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Proceeding to review the negotiations, President Steyn said the Transvaal had been deceived by the British diplomat agent at Pretoria, Mr. Conyngham Greene, and he practically conceded the Imperial Government of a breach of faith.

"There is nothing," declared the President, "that warrants war on an attack upon the Transvaal. Such differences as exist can be solved by arbitration. War would be an insult to religion and civilization."

PEACE TALK AND MORE WAR PREPARATIONS.

London, Sept. 21.—The speech of Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, the former Liberal leader, to his constituents at New Tredegar, last night, and the message of the Cape Town Afrikaner Members of Parliament to President Kruger have proved "red rags" to the "war-at-any-price" party.

The Cape papers declare the action of the Members of Parliament almost treason, and the same terms are applied to Sir William Vernon-Harcourt's remarks by the Transvaal press.

Those who claim the situation has not yet passed the Rubicon of pacific negotiations in President Kruger's answer to the Afrikaner ultimatum, should avoid hostilities. The report that he has personally petitioned Queen Victoria to avert hostilities certainly does not bear out the alarmist reports of the English correspondents in South Africa that President Kruger determined to go to war.

Nevertheless preparations for that eventuality are being made. The British and Transvaal Governments were in honor of a friendly settlement. Should this hope be disappointed, Sir Alfred said he looked to the Orange Free State to preserve the frontiers of the Transvaal by military intervention by any of its citizens.

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"I will submit Your Excellency's telegram to the Volksraad, and I wish to thank you and other friends once more from my heart, for the manner in which you have aided our efforts to reach a peaceful solution. Finally, I express the hope that your work and ours will not be fruitless."

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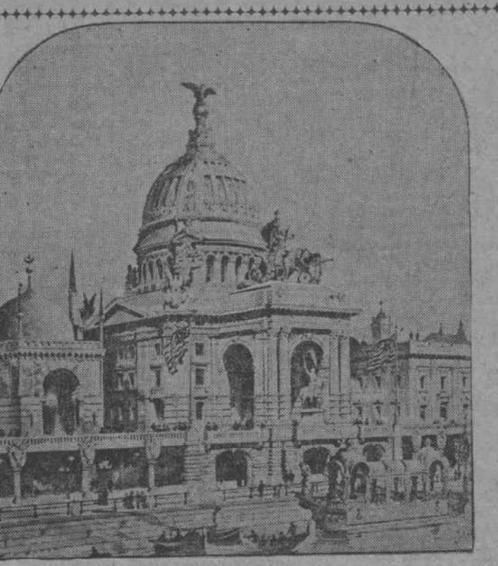
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The United States Pavilion at the Paris Fair. This building, which will be the centre of American interest at the Exposition in 1900, was designed by C. A. Coolidge and Morin Goustiaux, architects.

POLICE SEARCH GUERIN'S PART.

Algeria, Sept. 21.—M. Guerin, president of the anti-Semitic League, who surrendered to the police yesterday morning, was taken this morning to Fort Chabrol, the headquarters of the league. The premises were searched by the police. M. Guerin looking on. A few Guerinists gathered and cheered their leader.

Algeria, Sept. 21.—In consequence of the anti-Semitic disturbances here yesterday, the Governor established military patrols, practically amounting to the proclamation of martial law.

After dispersing the crowds that had gathered in the vicinity of the villa, just outside the town, in which Max Regis, formerly Mayor of Algiers and a notorious Jew-baiter, had barricaded himself with a party of adherents, the police remained around the villa through the early hours of the morning. Absolute silence prevailed, but in the obscurity could be seen the sentinels placed by Max Regis in the garden behind bushes, with guns on their shoulders.

Continuing, Mr. Harrison said he proposed to increase his popularity. Last night the theatre was crowded with Italians and a few Peruvian families, and the President's appearance in his box was the signal for enthusiastic applause. He thought that his conduct, coupled with the good sense of the people, will soon re-establish peace and order in Peru.

MONTOJO AND SOSTOA ARE TO BE ACQUITTED. Spain's Council of War Thinks They Couldn't Help Being Whipped by Dewey at Manila.

Madrid, Sept. 21.—The council of war which is trying Admiral Montojo and Captain Sostoa on charges connected with the destruction of the Spanish squadron at Manila by Admiral Dewey reassembled to-day.

THE BUOY MAY BE A SIGN ANDREE PASSED THE POLE. Stockholm Experts Diagnose the Meaning of the Trophy Found on King Charles Island.

Stockholm, Sept. 21.—Dr. Ekholm, Professor Nathorst and Captain Ekholm believe that the buoy marked "Andree Polar Expedition," found on September 9, on the north coast of King Charles Island by the master of the Norwegian cutter, Marthia Larsen, was intended to throw the North Pole was passed.

