

Great Britain Preparing to Meet Russia.

GREAT FLEETS NOW ASSEMBLED IN CHINESE WATERS.

We Hai Wei, China, Nov. 2.—All British warships are here, consisting of the first class battleship Centurion, first class cruiser Narcissus, second class cruiser Hermione, torpedo boat destroyers Whiting, Fame and Handy. The first class gunboat Peacock cleared for action and ready for sea at 2 o'clock. The first class cruiser Undaunted arrived at Foo near here and are coaling to capacity. The greatest secrecy is maintained regarding the meaning of these warlike preparations, but there is no doubt that important instructions are expected momentarily. A large Russian fleet has assembled at Port Arthur.

London, Nov. 2.—The suspicion has arisen that the extraordinary preparations which have been made for war in the last few days, under cover of the Egyptian crisis, are in fact intended to put Great Britain in condition to meet Russia. Certainly no such preparations have been engaged in by Britain since the Crimean war.

Furthermore, they are not called forth by the Fashoda affair, for France practically accede to all the demands England made on that score. Captain Baratier is now returning from Egypt and Fashoda with orders that the French force withdraw westward to fortified posts within the confines of Bahr El Ghazal.

London, Nov. 2.—The Globe, commenting upon telegrams from Wei Hai Wei announcing the readiness of the British warships for action, and the assembling of a large fleet at Port Arthur, says: "Matters of the gravest importance have occurred, especially, when taken in conjunction with the extraordinary preparations for war which have been in progress on both sides of the English channel during the last ten days. In the absence of more definite information, it must be surmised that Russia is taking advantage of the present tension between England and France and pushed her far eastern policy to unbearable length by forcibly taking possession of the valuable treaty port of Newchwang."

London, Nov. 3.—An official note issued this evening says: "There is now good reason to hope that the political situation is ameliorating. It can be confidently stated that when the cause of the irritation which unfortunately recently existed in France and Great Britain on the upper Nile is removed, which is expected soon to be the case, the door will again open for a resumption of those friendly negotiations which happily characterized the moral state of the relations between the two countries."

New York, Nov. 3.—The London correspondent of the Evening Post cables that a general and satisfactory arrangement has been reached between Great Britain and France on the Fashoda question.

Wei-Hai Wei, Nov. 3.—All the British warships here are now fully coated. Their woodwork has been removed and they are completely prepared for emergencies.

The foreign press is again interesting itself with the pension system of this country. The vast amount paid out here in pensions to old soldiers seems almost incomprehensible to the European newspapers. Discussing the matter, the London News reduces the figures to English pounds and comparing it with the cost of maintenance of the war establishment of Europe shows that our pension system is a heavier burden than the great standing armies of the old world. The army of American pensioners cost last year 29,000,000 pounds, while the German army, the largest in Europe was run at a gross outlay of 27,000,000 pounds; the French army for 26,000,000, the British army for 18,000,000 pounds and the Austrian army for 15,000,000 pounds.

The First Regiment band has been engaged by Colonel Holloway to furnish music during fair week at the grounds.—Columbia Record.

Remarkable Rescue. Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at J. F. W. DeLorme's Drug Store. Large bottles 50c and \$1.

Martial Law in Augusta.

Protecting the Negro Rapist From the Mob.

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 2.—About 6 o'clock this morning a negro named Will Robinson attempted to rape Miss Minnie Walker, but was foiled in his purpose. Later he was arrested and confined in the jail. The occurrence excited great feeling in that section of the city in which the young lady lives.

During the night about 500 armed men, including a number of soldiers in camp here, formed in the jail park several blocks from the jail. About 1 o'clock they formed in a column of four and marched to the jail, in which 20 policemen had been stationed and demanded the surrender of the negro.

Upon being told by Jailer Collins that the jail would be defended one of the attacking party shot at the policeman holding the lantern. A general fusillade then followed. William Moore, a volunteer soldier on furlough was shot through the head and will die. When he fell the attack was abandoned. None of the policemen were injured.

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 3.—The Augusta jail to-night is under guard to prevent a repetition of last night's attack by lynchers who wanted to wreak vengeance on Will Robinson for attempt to outrage Miss Walker.

