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THIS WAS DENIAL DAY

Spaniards Put in a Disclaimer of Nearly Everything.

THREE STORIES PUT TO FLIGHT

No Truth in Matanzas Arrest. Overtures to France, and Especially Olney's Negotiations.

MADRID, Dec. 29.—It is officially denied that there is any truth in an item published in a paper that the United States consulate at Cardenas, province of Matanzas, Cuba, had been twice attacked, and the shield torn from the door, in spite of the efforts of the local authorities to protect the consulate. An emphatic denial is also officially given to the statement today in the London Chronicle that there was reason to believe that the French foreign office has been sounded in regard to Cuba in an anti-American sense.

GOING TO THEIR RESTING PLACE.

Kate Field's Ashes are Speeding Rapidly Eastward.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Kate Field's ashes are speeding eastward in charge of General Charles Taylor, proprietor of the Boston Globe. The last remains of the celebrated woman litterateur, editor and journalist are encased and locked in a small cylindrical-shaped copper casket. There is no inscription on the shining surface of the improvised urn. Passing over the top of the plan cover and through three little clasps, one on cover and one on each side, is a narrow lavender ribbon to which is attached a card bearing the customary record from the crematory, together with the name and date. The ends of the ribbon are fastened together below the card by a disc of black sealing wax, upon which is the lettered impress of the Odd Fellows' crematory. A very little brass padlock clasped through staples holds the cover securely in place.

All that is earthly of the woman who wrote fearlessly and wrote well is contained in that case, probably nine inches in height and six inches in diameter. General Taylor, the custodian of the sacred cylinder, left last night for Chicago. He will deliver the urn to Editor Kohlsaat, of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, who as an old friend of the deceased, purposes to see that the remains, according to Miss Field's wish, are interred at Mount Auburn cemetery, New York.

RATHER DIE THAN LIVE ALONE.

Horrible Suicide of an Engineer's Former Wife.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 29.—Ella Eger, whose body, torn and dismembered, was found on the road of the Sort Line in this city, committed suicide by throwing herself under the wheels of the locomotive which her husband, Engineer Fred Eger, was running. The couple had quarreled two weeks before and had separated. The wife grew moody over her misfortune, and the neighbors say that she often remarked that she wished she was dead.

At 6 o'clock in the evening she put on her things and went out. She went to the station and her husband saw her there just as he had come for duty, ready to make his run to New London. He did not appear anxious to see his wife, and it is supposed that Mrs. Eger, noticing his indifference, became desperate and resolved on suicide.

The woman walked away from the depot and followed a route along the railroad track. Her husband's train started at 6:55. At that hour she was a few hundred yards from the depot. The train came on with increasing speed and achieved rapid momentum when it came to Mrs. Eger. To carry out her resolve was the work of an instant.

After being killed, her body was carried along for 1000 yards, when it was caught in a frog of the track and thrown to one side. The husband sped away on his engine, little thinking of what the machinery under his feet had done.

SOME TRUTH IN IT.

Mediation With Spain is Progressing Reasonably Well.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—From official sources denial is made that the Spanish premier, Canovas, has sent to Secretary Olney a communication accepting the mediation of the United States in carrying out autonomy for Cuba. It is said no such letter has been sent, nor has anything of such a nature passed through the Spanish officials here. Negotiations toward home rule have proceeded for some months and the last phase of these negotiations indicated enlargement of the home rule laws adopted by the Spanish

cortes last year, but not put in execution. The arrangements embrace the election of the entire Cuban congress, instead of a mixed congress of 15 elected members and 15 appointed by the queen regent, and also a complete control of Cuba on her tariff question. The latest statement regarding Spain's intention with respect to the pacification of Cuba therefore deals with the past phases of them, Spain having decided on a considerably more liberal scheme of reforms than the old, to which the latest publication on the subject has reference. As yet, however, the negotiations with respect to the enlarged reforms are tentative. A draft of them has not been received as yet at Washington, and the information on them is of a general nature.

