation of the control by their party. Mendez Capote, as president of the moderate organization, and Alfredo Zayas, as president of the liberal party, will largely be able to dominate the situation.

NAVY READY FOR EMERGENCY

Movement Toward Peace in Cuba is Well Under Way.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Commander Colwell of the cruiser Denver, at Havana, telegraphed the navy department that all was quiet in Havana. Hostilities formally ceased Sunday and a definite settlement of the troubles seemed possible. The reassuring dispatch, together with the visit of Secretary Taft and Acting Secretary Bacon, indicates that the movement toward peace in Cuba is well under way. At the same time no changes have been made in the naval program. The Louisiana, Virginia and New Jersey are now on their way to Havana. The Newark sailed from Norfolk and the Minneapolis will sail from League Island today. With the force already at Havana and that which will be there in a few days the navy department feels assured that it will be amply able to prevent any trouble in Havana, and it appears that the movement of such a force toward the Cuban capital was due to the fact that there was grave danger to the capital of Cuba.

Every confidence is felt at the navy department in the force which has been sent to Cuba to meet any situation which arises. While there is a pacific feeling, preparations are going forward by the war department to meet anything that may arise if it should be necessary for a strong force to intervene. It is stated that troops and transports will soon be available and only await orders in case the mission of Secretary Taft fails and hostilities are renewed and are beyond the control of the Cuban government.

PERSIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL.

General Election to Be Held Every Two Years in Land of Shah.

Teheran, Persia, Sept. 18.—According to an ordinance just published, the new Persian national council will consist of 156 members. Teheran will be represented by sixty members, while the provinces will send ninety-

six. A general election will be held every two years. The ordinance assures the inviolability of the deputies and gives full instructions for the carrying out of the first elections, preparations for which begin with the publication of the ordinance.

CRICHTON MAKES CONFESSION

Implicates Rosebrook and Balzer in Baden Produce Company Case.
Winfield, Kan., Sept. 18.—G. B. Crichton, one of the accused in the J. P. Baden Produce company forgery and perjury case, went on the stand as a witness for the state and made a full confession, implicating F. E. Rosebrook, president of the company, and piling up evidence against F. R. Balzer. It was Crichton's statement to the prosecuting attorney since his arrest that caused the arrest of Rosebrook in New York. Rosebrook is charged with forgery and with getting money under false pretenses. Crichton produced many letters from Balzer, Rosebrook's manager, showing irregular methods. He was told to learn the letters by heart, then destroy them. In December, 1904, Crichton testified, the plant was nearly \$70,000 insolvent. Crichton testified that he was ordered by Rosebrook and Balzer to falsify the books, and they would protect him, and he did so.

ROCKEFELLER AGAIN IS SICK.

Oil Magnate Suffers Relapse and is Confined to His Residence.

Cleveland, Sept. 18.—Owing to a return of the attack of indigestion, with which he was stricken two weeks ago, and from which he has not fully recovered, John D. Rockefeller is again confined to his home at Forest Hill. He expects to leave his Cleveland home during the middle of next month. He will go direct to his country residence at Pocantico Hills, a short distance from New York, where he will remain until March, when he will go to Lakewood for a couple of months.

BOMBS SENT AS BULLION

Odessa Police Searching for Revolutionaries.

Odessa, Sept. 18.—The police are vigorously searching for members of the fighting section of the social revolutionists, who are reported from St. Petersburg as having arrived with the intention of murdering the chief officials and destroying the official buildings. The safes of several banks, including those of the Credit Lyonnais, were searched for bombs supposed to have been received under the guise of bullion or other packets from home or abroad. The result is not known.

Gives Packing Plants Clean Bill.

London, Sept. 18.—William Hayden, representative of the butchers of London, at the recent convention of the Master Butchers' association of the United States, which was held at Milwaukee, has returned to London, and in an interview gave the results of his observations on visits to various Chicago meat packing establishments.

Mr. Hayden says he made an exhaustive examination of the various operations, from killing to canning. The slaughtering is carried out in the most humane and scientific manner, although it might seem repulsive to a nonpractical person. He found the employees clean in their person and the work blocks and floors exceedingly clean and well kept.

Columbus Wins Pennant.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—All American Association games have been played. This year's pennant goes to the Columbus team, with a record of 95 games won and 57 lost. Milwaukee comes second, with 86 games won and 67 defeats. Minneapolis is third and Toledo fourth. Kansas City finished fifth. Then comes Louisville, followed by St. Paul and Indianapolis.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Weakness of coarse grains for the greater part of the day and persistent selling by local traders caused an easier closing in the wheat market today. The final quotations showed December wheat $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ lower. Corn was down $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢. Oats were $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢ higher. Provisions were down 5¢. Closing prices:
Wheat—Sept., 70¢; Dec., 72 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; 72 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; May, 76 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Corn—Sept., 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; Dec., 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; 42¢; May, 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Oats—Sept., 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; Dec., 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Pork—Jan., \$12.97 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Lard—Oct., \$8.82 $\frac{1}{2}$; Jan., \$7.70.
Ribs—Sept., \$8.95; Jan., \$6.95.
Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 spring wheat, 77@78c; No. 2 oats, 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Milwaukee Boodler Pardoned.
Milwaukee, Sept. 18.—Michael Dunn, former building inspector and private secretary to former Mayor Rose, who was convicted and sentenced to eighteen months in the house of correction on the charge of receiving a bribe from a brewing company, was pardoned by Governor Davidson. Dunn is in poor health.

THE PILLAR OF LIGHT

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help within call, so to speak? We might as well be in a mine closed up by an explosion. And, I'll tell you what, I'm real sorry for you."

