

# ARRIVING MEN TO HARRISON CUBA.

## All Available Transports at Atlantic Ports Preparing Under Hurry Orders.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.**—There is every evidence in the War Department that strenuous efforts are being made to put enough American troops in Cuba to meet any call upon them through the speedy evacuation of the Spanish garrisons. All the transports available at Atlantic ports are being prepared under rush orders for sailing south.

The Spanish are carrying out their evacuation contract with unusual celerity, and there is some question whether American troops can be concentrated at certain points before the Spaniards leave. Meanwhile the Cubans are preparing for demonstrations during evacuation week, and it is thought very desirable to have an adequate force on hand to prevent any outbreak that would jeopardize the American enterprise at the outset.

There will be thirteen custom ports on the Cuban coast to be turned over to American control, and although some of these doubtless will be closed, these ports will require a large guard. Besides this the departments having some difficulty in finding competent men understanding Spanish to fill the customs offices.

### BROOKE STARTS ON HIS WAY TO CUBA.

He Leaves for Miami, Where He is to Take a Steamer for Havana.

Savannah, Dec. 23.—General John R. Brooke and the members of his staff left this afternoon for Miami, where they will take a steamer for Havana. General Brooke has been in Savannah several days, recovering from an illness which began soon after his return from Porto Rico.

The headquarters and one battalion of the First Texas Regiment and Colonel Wheatley's headquarters sailed for Cuba this afternoon on the transport Michigan. The other two battalions of the First Texas and the Second Louisiana Regiment will leave tomorrow on the Mobile.

Charleston, Dec. 23.—Dispatches to the Quartermaster's Department here today announced that General Bates, now at Marion, Ga., and General Sanger, now at Americus, Ga., have been ordered here to embark for Matanzas and Cienfuegos, respectively, on December 27. Each general will be accompanied by his headquarters and a regiment of volunteers.

### PROGRAMME FOR CHANGE OF FLAGS IN HAVANA.

With Booming of Spanish and American Cannon the Stars and Stripes Will Go Up.

Havana, Dec. 23.—At the joint meeting of the United States and Spanish Military Commissioners today the programme

### TROOPS ARMED TO CHECK FILIPINOS.

Aginaldo's Men Again Causing Trouble in Manila's Suburbs.

**MANILA, Dec. 23.**—The native troops encamped in the suburbs are again causing anxiety. The attitude of an insurgent detachment at the Pandacan Bridge, on Wednesday, was such that the California, Idaho and Washington regiments were concentrated in light marching order, at short notice, at Paco, but trouble was avoided.

### RELICS OF BAZAR FIRE SOLD AT AUCTION.

Unclaimed Personal Ornaments and Knickknacks of Paris Victims Brought 4,456 Francs.

**Paris, Dec. 23.**—All unclaimed articles found by the police after the great Charity Bazaar fire were sold at auction today. They consisted for the most part of pocket-books and dress ornaments. There were hundreds of rings, earrings, scarves, hats, purses, bracelets, lozenges, watches and parts of watches, handles of umbrellas and parasols, crosses and sacred ornaments.

The Abbe Odell bought the sacred ornaments, the intrinsic value of which was small, for forty-one francs. The remainder of the collection was bought mostly by antiquarians and dealers in curiosities.

The proceeds of the sale amounted to 4,456 francs. In the collection were gold and silver medals, valued at 173 francs, which brought 210 francs.

Two of the articles were identified at the last moment by relatives of the victims of the catastrophe and were returned to them. One of these was a ladies' watch, the Vicomtesse de Saint-Pierre, who so nobly remained near the Duchess d'Alencon and perished with her in the flames.

**Countess Von Thun Dying.**  
Vienna, Dec. 23.—The wife of the Austrian Premier, Count von Thun and Hohenstein, in Princess Anna Maria von Schwarzenburg, is dying.

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# ENGLAND TREATY STANDS.

