

PARIS PEACE COMMISSION

THE IMPORTANT QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER CUBA.

American Commissioners Officially, and it seems definitely, reject the idea of accepting such sovereignty...

London, Oct. 18.—The Paris correspondent of the Times says: "At the sitting of the peace commission this (Monday) afternoon the American commissioners officially—and it seems definitely—rejected the idea of accepting sovereignty over Cuba for the United States."

"Notwithstanding the objections, the American commissioners persisted in their refusal and officially declared that the United States cannot be considered invested with sovereignty and that they (the commissioners) could not deviate from this declaration."

"The impression given me is this: The United States have declared that they made a war, not of conquest, but of liberation and order, because they could not allow the prologation at their very doors of a state of things which was, in their eyes, a blow to the cause of humanity and civilization."

"The United States quite comprehend that their firm refusal to accept sovereignty does not exclude obligation, on the footing of justice and equity, to make Spain real concessions as to financial burdens, which would be crushing if she were saddled with the whole Cuban debt."

"The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail says: 'I hear that the peace problem will soon be settled, America assuming the Cuban 6 per cent. loan of 1888, which was floated entirely for Cuban purposes, and rejecting the 5 per cent. loan of 1890.'"

A CRISIS REACHED.

The Dispatch to a London News Agency Regarding Peace Negotiations.

London, Oct. 18.—A dispatch to a London news agency from Paris says: "To-day, (Monday), the conference reached a crisis for the first time."

"The Spaniards replied that this placed Spain in a position of repudiating or reducing the face value of the Cuban bonds from 50 to 60 per cent., having only half the stipulated interest on the reduced value."

"Judge Day responded that the surrender of the Philippines would probably be demanded irrespective of the Cuban or any other debt."

"This to the Spaniards the first intention of the intentions of the United States as to the Philippines—resulted in a whispered conference, followed by a request for an adjournment in order to communicate with Madrid."

GREAT BRITAIN AND CHINA

REPORTS FROM JAPANESE SOURCES REGARDING THE EMPEROR.

Sir Claude McDonald, the British Minister at Peking, it is said, has informed the Chinese Government that the Emperor must be restored to the throne...

London, Oct. 18.—A dispatch to a London news agency from Shanghai says: "Reports from Japanese sources are in circulation here to the effect that Sir Claude McDonald, British minister at Peking, has informed the Chinese government that sovereignty appertains solely to the emperor, who has been formally abdicated and deposed, and that he must be restored to his position, while Kang-Yu-Wei and the other reformers must be pardoned."

SURGEON SEAMAN'S TESTIMONY.

Answered by a Statement from the Subsistence Department.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The subsistence department of the army has made a statement regarding some features of the testimony of Major Seaman, surgeon, before the war investigating commission. Major Seaman said he could not get supplies for the sick from the commissary, yet when he left Ponce the chief commissary there had at his disposal \$244,000 subject to requisition of surgeons for such supplies as Seaman said he wanted.

SEVERE STORM IN KANSAS.

Rain Turns into Snow and Great Damage Results.

Kansas City, Oct. 17.—The earliest winter storm in the southwest in twenty-five years and the worst early storm on record has to-day almost completely shut Kansas City off from wire communication with the south, the west and the north. An opening to the east has alone kept the city from being totally isolated. It has been raining for the past twenty-four hours. Shortly after midnight last night the rain turned to snow and the thermometer dropped. Hundreds of telegraph and telephone poles have either been blown down or broken by the weight of the snow-covered roofs. At Fairmount and Leavenworth, where portions of the Third and Fifth Missouri and the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Kansas regiments, respectively, are encamped, many tents were blown down and the soldiers suffered acutely. The storm came up with great suddenness. Street car traffic, more or less hampered, has not been badly interrupted.

Lawrence, Kan., Oct. 17.—From daybreak to 3 this afternoon communication with the outside world was impossible as a result of the storm. Trees were stripped and telephone and telegraph wires broken. West of here the wires and poles are down for a great distance.

Pittsburg, Kan., Oct. 17.—A cold rain in this section was followed last night by a snowstorm which covered the ground to the depth of nearly an inch by daylight. In continued snowing until about 4 o'clock when a cold rain began falling.

In Iowa.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 17.—Rain has been falling in Iowa almost continuously since Tuesday morning. Over two inches of rain have fallen according to the official observations. A blizzard is reported from Atlantic and snow from various places. The temperature is down to 35 and the wind blowing from the north. Nearly all wires in western Iowa are down.

In Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 17.—Snow has fallen steadily through Nebraska during the day and to-night with an increasing gale blowing and lower temperature. It has all the marks of a January day. Farmers and stockmen were unprepared for it and unhoused cattle will suffer.