Will Moore, private in Co. C, Second Georgia volunteers, which is here on furlough awaiting muster out, is not as badly wounded as first thought. It is believed now that he has a fair chance for recovery. Soldiers, however, express indignation at his injury, and to prevent any movement on their part, Col. Brown of the Second Georgia, wired Capts. Reel and Fry to call in all arms and ammunition, which was done, and guard was placed over it to see that the men would not get the same again in their possession. Several of the soldiers of the Second army corps, who have just arrived from Camp Meade, were in the mob last night.

Gov. Candler during the day wired from Atlanta ordering the following troops of the State militia to report to Sheriff O'Connor for duty: Richmond Hussars (cavalry), Oglethorpe infantry, German Guards and Irish volunteers.

Cavalry and infantry have been patrolling streets within several blocks of the jail in all directions since night-fall, and up to midnight the mob had not made its appearance. Two men are not allowed to walk together within the district under martial law. The grand jury meets in the morning, and Robinson will be promptly indicted and tried on Monday. The penalty for assault in Georgia is death, but where the crime has only been attempted and not accomplished, it is a penitentiary offence. There are some who believe that the facts when revealed fully to the grand jury by police authorities, will subject the prisoner to the death penalty. The man's attempt at assault, even if his crime is no greater, is so peculiarly revolting in its details that they cannot even be intimated without exciting the utmost indignation and horror.

More Force For Dewey.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Admiral Bance telegraphed the navy department today that the cruiser Buffalo, Commander Hemphill, had sailed at noon for the Philippines via Suez. The gunboat Helena sailed yesterday for the same destination. With these accessions coming immediately upon the heels of Capt. Barker's squadron of battleships and colliers, Admiral Dewey will have a formidable fleet, probably second in offensive power to only one European nation, namely, England, in eastern waters.

It is not believed, however, that he will have need of all this force, and he doubtless will be able to spare some of the vessels which may be in need of repair to return to Mare island.

GEORGIA'S BOUNDARY LINES.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov 3.—State's Attorney Wimbish has filed his report with Governor Candler on the claim set forth by Georgia that 1,500 square miles of territory lying in Tennessee and South Carolina belong to the first named State. Mr. Wimbish goes into the case as far back as 1832 and says the question is still an open one and is a matter for the courts to decide.

There is still some doubt as to whether Chattanooga is in Georgia or Tennessee. Referring to this matter the State's attorney said: Chattanooga is within the ancient boundary of Georgia. If the question is reopened and that boundary is established, Chattanooga will of course, be in this State."

Chicago is the last place one would look to for sentiment, yet it has remained for a Chicago commandery of Knights Templar to secure what is designated as "holy dust" for use in the burial services of deceased brothers. One hundred pounds of dirt has been brought from the Garden of Gethsemane for the purpose.

NEGOTIATIONS NOT INTERRUPTED.

But Spanish Reject American Proposition to Take Philippines.

Paris, Nov. 4.—The Spanish commissioners, in the course of two hours' session of the peace conference to-day, flatly refused to accept the proposition made last Monday by the Americans to take the entire Philippine group and to reimburse Spain for her "pacific" expenditures there.

This negative decision was expected. The Spanish commissioners had also a number of positive declarations which filled some 37 sheets of a typewritten presentment. In this statement the Spaniards held that the United States had not ultimate rights in the Philippine islands and could have none save by the consent of Spain in these negotiations and upon terms satisfactory to her. According to the Spanish contention of the formal statement, the United States entertained no thought of annexing the Philippines when the protocol was signed, or it would have been expressed in the protocol as clearly as the conditions regarding the cession of territory in the Antilles and the Orient. M. Cambon, before the signature of the protocol, received from Madrid—the presentment alleged—a cable message clearly setting forth the maintenance of Spain's authority over the Philippine islands should not be affected by the protocol, to which reservation the United States made at that time no protest or objection.

This dispatch to M. Cambon, as the Spaniards claimed to-day, embodied also the view that the United States had no valid basis for claim in the archipelago.

It was further held to-day by Senor Rios and his colleagues that the capitulation of Manila, having occurred after the signing of the protocol and thus after the suspension of hostilities was invalid. With all this for a groundwork, the Spaniards made their first positive move against the Americans, and it constituted their counter proposition. They charged upon the United States a wrongful appropriation of public monies belonging to Spain by seizing the tariff duties at Manila, and they formally demanded the return of these monies, in the sum of nearly a million dollars.