## SALISBURY SAYS THE TREATY STANDS. A SHARP NICARAGUA BARGAIN. Friends of the Canal in the Senate Will Bitterly Oppose Any Reciprocity, Saying Treaty Is Dead So Far as Canal Goes.

By James Cresman. Special Cable to the Journal.

**LONDON, Dec. 23.**—The British Foreign Office officials denied today that any instructions have been sent to Ambassador Pauncefote regarding the proposed abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, or that such instructions are contemplated.

It is a fact, however, that the American charge d'affaires in London, Mr. Henry White, acting on instructions from Secretary Hay, has orally discussed abrogation of the treaty with Lord Salisbury with a view of learning the present British policy.

Foreign Office officials decline to make any statement regarding the attitude of the Government except that Lord Salisbury regards the treaty as in full force. It is not hard to see that Lord Salisbury will consent to American control of the Nicaragua canal provided that such control does not go beyond the limits of British control of the Suez Canal, but will not be insisted upon.

In other words, Great Britain will not yield to any proposition that the United States has the right to undertake exclusive control of the canal regardless of treaty. Her Majesty's Government will agree to surrender her rights if the consideration offered by Mr. McKinley is great enough. Although nothing has occurred beyond the oral presentation of the case by Mr. White, it is probable that when negotiations are decided upon they will be carried on at Washington.

### SENATOR MORGAN SAYS THE TREATY IS "DEAD."

**Washington, Dec. 23.**—There is as yet no definite understanding between England and the United States over the proposition to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. While it will not be officially admitted, it is nevertheless correct that preliminaries have been discussed.

There will be decided opposition in the Senate to any effort on the part of the President to secure England's consent to the abrogation of the treaty. It is maintained by staunch friends of the Nicaragua Canal that this consent is not necessary.

The proposition that England shall receive some valuable concessions for consenting to abrogate a treaty which many aver is not now valid, will meet short shrift should the Administration undertake to secure the ratification of such an agreement.

Under the guise of such a concession she would endeavor to secure privileges of far greater value than the shadowy claims she was relinquishing.

Senator John T. Morgan, of Alabama, leader of the movement to secure canal legislation during this session, thus tersely sums up the situation from the view point of the Senate Committee on Nicaragua Canal.

"The reports of the committee on the bill which it has brought forward here are based on the idea that the bill is not in the slightest degree in conflict with the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The treaty is a dead instrument so far as it may affect the Nicaragua Canal."

"During the last ten or twelve years Great Britain has not set up a right on the canal. She has not even been a party to it. This trouble is all inspired by a few Senators."

"Now that the canal is about to be built, they are egging on England to claim concessions. We shall guarantee the neutrality of the canal, and that is all. England desires reciprocity. She can get that with this country without connection with the canal."

"Certain Senators whose position is misunderstood are saying: 'Our whole souls are for the canal, but we don't want to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. We care for a reciprocity between this country and Canada. I am in favor of such an arrangement.'"

"This Congress will authorize the construction of the canal. In time of peace it will be free to all nations on earth, provided they pay the toll. In war our enemies cannot come through. This will be the exception to the neutrality over it, and our reciprocity will have no effect on this arrangement."

Senator Harris, of Kansas, said: "The Clayton-Bulwer treaty was a monument of stupidity on our part at the time it was formed. It would be well to abrogate it if possible. No construction, however, should be granted Great Britain for abrogating it. The canal should be neutral, and our reciprocity with England really join the United States in making it so."

### WILHELMINA WONT BE A FIGUREHEAD.

The Little Queen Shows Her Subjects That Her Hand Is at the Helm.

**Special Cable to the Journal.**  
**AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23.**—That Queen Wilhelmina is determined not to be a simple figurehead in the Government of the Netherlands has recently been evinced in numerous instances.

The officers of a prominent society of the Hague, having occasion to submit a new constitution for royal approval, were counseled by a lawyer to address themselves to the Secretary of the Ministry. As it is Her Majesty's custom to daily inspect the business before her Cabinet and to confer with her Ministers, she instructed the secretary to return the document to the society with the following notice for publication:

"It is the express wish of Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina that all business of importance and all requests for aid shall be sent direct to Her Majesty. Furthermore, the Queen announces herewith that she will not accept any petition which will receive her prompt consideration."

