

ELECTRIC FLASHES

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

DYING LIKE SHEEP

STARVATION CLAIMS MANY IN HAVANA DAILY.

Madrid Finally Sees the Hopelessness of the Conflict with the United States—Peace Idea Gains Strength Daily—Other Items.

Dying Like Sheep.
A Kingston dispatch of Monday last says: The Talbot arrived from Havana with twenty-three passengers, including Sir Alexander Gollan, British consul, and Higgins vice consul. Jerome was left in charge of the consular office. Gollan and Higgins, on leave, are proceeding to England. Passengers report that only well to do people can survive in Havana. Poor people are dying like sheep. It is no uncommon sight to see them fall dead in the streets. The price of food is prohibitive. Biscuits are 10 cents apiece, bread 50 cents a pound, rice 40 cents a pound, corn flour 28 cents. The soldiers are on half rations and the barracks are full of starving women and children.

MADRID IN GLOOM.

Finally Sees the Hopelessness of the Conflict.

The newspapers in Madrid openly discuss the imminence of a ministerial crisis owing to the attitude of Gamazo, minister of public instruction. The Official Correspondencia confirms the report of a cabinet crisis. The Imparcial says of Sunday's cabinet meeting: "We think importance should be attached to the fact that Spain will reap great advantages in negotiations for peace before Santiago and Manila and perhaps even Porto Rico are captured, as should the Americans occupy those places their terms will naturally be harder."

The Imparcial adds: "It is most probable the government will telegraph Blanco to this effect, urging him to direct the operation of the army towards this solution. On Blanco's reply depends whether the government commences negotiations immediately, without awaiting the outcome of the situation at Santiago."

The Liberal publishes an interview with a minister who is quoted as saying a cabinet crisis might occur today, tomorrow or next week, but in any case it will not be delayed long. The minister is said to have added that the crisis will be the occasion for the whole ministry resigning in a body.

ZOLA TO BE LIBERATED.

Court of Appeals to Allow Novelist to Pay a Fine of \$1,000.

The Paris correspondent of a New York paper says: As a result of the libel charges made by Emile Zola and M. Perreux in connection with the Dreyfus case the court has condemned them both to pay \$1,200 damages, and also to insert an announcement of the court's finding in the Aurore and ten other journals at their own expense. M. Zola is also sentenced to fifteen days' imprisonment or the payment of a fine of \$400, and M. Perreux to pay \$100 fine, besides the damages which are in common.

M. Zola and M. Perreux were convicted in March of libeling the court martial that tried Count Esterhazy for the crime for which Alfred Dreyfus was convicted and exiled to Devil's Island. M. Zola, in an open letter to President Faure, published in the Aurore, a paper owned by M. Perreux, asserted that Dreyfus was wrongfully convicted of selling French military secrets, and that Esterhazy was acquitted of the charge because the court feared to convict him. The sentence of the first trial was a year in prison and a fine of \$600 for both Zola and Perreux. They at once took an appeal.

CORBETT TO MEET M'COY.

Agree Upon Terms for a 25-Round Match Next Month.

It was announced in New York Monday that James J. Corbett and "Kid" McCoy have agreed upon terms for a twenty-five round match to come off at Buffalo August 27. The purse will be \$20,000, with a side bet probable.

Refused to Commute Sentence.

A special from Charleston, Mo., says: James Albright was hanged here for the killing of Prosecuting Attorney Elliott of Mississippi County some time ago while the latter was trying to place him under arrest for the murder of Albright's brother-in-law. Great pressure was brought to bear on the governor to get the sentence commuted to life imprisonment, but it failed.

Militia to Protect a Prisoner.

At the request of Adjutant General Collier, commanding the state troops at the trial of Bob Blanks, the negro charged with criminal assault at Mayfield, Ky., Governor Bradley ordered an additional company of troops to that place. A conflict between the citizens and militia is feared.

Suit to Test Stamp Act.

The Western Wheel Works of Chicago has begun suit in the circuit court against the United States Express Co. to determine who shall pay for the stamps which are required on all packages sent by express, under the new war tax act.

Chili Issues an Ultimatum.

The Chilean government has sent an ultimatum to Argentine, giving the latter, according to the report, until August 15 in which to decide the boundary question between the two countries, which has been in dispute for a long time.

Get \$30,000 Worth of Diamonds

While the Schmid Bros., jewelers, of New Castle, were watching a show parade, thieves stole \$30,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry. They escaped, leaving diamonds scattered all over the street.

EDUCATORS ELECT OFFICERS

Prof. O. E. Lyte of Pennsylvania Is Chosen President.

