

FROM THE WIRES.

Gen. H. V. Boynton, who was detailed by Secretary Alger to investigate the condition of affairs at Camp Thomas, Chickamauga, reports that the hospitals are excellent in every respect, that only 189 out of 75,000 men have died and that the reports circulated are not founded on facts. The report whitewashes the Camp and the War Department.

Atlanta, Ga., August 31.—Commissioner of Agriculture Nesbitt estimates that the cotton crop of Georgia will be from 10 to 20 per cent. less than it was last year. He gives the reasons for this estimate, as based on the conditions reported from all sections of the State. The estimate is based, however, on the conditions at the present time, which are the result of too much rain.

Madrid, September 1—10 p m.—The deadlock over the appointment of the members of the peace commission continues. The Cabinet sat this evening in concert, the Queen Regent presiding. Lieut Gen Correa, minister for war, read a dispatch from Gen Rios, acting Governor General of the Spanish territory in the Philippine Islands, announcing that he had acceded to Admiral Dewey's request to open Philippine ports, subject to ratification by the Madrid Government.

Berlin, September 2.—The Berliner Post in a seemingly inspired article this morning, with reference to the French reception of the disarmament proclamation of Emperor Nicholas says: "Germany must remain armed and on guard until France is willing to convert her weapons into ploughshares."

Santiago de Cuba, August 31.—Eight hundred and fifty men of 23d Kansas volunteers arrived to day on the steamer Vigilancia. They are all well. Prominent Cubans here decline to believe the report that Gen. Calixto Garcia has been relieved of his command by Gen Maximo Gomez, under instructions from the Cuban insurgent Government.

Washington, August 31.—The navy department has received a cablegram from Ponce, Porto Rico, announcing that the Porras, Amphitrite, Terror, Hanoi and Montgomery sailed from Ponce this morning. They will go to Newport, R. I. The main object is to get the crews of the vessels away from the tropical climate to northern waters.

Madrid, August 31.—9 p m. Senor Silvela, now the virtual leader of the largest section of the Conservative party, in a conference with Senor Sagasta, the premier, to-day as to the personal of the Spanish peace commission, persisted in his refusal to allow any members of his party to join the commission.

Washington, August 31.—Acting Secretary Allen has authorized the release of all of the Spanish naval prisoners captured in the battle of July 3 from Cerbera's fleet. These are now at Annapolis, Seavey's Island, Portsmouth harbor and Norfolk, the officers being at the academy and the sailors at the island. The prisoners are to be returned to Spain at the expense of the Spanish government. That was the condition upon which our government agreed to release without parole or other restrictions.

Coruna, Spain, Sept. 2.—The Spanish transport Isle de Panay, from Santiago de Cuba, about August 16, has arrived here with a detachment of the surrendered Spanish troops on board. There were 17 deaths on board the steamer during the voyage.

Tampa, Sept. 1.—Col. Bellinger, quartermaster, received a cable late this evening from Miss Clara Barton from Habana, saying she would sail at once on the hospital ship Clinton for New Orleans. The Clinton is loaded with Red Cross supplies and will put in at Mullet Key for coal. Miss Barton asks that 75 tons be sent there for her.

New York, Sept. 2.—Col. Kimball, deputy quartermaster general, has received from Gen. Miles a dispatch dated Ponce, September 1, stating that 4,000 troops sailed to day from Porto Rico on the transports Manitoba, Mississippi, Concho, Almo, Chester and Odbam.

Atlanta, Sept 2.—Privates Charles Smith, troop C, Second cavalry; Fred McCarr, Company F, Thirty-second Michigan, and Jas Householder, Company G, Fifth Maryland, died yesterday of typhoid fever at Fort McPherson.

Madrid, September 1.—The United States transport St. Paul has arrived here from San Francisco and reports all well on board.

The light houses in the Southern Philippines have been re-established. It is reported that the religious orders are selling their property to a Hong Kong syndicate.

The stockholders of the Granby Mills of Columbia have decided to increase their capital stock from \$250,000 to \$800,000. It is the intention to have all the machinery in them running by January. The capacity of the mill is to be increased from 18,000 spindles to 57,000 spindles, and from 500 looms to 1,500 looms.

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Sad Scenes at Camp Wikoff.

Miss Marjorie Cox, one of the sweetest of the Red Cross nurses, who recently worked at the hospitals here, in a private letter to a friend in Charleston says the News and Courier, gives hurriedly, in pencil, a few details of the sufferings at Camp Wikoff. Montauk Point, the scene of her labors at this time. She writes:

"I did not have any rest; had to come direct here. We are the second lot of nurses to arrive, the others had been here about two hours.

"Our work in Charleston was play compared to what greeted us here. The men just came piling in on the transports and dying from sheer exhaustion. It is pitiful, after they have gone through so much, to die this way! They are mostly from Santiago.

"There were four of us on night duty the first night, and we had five wards of about forty men apiece for each one of us to look after.

"It was no use taking temperatures, we could not sponge, there was nothing to work with, all we could do was to make the men comfortable, give milk and stimulation. They were on blankets on the floors of the big tents, all close together.

"I shall never forget it as long as I live, those poor, patient heroes.

"There is no accommodation for nurses. We have to rough it, same as the men."

Situation at Manila.

London, August 31.—The Manila correspondent of the Times says: "Gen Merritt's last official act before leaving was to sign a permission for the insurgents to send an emissary to represent them at the proceedings of the Paris grand commission. Gen Aguinaldo has sent an agent to Hong Kong to inform Felipe Agoncillo, the insurgent leader, of his appointment for this duty. Gen. Whittier succeeds Gen. Green as intendant."