"All letters are to bear this simple address: 'To Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina.' The Secretary of the Cabinet has been instructed to return in future all letters and documents forwarded to the Queen personally and not addressed as directed."

### FAKE REPORTS ABOUT THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

Rear Admiral Walker Declares They Contain "Information" the Commission Can't Obtain.

**Washington, Dec. 23.**—Rear Admiral Walker said this evening that the printed statements concerning the preliminary report of the Nicaragua Canal Commission were full of inaccuracies. In these statements the estimated cost of the canal was given as \$135,000,000. He also purported to give many details of construction by the proposed route. Much of this alleged information, Rear Admiral Walker declares, is now in the grip in Baltimore, and no final step can be made toward its completion until he can be present to assist in the work.

### China's Chief Counsellors of State.

Members of the Tsung-Li-Yamen, or Committee on Foreign Affairs, coming out of their council room in Peking. Tchong-Yin-Hoan is at their head. The recent protest of American Minister Conger against French expansion at Shanghai will be considered by this body.

### STEAMER ANDES IS SAVED.

Cargo Lightered Off, She Is Towed Into Port Royal.

### MAY USE TREATY AS A RECIPROcity WEDGE.

**(By Associated Press.)**  
**Washington, Dec. 23.**—The State Department did not contemplate originally a formal opening of negotiations to secure the desired amendment of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty until Congress had made some progress in both toward the enactment of the Nicaragua Canal bill.

Now that the matter has been brought forth so prominently the negotiations may be opened at an earlier date than was originally contemplated.

There is still evidence to show that the British Government may seize upon the opportunity to ask for a quid pro quo. It is hard to perceive just how that shape this will take, but it is suggested with considerable plausibility that this may afford the key to the solution of the reciprocity problem which has so greatly embarrassed the Canadian High Commission.

In other words, in consideration of the relinquishment of her rights in the Nicaragua Canal England may ask for Canada a much more liberal reciprocity treaty than could be arranged under existing conditions.

### WHITE TO DISCUSS THE TREATY FURTHER.

**(By Associated Press.)**  
**London, Dec. 23.**—There seems to be little doubt that Great Britain will agree to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The terms of the abrogation and public opinion, which largely influences the Government's policy, points to such action, though no definite understanding with the United States has yet been reached.

Great Britain desires that the Nicaragua Canal be constructed and is willing that the United States should control it if the United States guarantees its neutrality and safeguards British interests.

The United States Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Henry White, spent part of the week with the Marquis of Salisbury at Hatfield House and he goes today with his family to spend Christmas week with the Duke of Devonshire at Chatsworth House, Derbyshire, the country seat of the Duke, who is Lord President of the Council. There Mr. White will meet another influential Minister, Lord George Hamilton, the Secretary of State for India. Anglo-American questions will naturally be discussed.

### SOLDIERS DRAW CROWD.

One Man Was in England's Uniform, the Other in Uncle Sam's.

The Anglo-American alliance attracted the attention of a crowd in Battery Park yesterday. It included James Ross, a six-foot member of Her Majesty's Seventh Royal Field Battery, and a United States artilleryman from Governor's Island. They walked up and down the Battery for some time, and the crowd of the bar for some time. Ross, who is on furlough and bound to Canada on a visit, wore a polo cap with a gold braid around the top which passed under his chin, a blue overcoat, blue trousers, with broad red stripes, and a dark blue blouse with red piping. The United States man had the usual army blue overcoat and slouch hat with blue trousers.

### FEARS WE HAVE NO FORGIVENESS.

Pessimistic Saturday Review Says Behind Alliance is a "Century of Hatred."

### NO JOINT ACTION WITH ENGLAND IN CHINA.

Uncle Sam is Protesting to Protect Rights of Americans—Our Attitude May Help Britain.