At the business meeting of the National Educational Association in Washington Saturday the following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

President—E. Oram Lyte, Millersville, Pa.

Secretary—Irwin Shepard, Winona, Minn.

Treasurer—J. C. McNeil, West Superior, Wis.

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STREET CAR COLLISION.

One Passenger Killed and a Score Hurt in Washington.

An electric car on the Congress Heights road, Washington, D. C., filled with passengers, crashed into a horse car of the Anacostia line Sunday. An unknown man was killed and between twenty-five and thirty people injured. Several of them fatally. Both cars were demolished and the horses of the Anacostia car killed. The accident occurred opposite St. Elizabeth's government asylum for the insane. A steep hill runs from the asylum into Anacostia and the brake spring broke as the car started to make the descent. Many of the passengers were injured by jumping from the car during its flight down the hill.

PRISONERS AT PORTSMOUTH

Admiral Cervera and Some 500 Other Captives Arrive.

The auxiliary cruiser St. Louis, with more than 470 Spanish prisoners, including 54 officers, arrived in Portsmouth (N. H.) harbor at 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning. The big liner left Guantanamo at 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, July 5, and did not make a stop until she dropped anchor in Portsmouth harbor. Including prisoners there were 1,036 people on board the boat. Admiral Cervera was confined to his cabin, having been quite ill for three days. Capt. Enlate, who was commander of the Vizcaya and is among the prisoners, is also quite ill, having been wounded in the head during the battle off Santiago.

RAINFALL IS ENORMOUS.

Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Damage Done in St. Louis.

All records were broken in St. Louis and vicinity by the heavy rainfall of Friday and Friday night. Reports from all sections of the city indicate the damage amounts to hundreds of thousands. During the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m. over five inches of rain fell. All low and badly drained sections of the city were flooded, cellars filled and lower stories of many houses wet with several feet of water. In outlying districts the waters rose to such a height that it threatened residents, who sought safety on rafts.

"UNCLE" ANSON IS LEFT OUT

Relieved of the Management of the New York Ball Team.

A. C. Anson has been released as manager of the New York Baseball Club and Wm. Joyce has again assumed the management of the team. Since the management has been in the hands of Anson the New Yorks have not ascended the percentage ladder and President Freedman was not satisfied. Anson could not be seen and it was stated that he had gone to Chicago.

Chicago Bribery Case.

The jury disagreed in the trial of Jacob L. Kesner, manager of a large Chicago department store, charged by Alderman Wm. Mangler with attempted bribery. Alderman Mangler claimed that Kesner offered him \$2,000 for his vote to override Mayor Harrison's veto of the general electric ordinance a year ago. The jury is said to have stood eight for conviction to four for acquittal. State's Attorney Deneen declares he will begin the retrial of the case as soon as possible.

Chinese Rebellion Is Spreading.

The British gunboat Tweed has started for Woo Chow, on the West River, about 180 miles above Canton, China, from which city the news of a rebellion in the province of Kuang Si was recently received. The rebellion is spreading. The towns of Sung Shien and Pei Liuh have fallen, Swa Chou and Woo Chow are threatened and disturbances are reported to have broken out at Chin Kiang Fu, on the Yang Tse.

Wants Mining Laws Amended.

The international mining congress in session at Salt Lake, Utah, has adopted resolutions asking congress to amend the United States mining laws so as to do away with the extra lateral rights in mining claims. Plans were discussed for permanent headquarters. Milwaukee was selected for the next meeting.

Miners' Strike Broken.

The strike of the coal miners in Mercer and Butler counties, Pa., has been broken. A number of the old miners at the Grave City mines, reinforced by new men, have resumed work. Operators say the majority of the mines will be in operation in a short time. About 4,000 miners have been out in the district.

Belgium Is Having Trouble.

The papers of Brussels announce that a Belgian expedition of 1,500 men, under Lieutenant Dubois, has been surprised by Congolese rebels, who killed thirty-one members of the expedition and captured a quantity of rifles and cartridges. Lieut. Dubois was afterwards deserted by his soldiers and killed.

Socialist Conspirators Arrested.

Three socialist workmen have been arrested at Buda Pesth, charged with high treason. One of them confessed that he took part in a conspiracy to attempt the life of Emperor Francis Joseph by the use of dynamite during his visit to the city.

ARE FIGHTING AGAIN

SANTIAGO ATTACKED A SECOND TIME SUNDAY.

Over Fifty Siege Guns and a Large Number of Mortars Trained on the City—Spaniards Wanted to Retreat with Arms and Flying Colors.

Assault on Santiago Begins.

Washington, July 10: "The bombardment of Santiago has begun."