The Bog Stall Slides.

DUBLIN, Dec. 29.—During the past night and this morning the bog slide on Castle Island, county Kerry, continued unchecked, a copious rainfall helping the movement. That mass of bogs is a mile and a half wide, roars like the ocean, carries away bridges and roads, destroying houses and farms, sweeping through Fleek valley and emptying the peat, carcasses of cows, sheep and donkeys and debris of houses into Lake Killarney.

People living in the direction in which the bog slide is coming have fled and the police are searching for bodies. Lord Kenmare has caused a cordon of guards to be drawn around the slide to prevent loss of life. Great excitement prevails in the vicinity and all houses are open to receive the hundreds of people who were rendered homeless.

Sale of the Oregon Short Line.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A purchasing committee representing the reorganization committee of the Oregon Short Line, will buy in the property and interests of the bond-holders at Salt Lake City at the sale on January 9, under decree of the court. The transfer will take the line out of the Union Pacific system. The receiver of the Union Pacific will attend the sale and turn over the accounts of the Short Line and any balance in its favor to the management of the new corporation. The court is expected to authorize the payment in January of the interest on the Union Pacific firsts and 7 per cent bonds.

Our Rival on the Pacific.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Japan has a larger carrying trade on the Pacific than the United States, and Americans who are near enough to watch the shifting scenes in this new and rapidly developing contest for commercial supremacy find little matter for pride in present tendencies.

This is the statement of United States Consul Bell, of Sydney, contained in his report to the state department upon the opening of the new Japanese steamship line between Yokohama and Australia.

In the Denial Business Themselves.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Officials of the Cuban junta in this city disclaim any knowledge of Dr. Belancourt, whose arrest in Havana has been reported. The junta officials also deny all knowledge of the reported failure of the Three Friends expedition, and assert that so far as they know her arms and men were safely landed on Cuban soil.

Denied Also at Madrid.

MADRID, Dec. 29.—An emphatic denial is given to the report credited to the Washington Post that Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington, and Secretary Olney have concluded negotiations for the acceptance by Spain of the gold offices of the United States in settlement of the Cuban insurrection.

Refrigerator Line.

Attention of shippers is called to the new refrigerator line operated by the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company between Portland, Huntington, Spokane and intermediated points, leaving Portland on train 22, Wednesdays and Saturdays. E. E. LYTLE, Agent.

His Wish is Gratified.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Edward Erickson, a half-demented musician, has been sentenced by Judge Morrow to one year's imprisonment in San Quentin for having smashed a letter-box. Erickson's violation of the law was deliberate, and done with the avowed purpose of getting into jail, that he might obtain food and shelter. His reward is a convict's garb.

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CHINA TO GET IT NEXT

A Revolutionary Committee Formed in Chicago.

RAISING MONEY FOR THAT PURPOSE

Steamer Dauntless Applies for Permission to Clear for Cuba Laden With Arms.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—According to Wong Ching Foo, editor of the Chinese News, Chicago is to become headquarters for the Chinese revolutionary junta. This body plans the overthrow of the present Chinese dynasty by an armed invasion from a convenient island to the South seas. Rooms for the junta have already been engaged in this city, and the Mongolians here now await the coming of Sun Yat Sen to get the machinery in operation which is to open China to Western civilization.

Sun Yat Sen is the Celestial revolutionist who recently was kidnaped in the streets of London, and whose release was effected by Lord Salisbury. He is now collecting money and organizing his followers in England. He will sail for America within two or three weeks, where he will confer with Wong Ching Foo, of Chicago, and other leaders of the Chinese reform party in this country.

MAY CLEAR FOR CUBA.

Steamer Dauntless Granted This Permission by Carlisle.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—For the first time since the present struggle in Cuba began this government has given permission to customs officials to clear for Cuba a vessel loaded, according to manifest, with munitions of war, presumably for the insurgent army.