On the same premises the United States was to-day declared to have made and held as prisoners the Spanish troops at Manila on the violation of international law, because done after the suspension of hostilities under the protocol. A further charge was that by the imprisonment of the Spanish troops at Manila, the United States had prevented Spain from quelling the insurrection and had thus contributed to the violence against Spain after the cessation of hostilities.

To day's Spanish presentment also cited the refusal of the Americans to consider the Cuban debt, on the ground that it was not sanctioned in the protocol, and demanded an adherence to this as a precedent in the discussion of the Philippines, regarding a cession of which the Spanish commissioners held the protocol to make no mention.

The presentment was read by Interpreter Ferguson, being rendered from the Spanish, in which it was written into the English.

At the close of the reading the Americans said they wished to have the Spanish statement rendered into written English for careful consideration and an adjournment was taken to Tuesday.

Hunger Forces an Appeal to Humanity.

Terrible Condition of Soldiers of the Cuban Army.

Washington, Nov 4.—the following letter from Lieut. Col. Carbone of the Cuban army now at Habana, had been received by Secretary Quesada of the Cuban delegation and he has placed it before Secretary Alger with an urgent request that steps be taken to relieve the extreme distress it sets forth.

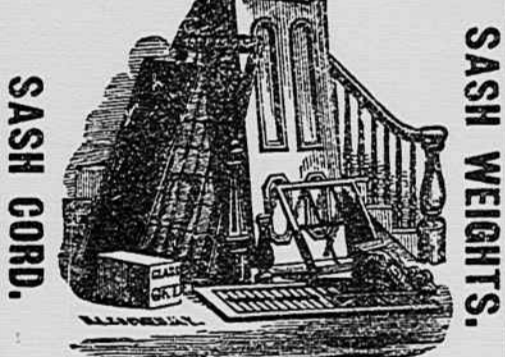
Lieut. Col. Carbone is the inventor of the explosive known as carbonite, and is regarded as the representative at Habana of the Cuban leaders and forces in the field.

He writes as follows, the letter bearing date of Habana, Oct. 29: "I am just back from the camp of Gen. Menocal, chief of our army in this province, and let me tell you in some faint way the true state of our poor and suffering army and the consequences that may come to the country if we do not find in a short time a remedy which will save us. The Cuban army is dying with hunger. Such terrible words in no way exaggerate the actual conditions. Gen. Menocal took me to see his weak tottering and equal soldiers—made so on account of the want of

food and the actual necessities of life—and to think that these men were in such a state by reason of obeying their chiefs, who desire first of all to respect the orders of the American government. The Cuban leaders in camp told me to tell you that they will maintain resignation and patience, and above all faith in the American government and the worthy president, Mr. McKinley, but at the same time let it be understood that we are hungry, that we have in the towns and fields of Cuba all that is needed in the way of food, but that we are forbidden to touch it by reason of the peace order. They do not get from Habana one fourth of what they need and our soldiers are dying at the gates of the city for lack of food. What shall we do? The time will come when we cannot bear it any longer, and then what will be the result? I returned disconsolate to Habana, and tried to get succor, but the people are already so poor that I obtained nothing. We went to the American commission, which received us very well and offered us much, but up to the present time they have given us nothing. If by misfortune we are driven by the necessities of our army to get by force what we need so as not to die of hunger will the people of the nations of the world, which do not know what is happening, judge us unworthy of the sympathy of the American people? We are happy to hear your assurances as to our republic. We have never doubted the good faith and generosity of the United States. To it we owe the complete liberty which we have been unable in many years to establish by ourselves." Secretary Alger said that he would telegraph the commission at Habana such instructions as were appropriate to the case.

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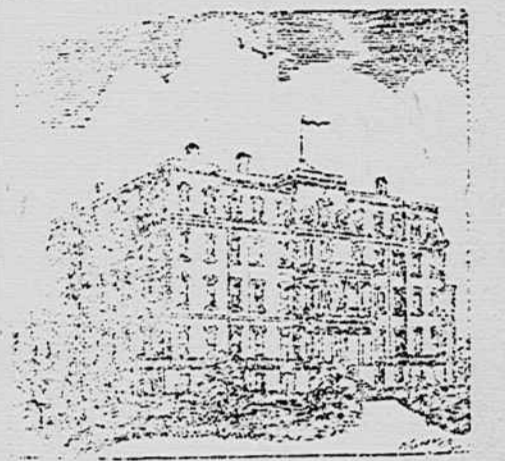
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