This was the verbal information obtained this evening shortly before 9 o'clock at the war department. Almost immediately three bulletins were posted, the most important of which was from Gen. Shafter. This dispatch announced that Gen. Toral had declined to surrender unconditionally, and that the bombardment of the town would be begun by the army and navy about 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Anxiety has been expressed by the war department officials as to whether General Shafter had a sufficient force to prevent the evacuation of Santiago by the enemy. This anxiety was allayed about half past 12 tonight by the receipt of the following dispatch from Gen. Shafter, which contained confirmation, too, of the earlier reports of the beginning of the bombardment:

Pelaya Del Este, July 10.—Adjutant General, Washington: Headquarters Fifth corps, July 10.—Enemy opened fire a few minutes past 4 with light guns, which were soon silenced by ours. Very little musketry firing and the enemy kept entirely in their entrenchments. Three men slightly wounded. Will have considerable forces tomorrow, enough to completely block all the roads in northwest. I am quite well.

Gen. Garcia reports that the enemy evacuated a little town called Descanzano, about three miles from Santiago and near the bay.

The belief is held by the best informed officials that Gen. Toral will surrender when he finds it will be impossible for him to evacuate the city.

Gen. Shafter has nearly fifty siege guns and a large number of 7-inch mortars, besides lighter artillery at his disposal. These guns, taken in connection with the work that can be done by the fleet, it is believed, will carry terror and destruction to Santiago.

The Spaniards made a proposal which was promptly rejected by Shafter that they be allowed to surrender the city and retreat with their forces.

ELEVEN LIGHTERS LOST.

Wrecked in a Severe Storm Off the Coast of Cuba.

The war department was advised Saturday that during a severe storm off the coast of Cuba eleven lighters en route to Cuba in tow of tugs were swamped and lost. So far as known no lives were taken. The lighters were from Mobile, New Orleans and Charleston, and were intended for the use of Gen. Shafter in transferring supplies and ordnance from the transports to shore. Their need was essential to the prompt forwarding of all military necessities to the front before Santiago. The war department upon receipt of this information immediately put into operation efforts to replace the lost lighters at once.

PROMOTED BY M'KINLEY.

Rank of Officers in Fights Before Santiago Is Raised.

The president has nominated Brig. Gens. Hawkins, Lawton, Chaffee and Bates to be major generals; Col. Wood of the "rough riders," and Lieut. Col. McKibben of the Twenty-first infantry, to be brigadier generals; Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt of the "rough riders," to be colonel; to be quartermaster, with rank of colonel, F. J. Hecker, Michigan; division surgeons with rank of major, V. S. Vaughan, surgeon of the Thirty-third Michigan, and C. M. Robertson, surgeon of the Fifty-fifth Iowa.

Asked Du Bose to Move.

Senor du Bose and Lieut. Carranza, formerly of the Spanish legation at Washington, have arranged for passage on the Dominican line Ottoman, which leaves Montreal on the 18th inst. It is said that some interesting correspondence has passed between Sir Wilfred Laurier, the Canadian premier, and Senor du Bose, the outcome of which was a sort of semi-official note from the premier stating that if Senor du Bose could accelerate his departure from Canada it would avoid serious international complications.

Fatal Floods in Missouri.

Four persons are known to have been drowned as the result of a cloudburst west of Stanbury Friday night. Others are missing. A wall of water sweeping down a little creek carried everything before it. Several farm houses were demolished and their occupants drowned. The entire family of J. Davis is missing and is supposed to have been drowned. The loss of live stock is heavy.

Whiteman Is Found Guilty.

Alonso J. Whiteman, former Duluth lumberman and state senator, was convicted in Chicago on the charge of securing \$250 from the Grand Pacific Hotel by means of a fraudulent check. Under the verdict Whiteman may be fined \$2,000 and imprisoned for one year.

Democrats Decline to Fuse.

The Sixth district Democrats in convention at Colby, Kan., refused to endorse the candidacy of N. B. McCormick, the Populist nominee for congress and present incumbent, and nominated W. G. Hoffer, editor of the Lincoln Sentinel, to make the race.

Insurance Company Under the Ban

Insurance Commissioner McNall of Kansas has revoked the license of the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company of Hartford to do business in that state. The company refused to pay the expenses of an examination of its books ordered by McNall.

French Warships at Havana.

The big French warship D'Estrange has arrived at Havana with the French admiral on board. The French authorities will also send a warship to Santiago.

SHIP SINKS AT SEA.

Awful Horror Caused by Collision in a Dense Fog.

OVER 600 DROWNED.

Disaster Occurred Off Sable Island on the Morning of July 4.