NEW BRITISH BATTLE SHIP. The Main Feature is the Armor Belt Advocated by Captain Evans.

Portsmouth, England, Sept. 21.—The British battle ship London was launched successfully here to-day, in the presence of large crowds of people. Her displacement is 15,000 tons. The main feature of her construction is the armor belt, which is carried the entire length of the ship, as advocated by Captain Robley Evans, C. S. N., in articles against soft-sided battle ships, such as the Iowa. She is a first-class battle ship. Her cost is estimated at \$5,000,000. Her complement will be 775 men.

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FOR FINES MAY GROW FROM DEBIT DISPUTE. Germany and France Will Be the Chief Losers Should Spain Wriggle Out of Paying the Cuban Bonds. Legislation May Bolster Values.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Spain's action in repudiating her so-called Cuban debt has started the financiers of the world and the American politicians, and there is every prospect that huge speculations will be made this Winter with proposed legislation in view as the lever to raise fortunes.

In round numbers the Cuban debt is \$450,000,000, the bonds chiefly being held in Germany and France. With them repudiated by Spain, spurred by the United States and declined by Cuba, the bonds are valueless. They could be given a fictitious and temporary value by the proposal of legislation in Congress. A simple resolution earnestly pressed could make these bonds salable for several millions of dollars for a short time at least.

There is every indication that a tremendous lobby will be at work in the interest of the Spanish bondholders and their American allies this Winter, and that special legislation will be made in the form of a serious discussion of the question would be present in changing drafts into gold.

As told in these dispatches last night, the State Department knows the United States Government is not responsible, believes that Cuba cannot under any circumstances be forced to pay the bonds, and suggests that if Spain should attempt coercion when Cuba sets up for herself, the United States Government will intervene.

The matter was thoroughly discussed by the Paris Commissioners, and the only thing that has been decided is to include in the treaty the conditions that have been debated and were well understood. The points were made that, prior to 1900, the Cuban debt stood for \$300,000,000. On the very point Spain now makes, the American Commissioners also pointed out that originally Cuba's revenues were less than the interest on the bonds.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—The War Department has received copies of the general order issued by Governor-General Davis, of Porto Rico, prescribing the manner in which municipal elections shall be held. The Australian ballot will be used, and the qualifications of a voter are that he must be a bona fide resident of the municipality, twenty-one years old, a taxpayer or else able to read or write, and a resident of the island for two years.

The order referred to particularly in the election at Adjuntas, but the regulations probably will be of general application. The first election at Adjuntas was declared void by the Governor-General for the following reason, as specified in the order: "It appears that during the noon hour on the day of the election, the various boards of superiors adjourned for breakfast, suspending the election for a certain period of time, removing the ballot boxes from public view, and carrying them to private houses and hotels, where the supervisors were taking breakfast."

General Davis says that while satisfied no corrupt practices were attempted, yet not clear to exclude the least vestige of suspicion, a new election will be held.

FRENCH AND GERMANS FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE. The Commission Deciding the Boundary of Togoland is Resisted by the Natives.

Paris, Sept. 21.—The Governor of Dahomey cables that the Franco-German commission which is deciding the Togoland boundary is being resisted by natives. The commission had to fight several engagements, defeating the natives and inflicting considerable loss upon them, while losing only one native soldier.

PERU'S PRESIDENT FREES POLITICAL PRISONERS. This Action Causes General Good Feeling and is Expected to Re-establish Order.

Lima, Peru, Sept. 21.—By order of President de Romana the political prisoners who arrived here yesterday from Cerro de Pasco have been liberated on parole.

LILLI LEHMANN SUFFERED FROM THE ISAR FLOODS. She Lost Her Costumes, Her Pictures and the Fine Collection of Bibles at Her Villa.

Munich, Sept. 21.—Mme. Lilli Lehmann, the prima donna, has suffered considerable loss of property and much discomfort on account of the floods which have devastated the provinces of Upper Bavaria.

BRITISH SCIENTISTS VISIT FRANCE. Boulogne-sur-Mer, France, Sept. 21.—Professor Michael Foster, president of the British Science Association, accompanied by the other officials and 300 members, visited Boulogne today, requesting the recent visit to Boulogne of the French Science Association. The visit was undertaken in honor of the occasion of the French Science Association, and in the afternoon was given a banquet in the Town Hall by the Mayor and municipal officials.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—The Carr and Zarine arrived here at 9 a. m. to-day. As the Russian Imperial yacht Polar Star entered the harbor, the men on board the German warship manned the decks. A large crowd of people witnessed the arrival of their Majesties.

NO DEATHS AT KEY WEST. Washington, Sept. 21.—Surgeon-General Wyman received a dispatch to-day announcing that there were forty-five yesterday at Key West yesterday.