**Washington, Dec. 23.**—So far as can be learned here the conflicting claims between the French Government and the Chinese Government at Peking, China, are now in prospect, valuable mainly for financial uses, which have long been occupied or enjoyed by Americans. Minister Conger was instructed to protest to the Chinese Government against any blue blouse which would injure these citizens.

It is gathered from Shanghai dispatches that the British Government has taken a similar course, but there has been no joint action between the two governments.

It may be said that without entering into any formal contest with Great Britain this Government is deeply interested in maintaining the integrity of China, and as directed to Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina.

### GRAVE ANXIETY OVER SAGASTA'S CONDITION.

Six Physicians in Consultation Agree That He is Suffering from Bronchial Pneumonia.

**Madrid, Dec. 23.**—The condition of Senor Sagasta, the Premier, now causes grave anxiety. Six physicians were in consultation this afternoon regarding his case and announced that he is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, with high temperature, and an unfavorable absence of expectation. The newspapers express great sympathy.

There is no doubt that his illness is aggravated by the strain of recent events. The Premier, however, during the day, telephoned inquiries as to his condition, and this evening sent her own physician to attend him. The list of callers at the Premier's residence includes all the foreign diplomats and a host of other distinguished persons.

Senor Alejandro Grolizard, Minister of Justice, is acting Premier.

### Wide World Gleanings.

The city of Besancon, France, has decided to erect a monument to the memory of Victor Hugo. The Parisian sculptor Saint-Point has nearly completed a model of the monument.

The Petit Bleu, of Brussels, marks out that the Belgian cities and villages excel those of any other country in the number of chimneys. In Belgium there is a tavern for every thirteen inhabitants.

The Austrian authorities are alarmed over the increase of arsenic eating in the Austrian army. Some has gone pester mad. A number of scenes of nobility have recently hazarded their fortunes on a sword. The blade of this sword is the largest of the city and has invaded the private residences. The police are determined to stop the nuisance.

### British Regiment's Present to the Kaiser Franz Josef.

In commemoration of the Austrian Emperor's jubilee the colonel and officers of the First Dragoon Guards of Great Britain, of which regiment the Emperor is an honorary member, have presented him with a beautifully artistic workmanship and bears an appropriate inscription.

# "STOP OUTRAGES" SAYS THE POPE.

## His Holiness, at the Christmas Greetings, Urges Peace on the Powers of Europe.

**ROME, Dec. 23.**—The Pope today, at the reception of the Christmas greetings of the Cardinals and other prelates, appeared to be in excellent health. Replying to their congratulations, he referred to the "sinister events of 1898," and said it was high time the Governments of Europe united to stop "unheard-of outrages and savage exterminations."

But, the Pontiff added, this could not be expected "until the fear of God, the basis of all morality, is revived in the conscience of the people and becomes the guiding principle of the organization of States."

In regard to the present position of the Church in Italy the Pope pointed out that the symptoms were not reassuring for the New Year. He added that the conditions imposed upon the head of the Church in violation of his dignity and rights "were not enough, for now it was sought to cast odium upon the press, which openly espoused the defence of his interests and the interests of religion and morality."

Continuing, the Pontiff remarked: "Further rigors threaten the clergy, although they are the class furthest removed from seditious designs. The obedience of the clergy to the Apostolic See, whose rights they defended and whose intentions they seconded, is now being construed as a political offence."

"Nevertheless, imbued with the sense of their high mission and duty, the clergy will not yield, either to flatteries or menaces, and their firmness is finding response in numerous laymen deeply imbued with love for the Papacy. It is thus, by the cooperation of the clergy and the laity, that the salvation of coming generations is assured."

### BRITISH WAR SHIPS TO QUELL RIOTERS.

Two of the China Squadron Ordered to Hankow and a Gunboat Sent to Ichang.

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**London, Dec. 23.**—Two British war ships of the China squadron have been ordered to Hankow in consequence of advice that serious local uprisings of the natives have occurred, endangering the lives and property of foreign residents.

The Chinese authorities have been unable to quell the rioters. A British gunboat has been ordered to Ichang to assist there.