Over Eleven Million Bales

New Orleans, September 1.—The totals of Secretary Hester's annual report of the cotton crop in the United States were promulgated to day. They show receipts of cotton at all United States ports for the year of 8,769,360 bales against 8,829,100 last year; overland, 1,237,813 against 940,482; Southern consumption, taken direct from interior of the cotton belt, 1,192,821 against 988,382 making the cotton crop of the United States for 1897-98 amount to 11,199,994 bales against 8,757,964 last year and 9,901,251 in 1895.

Mr. Hester has made his usual investigation into the consumption of cotton by every mill in the South, including woolen mills that have used cotton, and the results show a total of 1,231,841, but of this 32,090 were taken from outputs included in port receipts. This total shows that the mills of the South have used 189,170 bales more than during 1896-97 and that the South has nearly reached the one million and a quarter mark against consumption by the North of 1,875,000.

He makes the actual cotton crop of North Carolina 583,000 bales; South Carolina, 1,003,000 bales; Georgia, 1,536,000; Alabama, 1,159,000 bales; Florida, 70,000; Mississippi, 1,627,000 bales; Louisiana, 740,000 bales; and Texas, 3,076,000 bales.

MORE YELLOW FEVER AT ORWOOD.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 2.—Ten new cases of yellow fever are reported from Orwood. These cases appeared since the report yesterday of the infection there, and are said to be of a mild type.

The official report of Inspectors Grant, Dunn and Harralson, of the Mississippi board, and Inspector Cill, of the Louisiana board of health, on the first Orwood case was received to day. It unhesitatingly pronounced the infection yellow fever.

Outraged by Ohio Soldiers.

Savannah, Ga., August 30.—A Brunswick, Ga., special to the Morning News says: Section Foreman Hartman, his wife and her sister, Miss Carrie Hedley, of Everett, were insulted by a party of soldiers near their home last night. They were watching the 1st Ohio regiment go through to Huntsville, when some of the privates made coarse remarks to them. They retreated to their home, and the soldiers followed. Two of the soldiers fired at Hartman Hartman and the women folks returned the fire, wounding two soldiers, one seriously.

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SALT.

We learn that C. Godfrey Grumpel, an English scientist, has spent 27 years in studying the effects of salt upon the body, and is about to publish a book which he thinks will be revolutionary. He attributes diphtheria, apoplexy and various other diseases to a deficiency of common salt in the system.

We are inclined to think that Professor Grumpel is on the right line and, if his book can be obtained on this side of the water, it should be widely read. We cannot expertly speak as the prevention of the diseases mentioned, but he may be right. We do know that, so far as our individual experience is concerned, salt is at once the cheapest and most benignant preservation of health. No headache or neuralgia or congestion can get lodgement of any duration when salt and water are procurable before breakfast. Other people may be differently constituted. An old friend of ours, 80 years of age, a marvel of brightness in brain and vigor of body, for his years, ascribed his good condition to the judicious use of salt. The Hindoos say that their freedom from throat disease comes from saline gargles daily. A Hindoo mother teaches her infant this habit and sees that it is practiced. We are anxious to see Professor Grumpel's book and compare our experience with his. Salt is one of the greatest blessings when used with freedom and discretion, and this was pointed out years ago by the late eminent Dr. L. A. Dugas—Augusta Chronicle.

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In a Humorous Vein.

We clip the following from "Bro. Erwin's Letter" which describes the First General Council of the Fire Baptized Holiness Association which met in Anderson, S. C. The clipping is from the Way of Faith, published in Columbia, S. C., and is as follows:

"The congregations were large and the order perfect. I have never seen it better. We had 'music and dancing,' shouts and screams of victory, hot thunderbolts and slant lightning, billows of white fire, and devil-shaking dynamite. We used Bro. Stevens' 'Blood and Fire Songs,' the first edition of which has just been issued. It is the song book of the Fire Baptized Holiness Movement." It needs enlarging and improving, and there ought to be a music edition. But this we hope to have by another year."

We confess to wonder and amazement at the language used and also at the character of the perfect order referred to. The convention must have been breathless. We have been trying to imagine the character of this wonderful order. We have combined in our imagination the elements of a national political convention at the moment of nomination, the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius in action, Pickett's charge at Gettysburg, a midnight ball room and a storm at sea, but we fear that the entire combination does not give us an adequate conception of this convention as graphically described in the above clipping. If Bro Stevens' "Fire and Blood Songs" have such an appalling effect without music, what will they do next year when the music is added?

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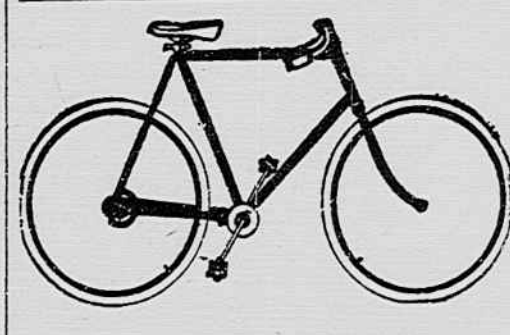
San Francisco, Sept. 2.—President Woodruff of the Mormon church died at the residence of Col. Isaac Tombo here this morning, aged 91 years.

A report was current in London yesterday that a treaty of alliance between Great Britain and Germany, on the lines of the lines of the speech of Mr. Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, had been actually completed. It is said that, as a quid pro quo for Germany's support in Egypt, Great Britain will recognize Germany's claim to utilize Syria as an outlet for her surplus population.

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