Brand, collapsing under the strain, sank into a chair.
"It is an awful thing," he moaned, "to condemn so many men, women and children to such a death."

A spasm of pain made Pyne's lips tremulous for an instant. He had forgotten Elsie and Mamie.

But his voice was fully under control when he spoke again.

"You can count on me in the deal in all but one thing," he said.

The older man looked up fiercely. What condition could be imposed in the fulfillment of a duty so terrible?

"I am here by chance," went on Pyne. "One of your daughters may have told you that Mrs. Vansittart came from New York to marry my uncle. Anyhow you would know she was dear to him by his message today. She is sort of in my charge, and I can't desert her. It's hard luck, as I don't care a cent for her. She's the kind of woman old men adore—fascinating, birdlike creatures—when the cage is gilded."

Brand sprang to his feet and raced up to the trimming stage. When his hands were on the lamp he felt surer of himself. It gave him strength during the hurricane, and it would strengthen him now.

"There can be no exceptions," he said harshly. Pyne waited until the lighthouse keeper rejoined him.

"I ought to have put my proposition before you first and made a speech afterward," he said. "Constance and Enid will join you here when you say the word, but I will be on the other side of the barricade."

"Nonsense!" cried Brand. "You have no right to thrust away the chance that is given you. You saved all these people once. Why should you die uselessly?"

"What! Suppose it pans out that way. Suppose we live a couple of weeks and escape. Am I to face the old man and tell him—the truth? No, sir. You don't mean it. You wouldn't do it yourself. What about that shark the girls told me of? I can guess just what happened. He wanted the light extinguished in the boat. Did you scoot back when you saw his fin? I'm a heap younger than you, Mr. Brand, but that bluff doesn't go."

"Thank heaven, we have twenty-four hours yet!" murmured Brand.

"It will be all the same when we have only twenty-four seconds. Let us fix it that way right now. Don't you see, it will be easier to deceive the girls? And there's another reason. Baricade and shoot as you like, it will be a hard thing to keep three score desperate men boxed up down below. When they begin to diet on coiza there will be trouble. A few of us, ready to take chances, will be helpful. Some of them may have to die quick, you know."

Brand closed his eyes in sheer affliction. In that way he tried to shut out a vision.

"Be it so," he gasped. "May the Lord help us."

It was the responsibility that mastered him. Judges on the bench often break down when they sentence a criminal to death, but what judge, humane, tender hearted and God fearing, ever pronounced the doom of seventy-eight people snatched from a merciful death to be steeped in horrors?

At last his iron will predominated. The knowledge that the path of duty lay straight before him cheered his tortured soul. No man could say he erred in trying to save his children. That was a trust as solemn as any conferred by the Elder Brethren of the Trinity.

He placed a hand on Pyne's shoulder, for this youngster had become dear to him.

"Had I a son," he said, "I should wish him to be like you. Let us strive to forget the evils that threaten us. Brooding is useless. If need be you will take charge of the lower deck. There is starvation allowance for three more days at the worst, but I hate the thought of starting the new scale tomorrow."

"It may not be necessary."

"Candidly, I fear it will. I know the Cornish coast too well. When bad weather sets in from the southwest at this season it holds for a week at the lowest computation."

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"That's good," cried Pyne pleasantly. "Where is your pouch? I feel like a smoke. If I hadn't fired that question at you I should have wasted a lot of time in hard thinking."

Brand had to scheme that night to reach the storeroom unobserved. The Falcon, steaming valiantly to her observation post near the buoy, aided him considerably. He permitted the night watch to gather in the service room while he supplied the men with tobacco and stationed the officer on the gallery to observe the trawler in case she showed any signal lights.

Since the attempt on the lock Constance gave the key to her father after each visit. For the rest, the inmates of the pillar were sunk in the lethargy of unsatisfied hunger. Constance and Enid, utterly worn out with fatigue, were sound asleep in the kitchen, and the tears coursed down the man's face as he acted the part of a thief in securing the measured allowance of flour and bacon for one meal. The diet of one hungry meal for eighty-one people gave twenty-seven hungry meals for three. He ought to have taken more, but he set his teeth and refused the ungrateful task.

It is oftentimes easy for a man to decide upon a set course, but hard to follow it.

"A week!" he murmured. "Perhaps ten days! That is all. Pray heaven I may not go mad before they die!"

Pyne, watching the light, knew that Brand had succeeded. The Falcon went. Gradually the watch dispersed.

"Where is the hoard?" asked Pyne, making believe that they were playing some comedy.

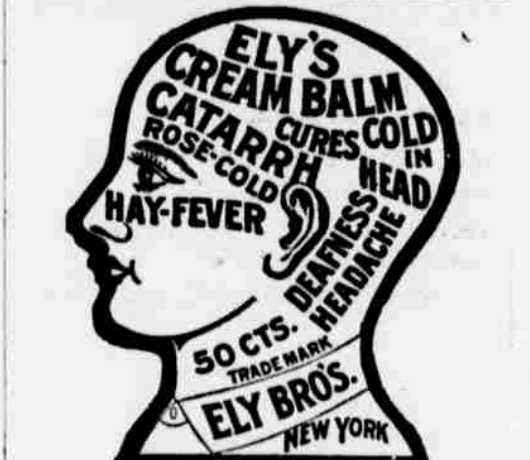
"Hidden in the kitchen lockers. I could obtain only distilled water. You must persuade the girls in the morning that something went wrong with the apparatus."

As opportunity offered Brand transferred the tin to the lockers of the service room. Pyne, who missed nothing, shook his head when it became evident that the last consignment was safely stored away.

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