Steamship La Bourgogne of the French Transatlantic Line Goes to the Bottom of the Atlantic—Out of Over 800 Persons Aboard Only About 200 Were Saved, and but One Woman from the 300 on the Ill-fated Vessel Was Rescued.

Six hundred persons lost their lives the morning of July 4 as the result of a collision between La Bourgogne and the British ship Cromartyshire, and the French liner lies at the bottom of the sea, a great hole in her side. The ships met in a dense fog sixty miles south of Sable Island. It was 5 o'clock in the morning and the feeble rays of the newly risen sun were unable to even partially penetrate the thick white mist that covered the ocean like a garment. The Cromartyshire was towed into Halifax by the Allan line steamer Grecian. A ragged wound in her bow and the absence of two of her masts showed the violence of the impact with the sunken vessel.

There were on board La Bourgogne 191 first cabin passengers, 125 second cabin and 295 third class passengers (or steerage), making a total of 611 passengers, in addition to which there were 220 in the crew, making a grand total of 831 souls on board. The only woman saved out of 300 women on board was Mrs. La Casse, wife of a professor of languages of Plainfield, N. J. Among those saved were the purser, three engineers and thirty of the crew which manned the luckless liner. All the other officers of the ship were drowned. The Cromartyshire's crew got a terrible fright, but none was lost. Great service was done by those aboard in saving the remnant of the passengers and crew of La Bourgogne.

La Bourgogne is one of the best known of all the French liners. She belonged to the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique and has carried thousands of persons to Europe and back without a serious mishap. She left New York Saturday, July 3, bound for Havre.

Shortly before the vessels came together Mrs. Henderson, wife of the Cromartyshire's captain, detected a steamer's whistle blowing on the port side. The Cromartyshire was sounding her foghorn at intervals of one minute. Mrs. Henderson called the attention of her husband to the sounding of the whistle and a minute later the mate, who was on watch, also detected the sound. It came nearer and nearer. Suddenly the huge hull of an ocean steamer loomed up in the mist, going about seventeen knots an hour, and almost immediately there was a fearful crash.

Capt. Henderson, as soon as the collision occurred, ordered the boats to be lowered and the damage to be ascertained. As it was found that the Cromartyshire was in no immediate danger the Britisher put about. The vessel with which they had collided was at that time unknown. A few minutes later her whistle was heard and several rockets were sent up. Capt. Henderson replied in like manner, thinking the steamer was offering assistance, but in a few minutes all was quiet and those on board began to realize the awful results of the collision.

At 5:30 the fog lifted and two boats were seen approaching with only men on board. Later the weather cleared still more and men were to be seen in every direction clinging to wreckage and floating on life rafts. It was a terrible scene. No pen can picture the appalling sight revealed to the onlookers when the curtain of mist arose. The work of rescue was commenced without a moment's delay and over 200 persons were picked up and taken aboard the ship.

When the ships struck they were off Cape Sable. The passengers, with the sole exception of Prof. La Casse, were below decks. Without warning came the terrible shock. The struggles, swishing water and terrible screams of the drowning made the situation an awe-inspiring one, never to be forgotten. One man on the La Bourgogne, when she sunk, went out of his mind and jumped to a watery grave. Capt. Nunan, in command of the Allan line steamer Grecian, to whose courage the Cromartyshire owed its conduct to a place of safety, declares that La Bourgogne was less than five minutes from the time of the collision in going to the bottom.

"It was the most appalling and most sudden catastrophe it was ever my misfortune to witness," said Capt. Henderson, of the Cromartyshire. "There was a crash, the sound of which was indescribable, composed as it was of the rending apart of the stout oaken ribs of the French ship and the snapping asunder of her iron bolts. Many leaped overboard immediately after the meeting of the vessels, but our men were not among the number of those who lost their heads. La Bourgogne turned slowly around two or three times, then seemed to go under with the rapidity of a stone dropping into a pool of water. We were in some danger from the whirlpool which followed the disappearance of the transatlantic steamer, but managed to get out of reach of the vortex in time. It, however, engulfed scores of shrieking human beings, whom we could hardly see for the density of the fog, but whose cries of terror we could plainly hear."

Telegraphic Brevities.

Six hundred car loads of celery will be marketed by growers in Orange County, Cal., this year.

J. C. Harrington, a prominent farmer of Dallas County, Texas, was robbed of \$700 by an unknown burglar.

A recent shipment to the Klondike from Seattle included a fire engine, furniture for a bank, pianos and organs.

George T. Hart, a well-known citizen of Paducah, Ky., was instantly killed by a heavy piece of timber falling on him and crushing his skull.

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