### AMBASSADOR CAMBON WILL GO TO BERLIN.

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### SULTAN'S AIDE SLAIN.

Ghani Bey Murdered in a Quarrel—Notorious Man Whom Foreign Ministers Sought to Punish.

**Constantinople, Dec. 23.**—Ghani Bey, the Sultan's aide-de-camp, was murdered yesterday by Hafuz Pasha in a quarrel which took place in a pastry cook's shop.

Ghani became notorious owing to his lawless proceedings in Epirus. He also inspired terror here by extorting money under threats of death. The officials of the foreign embassies have frequently demanded the punishment of Ghani Bey, but always unsuccessfully.

### PEACE TO VULCAN.

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VULCAN, the Armourer—Lor' bless you, Miss, never was busier. Got a nice little order from Russia only this morning.

### BEDOUIN DRESS FOR THE EMPRESS VICTORIA.

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This dress was promised to Her Majesty during the Imperial visit in Palestine last month, when the Empress expressed her admiration of the pretty costume. The Governor at once said that she would have a dress made for Her Majesty and have it forwarded to Berlin as a Christmas present.

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### FOUND A TREASURE IN A SECRET DRAWER.

Mme. Bermeau Bought an Antique Table and with It, Unknown to Her, Costly Jewels.

**Paris, Dec. 13.**—(Special Correspondence)—Mme. Bermeau, who conducts a fashionable dressmaking establishment in the Rue Notre-Dame de Lorette, having resolved to equip an Oriental parlor for her customers, went to the store of a well-known antiquarian for the furniture, and after paying the bill ordered them delivered at her apartments.

While the men were adjusting the furniture in the room an antique table was upset, which broke the bottom of a secret drawer. A number of diamonds, pearls and other jewels fell on the floor through the crack. When the drawer was taken out it was found to contain a treasure of great value.

Mme. Bermeau kept the jewels. As soon as the furniture dealer heard of the discovery he demanded the return of the jewels, claiming that he had only sold the table as an agent for a house in Constantinople, and that he feared the original owner would prosecute him for selling stolen property. The merchant refused to return the jewels to be summoned before the Commissary of Police, who decided that she was the custodian of the treasure until the owner would in person claim the property.

King the Christmas Chimes.  
No time talk much on the eve of Christmas. King's great clothing store, corner Broadway and Nassau, has opened up 200 Christmas gowns and great variety of silk. Men's all wool black flannel and vest suits at \$28.50, guaranteed worth \$30. A score of new styles, all sizes, box or plain style, at \$25.00; boys' cape overcoats at \$1.75, sizes 4 to 10. Scarves, neckties, handkerchiefs, etc. Men's worsted and cashmere suits, of the 33 quality, at \$12.25; 28 double-breasted suits, all sizes, at \$11.00; 25 double-breasted suits, all sizes, at \$7.50, worth \$18. King's, the well-known clothing store, corner Broadway and Park place.

# M'KINLEY VEToes SPANISH GRANTS.

Forbids Concessions Without Consent of Our Military Authorities.

TO CHECK CORRUPTION.

Minor Grants Under Control of Governors; Greater Ones Under Alger's Hands.

**Washington, Dec. 23.**—President McKinley has issued a proclamation prohibiting concessions in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines without the consent of the Secretary of War, or of the military governors. All applications for minor municipal franchises will be under the control of the military governors. All others must be referred to the Secretary of War and ultimately to the President himself.

The President knows that in the rush to the islands of people seeking valuable privileges there is opportunity for corruption which, if unchecked, would reflect upon his Administration. To prevent this his object.

A plan is under consideration to sell to the highest bidder such franchises and concessions as the President may deem desirable to let. In such cases a price will be named below which no bids will be received.

The President takes the ground that when the peace protocol was signed Spanish sovereignty in Cuba and Porto Rico ended, and franchises obtained since then from representatives of the Spanish Government will not be recognized by the United States.



Piping Times of Peace. (From Punch.)

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