In Missouri.

St. Louis, Oct. 17.—The first blizzard of the season reached St. Louis to-day. A heavy wind blew all day at the velocity of nearly thirty miles an hour and a drizzling rain fell. The rain began last night, changing to sleet in the early morning and then settling down to a continuous cold drizzle. Not much damage has been caused in the city outside of the prostration of telegraph and telephone wires.

Town in Danger.

Portland, Me., Oct. 17.—The Hotel Elmwood at Redfield has been destroyed by fire and it is spreading rapidly. The town is without means of fighting the fire. The postoffice, several stores and two churches are in the immediate vicinity of the fire and will probably be destroyed.

\$10,000 Fire in Waterbury.

Waterbury, Oct. 18.—The large plumbing house of Barlow Bros. & Co., on Grand street, was partly destroyed by fire between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. Mayor T. D. Barlow is president of the company.

THE EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

No Change in Constitution Hearing on Re-marriage of Divorced Persons.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Important action was taken by the respective bodies of the Episcopal council here to-day on two subjects which have caused much discussion during the deliberations of those bodies. The house of bishops in secret session by a vote of 31 to 24 rejected propositions bearing on the subject of the re-marriage of divorced persons designed to take the place of those now in existence. The present canons on that subject, therefore, still remain.

Rev. Dr. Huntington of New York offered in the house of deputies a preamble to the constitution affirming the church's faith in the Holy Scriptures as containing all things necessary to salvation. The principle of this proposed amendment met the views of many of the delegates but at the same time was objected to by others. After a number of changes in the phrasing it was finally adopted as follows: "This church solemnly affirms that it believes the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation and adheres to the faith of the Holy Catholic church as set forth in the Apostles' creed and the Nicene creed."

Russia Concentrates 40,000 Men.

London, Oct. 18.—The Odessa correspondent of the Standard says that Russia has hastily concentrated 40,000 men at Port Arthur to be in readiness for an emergency at Peking.

TERRIBLE WRECK NEAR LONDON.

Passenger Train Crashes into a Freight - 9 Killed, 13 Injured.

London, Oct. 17.—A terrible accident occurred this evening on the Great Central railroad, near Barnet, about eleven miles north of London. An express train going at the rate of a mile a minute came into collision with a freight train that was switching. The express piled up a complete wreck. Nine dead and thirteen seriously injured have been recovered from the wreckage and there are others under the debris.

TROUBLE IN IRELAND.

Serious Collisions between the People and the Police.

Dublin, Oct. 17.—There was great excitement all night long yesterday at Ballinrobe, County Mayo, due to serious collisions between the people there and the police owing to the United Irish league meeting announced for yesterday evening being proclaimed. About twenty thousand persons armed and Michael Davitt and William O'Brien, who were to be the speakers, were met outside the town by a detachment of two hundred police and were prevented from entering the place. The police were forced to charge the crowd frequently during the night, and many persons were injured.

NEW YORK-BOSTON ROAD RECORD.

Lowered by Curtis of Meriden and Casey of Worcester.

Boston, Oct. 17.—If their records are allowed by the Century Road club, A. M. Curtis of the Meriden, Conn., Wheel club, and James J. Casey of the Vernon Cycle club, Worcester, who left New York city this morning to wheel to Boston, can respectively lay claim to the amateur and professional records for in front of the Boston city hall at 7:02 that distance. Curtis left the New York city hall at 12:30 a. m., arriving p. m., his elapsed time being 18 hours 32 minutes, the former record being 23 hours 23 minutes, while Casey, who left New York at 12 o'clock, reached Boston at 7:50, his elapsed time being 19 hours 50 minutes, having been overtaken and passed by Curtis just west of Bridgeport. Casey met with hard luck and had several spills on the road, while for several miles he was unpaired. He was pretty well used up at the finish. He was paced from Worcester by Messrs. Hines and Finerman, the Vernon Cycle club tandem team, making the forty-five miles in three hours and fifty minutes. Curtis, who was paced by M. S. Allen and Mrs. A. M. C. Allen on a tandem, completed the distance in two hours and forty-five minutes and after he had been rubbed down did not have the appearance of having ridden over twenty miles.

O'Brien and Gorman Wouldn't Fight.

New York, Oct. 17.—The twenty-five round bout which was to have taken place between Dick O'Brien of Lewiston, Me., and Johnny Gorman of New York at the Greater New York Athletic club to-night did not come off. The principals refused to go on because there was not money enough in the house. Walter Burge of Boston and Billy Needham of St. Paul were substituted. They met at catch weights. Burge would have been disqualified for hitting below the belt in the eighteenth round, but one of his opponent's seconds entered the ring and the referee was forced to disqualify Needham.

Smuggled Liquor Seized.

Halfax, N. S., Oct. 17.—A big seizure of liquor was made at North Sydney to-day. The schooner Petta Jennie was forced into that port last night for shelter from the storm. She was boarded by a customs officer who found \$5,000 worth of smuggled liquor in the hold. The man in charge of the cargo was placed under arrest.

THE LOSS OF THE MOHEGAN

CORONER'S INQUEST OPENS IN A CHURCH AT FALMOUTH.

London Manager of Atlantic Transport Company Testifies That Ship was in Finest Condition and Describes Her Officers in Highest Terms—A Passenger Says the Boats Were Not Properly Swung and Charges Unfairness at the Hearing.

Falmouth, Oct. 17.—The coroner's inquest into the sinking of the steamship Mohegan opened this afternoon. It was held in the Church of St. Keverne, because it was necessary formally to identify the dead there. The survivors, many of them wounded and carrying their arms in slings, were obliged to ride twenty miles over the roughest roads from Falmouth. The coroner expressed his sympathy with the relatives, "many of them from a distant but kindred country." The roll of the dead was then called. One woman's body was claimed by two families, other bodies had no identification. A. S. Williams, the company's London manager, testified describing the ship as in the finest condition. He said they had had trouble with her boilers on her first voyage and had withdrawn her for one trip devoting several weeks to repairing her machinery, which was perfectly adjusted. He described the officers of the Mohegan in the highest terms laying stress upon the abstemiousness of Captain Griffiths.

A juror asked if Captain Griffiths was in good health, Captain Williams: "I saw him just before the Mohegan started and he seemed perfectly well." Richard Kelly, passenger, said: "There was not an officer on the deck when the crew were trying to get out the boats. The only officers I saw were Captain Griffiths and another on the port side."

Mr. Williams: "I can prove that all the officers were on deck and trying to get out the boats." Mr. Kelly insisted that the boats were improperly arranged, being surrounded by railings in front of the stern so that they were with difficulty launched. Mr. Williams contended that the launching of four boats in twenty minutes was good work. The coroner adjourned the inquest for a week to secure the attendance of a nautical expert. After the adjournment Mr. Kelly complained that only members of the crew had been summoned to testify. The coroner replied that he would be very glad to hear the experiences of the passengers. In response, Mr. Kelly and others protested inability to remain for an adjourned hearing a week later, offered to testify immediately. The coroner declared that this was out of the question. The total number of bodies recovered up to midnight is forty-six.

NEW CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION.

Ballington Booth Announces He Has Almost Perfected the Plans.

Cleveland, Oct. 17.—Commander Ballington Booth of the Volunteers of America announces that he has almost perfected plans for a new organization of Christian Workers, which will be distinct from, but to a certain extent affiliated with the movement inaugurated by the volunteers. It will be known as the Federation of Christian Workers and will have branches all over the country. Its object is to organize church workers and develop their special talents. The federation will aim to extend religious teaching among the thousands of working people who are not interested in church work. Commander Booth will be the president of the federation and there will be about twenty-five vice presidents, who will be selected from among the different bishops of the various religious denominations.

DIRECTORS' MEETING POSTPONED.

That of Stockholders of W. A. R. R. Co. Changed to July.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Winchester avenue railroad was held yesterday afternoon in the office of the company in West Haven. The old board of directors was re-elected and it was decided to hold annual meetings hereafter in July instead of in October as heretofore. The reason for this change is that there will thereby be only one closing of books during the year necessary. The report to the railroad commissioners must now be made in July of business of the year ending June 30, and to make this up a closing of the books is necessary as well as a closing of books for the stockholders' meeting if it is held later, for instance, in October, as has previously been the custom. The change of time of holding stockholders' meetings is therefore merely for convenience. A meeting of the board of directors of the road was to have been held last night, but as President Turner of Boston was unable to present then, the meeting was postponed until the latter part of this week. It will be held on some day this week when Mr. Turner can be present. A prominent official of the company said last night that no mention was made at the stockholders' meeting of the change in management of the road about to take place. This matter will come up for consideration at the directors' meeting. The official above referred to thought it practically settled that Mr. Pond, now superintendent of the road, was to take Mr. Kelsey's place as general manager of the road upon Mr. Kelsey's retirement, which is to take place soon.

Four Men Killed.

Reading, Pa., Oct. 17.—Four men were killed by the explosion of a Wilmington and Northern freight engine at Jeanna station to-day.

TRICKS IN IMMIGRATION.

Diversion of Immigration from the States to Canadian Ports.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Commissioner Powderly of the immigration bureau has received a voluminous report from Robert Watchorn, an immigration inspector at New York, who some months ago was instructed by Mr. Powderly to go to Europe and investigate the causes which have resulted in diverting the flow of immigration from the United States to Canadian ports and also the facts as to the practice of charitable institutions in assisting paupers and criminals and other undesirable classes to emigrate to the United States. Mr. Watchorn finds that the strict enforcement of our immigration laws, particularly at New York, has resulted in compelling unscrupulous emigration agents abroad to seek to evade them by sending the most undesirable classes to Canada, at the same time assuring them that they would find little or no difficulty in passing the border into the United States. In very many instances, Mr. Watchorn thinks, this scheme has been successfully carried out. He finds upon investigation that much more stringent immigration laws than formerly are being enacted by all the immediate countries, including Australia, so that practically this is the only country left open. Nearly all of the old countries of Europe are also more strictly enforcing their immigration laws and at the same time they offer little objection to the departure of the indigent and criminal classes. Mr. Watchorn finds that a very large number of emigrants receive help from many charitable societies and institutions in nearly all of the European capitals.

MEMORIAL TO HARVARD SOLDIERS

Those That Died in the Late War to be Honored.

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 17.—A mass meeting of members of Harvard university will be held in Sanders' theater on the 21st inst. to take measures for the erection of a memorial to the Harvard men who died in the war with Spain. M. Donald, president of the senior class, will preside, and addresses will be made by President Elliot, Major H. L. Higginson and others. Three forms for the memorial have been proposed. One is that it take the shape of a gateway on which the names of those who died in the war might be inscribed. Another proposition is to erect tablets in Memorial hall, similar to those in memory of the students who died in the civil war. A third proposition is to put the tablets in Sanders' theater, which, though part of the Memorial hall building, was not built with money subscribed for the civil war memorial.

A SAVING OF \$10,000

In the Year's Appropriation for Charities and Correction Department.

It is expected that this year there will be a saving of nearly \$10,000 of the appropriation for the department of charities and correction. The appropriation for thirteen months was \$91,488.41. Of this, \$67,806.80 has been expended in thirteen months, leaving an unexpended balance of \$23,681.61 for the three remaining months. The saving will revert to the city treasury. In connection with this department, it is interesting to note the great reduction in recent years in the amount spent for out-door poor. In 1894 it was about \$22,700, in 1895, \$17,700, in 1896 \$14,500, in 1897 \$12,500, and for this year the appropriation was \$10,000, of which it is thought no more than \$9,000 will be expended.

ATE SAUSAGES AND DIED.

Fate of Miss Ellen McHugh, Aged 25 Years—Her Sister Very Low.

Woburn, Mass., Oct. 17.—Medical Examiner Blake to-day announced that the death of Miss Ellen McHugh at her home here yesterday was caused by poison probably from bologna sausages. Miss McHugh and her sister Kate ate sausages last Tuesday. Both were seized with a violent illness the following day, Ellen McHugh lingering until yesterday. Her sister is very low and it is thought she will not recover. Kate was to have been married last Wednesday, but she was too ill to take part in the ceremony. Ellen McHugh was twenty-five years old.

FARMER'S WIFE COMMITTS SUICIDE.

Readsboro, Vt., Oct. 17.—Mrs. George Dix, wife of a well-to-do farmer of Whitingham, committed suicide by shooting this morning. She first slung a double-barrelled shotgun across a bed and discharge it by pulling the trigger with a cord, after which she sat down beside the bed and pulling the cord again, blew her brains out. Mrs. Dix had been very despondent because of her husband's illness.

A HUNTER SHOTS HIMSELF.

Willimantic, Conn., Oct. 17.—Edwin E. Burnham, a well known local hunter and fisherman, was severely wounded while hunting in the woods of Mansfield to-day by the accidental discharge of his gun. The contents of the gun lodged in his left shoulder and though it was only a flesh wound Mr. Burnham is in a critical condition from the great loss of blood.

THE VERMONT LEGISLATURE.

Montpelier, Vt., Oct. 17.—Representative Smith of Chittenden introduced to-day a bill in the Vermont legislature forbidding the use of the American flag for advertising purposes in this state. There will be a joint session of the house and senate on Wednesday noon for the election of a United States senator.

Decision in McCord Case.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The decision of the arbitrator in the McCord case has been rendered, but its purport is not yet known to the state department. The arbitrator was Sir Henry Strong, chief justice of Canada. He telegraphed the state department that he had rendered his decision Saturday and would supply detailed information by mail. McCord was an American civil engineer living in Peru whose person and property were seized during a revolutionary movement in that country. Various secretaries of state have made efforts to secure compensation for McCord, but it remained for Secretary Olney to secure an agreement on the part of Peru to submit the case for arbitration. McCord's claim originally was for \$200,000. Secretary Olney offered to accept \$50,000 as a settlement in full, but since that offer was made other expenses have accrued, so it may be that the final award will be for a larger amount.

A PROMINENT MAN MISSING

ATTORNEY HUBERT WILLIAMS, THE POSTMASTER AT LAKEVILLE.

Disappeared Over a Week Ago But the Matter Has Been Kept Quiet—Police of Several Cities Notified—His Accounts All Right—Is a Member of Committee Which is Investigating State Expenditures.

Winsted, Oct. 17.—This entire section is greatly exercised to-night over the announced disappearance of Hubert Williams, attorney, legislator and postmaster at Lakeville. He has been missing for over a week but the matter has heretofore been kept quiet. The police in Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford and New York have been communicated with, but as their efforts thus far have proved futile his friends deemed it advisable to make the fact of his disappearance as public as possible. An examination of his books showed there was nothing wrong in his financial accounts, and there was nothing in his domestic relations which would call for his unexpected disappearance, and the only reason attributable to an unbalanced mind. Mr. Williams is a member of the commission appointed by the last legislature to investigate the matter of state expenditures, and this onerous duty in connection with his legal duties and also recently assuming the responsibility of postmaster is believed to have proven too great a strain and unbalanced his mind. Mr. Williams disappeared once before and was found in California, but he had no recollection of any event connected with his travels across the country. According to the statement of Senator Donald Warner, a particular personal friend, as well as a member of the bar, who has come into intimate relations with him, Mr. Williams was last seen to leave a southbound train in this city on the 8th inst. Senator Warner states that the chief clerk at the postoffice reports that all the accounts of the postoffice are in proper shape, but Mr. Williams evidenced the strain that his multitudinous duties exacted and had been ill for several days before his disappearance. Senator Herman was also greatly shocked when he learned of the matter to-night and could only explain by the fact that Mr. Williams was mentally unbalanced. Mr. Williams was one of the most prominent men in the last legislature and represented his town of Salisbury for the second term, his first election taking place in '96 and he proved such a valuable man that the question of a successor was not entertained for a moment. Apart from his townspeople the fact of his disappearance will occasion considerable surprise to the frequenters of the capitol, as Mr. Williams was one of the best known members of the lower house on account of his personal appearance, his recognized oratorical ability and his enthusiastic advocacy of several measures that passed the house. He is about forty-five years of age.

WILL OF LATE SHERMAN HOAR.

Filed in the Middlesex Probate Court at East Cambridge.

Boston, Oct. 17.—The will of the late Sherman Hoar of Concord was filed to-day in the Middlesex probate court at East Cambridge. Samuel Hoar and Stedman Buttrick, both of Concord, were named as executors and trustees of the will. Among his bequests are his father's manuscript of his father's speeches delivered at Concord and Cambridge, and \$500 to Phillips-Exeter academy of Exeter, N. H. After the payment of his debts and expenses, the testator directed that the sum of \$10,000 be paid to his wife. The sum of \$1,000 is left to his son, Roger Sherman Hoar, and a like sum his daughter, Ellen. The sum of \$1,000 is also left to his son, Stedman. The number of articles of historical value are left to members of the family.

THE INDIAN OUTBREAK.

A Speedy End of Hostile Demonstrations Seems Apparent.

St. Paul, Oct. 17.—A Walker, Minn., special to the Dispatch says: The surrender to-morrow of the Pillager Indians wanted by Marshal O'Connor, and a speedy end of hostile demonstrations, seems apparent here. Commissioner Jones and seven deputies left here to-day on the steamer Flora for Bear Island. It is expected that four of the Indians wanted by the marshal will return on the boat with Commissioner Jones, leaving only six not arrested. General Bacon believes peace is in sight and will return to St. Paul in a few days in case there is no hitch in the negotiations.

JESSE JAMES INDICTED.

Son of Noted Outlaw Following His Father's Ways.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 17.—The grand jury to-day returned indictments against Jesse James, son of the noted outlaw; William W. Lowe, the self-confessed train robber; Charles Polk, Andy Ryan and Caleb Stone for holding up and robbing a Missouri Pacific train at Belt Line Junction on the night of September 26. Lowe and Ryan are already in jail. Warrants for the arrest of the others were immediately issued.