Yesterday the secretary of the treasury received a telegram from the owners of the Dauntless, at Jacksonville, stating that they would apply to the collector of customs at Jacksonville for a clearance to a Cuban port with a cargo of arms, but the oaths required by the statutes would not be taken. The question was asked whether under these circumstances papers would be issued. Later a telegram was received from the collector at Jacksonville stating an application to clear the Dauntless for Neuvitas, Cuba, with a cargo of arms, had been made, and asking instructions.

This morning the secretary replied substantially as follows:

"If the master of the vessel and the owners, shippers and consigners of the cargo comply fully with the laws and regulations concerning the manifest and take the oaths required, you may grant a clearance to Neuvitas, Cuba. Oaths must be taken and subscribed in writing, as required by sections 4197, 4198 and 4200 of the revised statutes."

The port named as the destination is on the Northern coast of Cuba and is occupied by Spanish forces. Treasury officials therefore are of the opinion that the oaths required will not be taken.

WILL FIGHT FOR FREE CUBA.

Colonel Tichy is Forming a Regiment of Bohemian-Americans.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—"We are going to fight for the independence of the country, whether the United States recognizes it or not."

The above statement was made by Colonel Gustav J. Tichy, president of the Bohemian-American Workingmen's Club. Colonel Tichy further stated that the men only began enlisting last Friday.

The necessary qualifications to secure admittance into the regiment is that each man must not only be a Bohemian, but also a loyal citizen of the United States. It is expected 500 men will be enlisted within a week.

Colonel Tichy has had eight years' experience in the regular army, having served in the Third and Seventh regiments, cavalry. He carries a ball in one leg that he received in a battle in the campaign against Sitting Bull.

STARVATION STARES THEM.

Distress Among Farmers of an Argentine Province.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres says:

The agricultural commission appointed to investigate the condition of agriculture in the province of Santa Fe will make a report to President Uriburu this week.

The report will, it is said, show a disastrous state of affairs among the farmers in the province. It will recommend as the only salvation commercially an issue of \$1,000,000 in mortgage bonds to be used in assisting the farmers in this

crisis. Other measures of relief will also be proposed in its report. The commissioners say that the corn crop in the province will fall 50,000 tons short of the actual necessities of the people.

Buenos Ayres is now sending grain to Santa Fe to relieve the distress. In ordinary times the yield in that province is 500,000 tons, but the whole crop this year is practically a failure. The Buenos Ayres farmers will continue to send grain to Santa Fe for the relief of their countrymen, though that will prevent their exporting any grain.

GOLDEN STATE TO BE ADVERTISED

Californians Will Erect an Arch at Washington.

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 30.—Colonel Henry Shaw, of this city, has an original idea for paying a delicate tribute to the office of president of the United States, and at the same time advertising in an artistic and effective manner the resources of California. Colonel Shaw's novel project toward the cost of which has already raised nearly \$500, is the erection of a California citrus arch on one of the principal avenues of Washington.

The design provides that the columns, four in number, shall be completely enveloped by oranges and lemons. The bases are to be faced with California onyx and marble. The arch itself is to be of dressed California redwood, trimmed with other California woods, such as laurel, orange and tamarack. On top, on either side, will be exhibited full bearing orange and lemon trees, and in the center a California grizzly bear rampant.

Suspended from the arch will be a number of crystal globes, to be filled with different varieties of California wines. In each of these an incandescent light will illuminate the wine. Palms and pampas plumes are also to be used for decorative purposes.

TO COMPLETE NICARAGUA CANAL

One Object of New Central American Republic.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—One of the main objects of the formation of a new greater republic of Central America is said to be the completion of the Nicaragua canal. Senor Rodriguez, recently recognized as the diplomatic representative of the new country in the United States, is said to be charged with the duty of interesting this government in the enterprise.

This aid to the project comes at a time when it is needed. The supporters of the measure on both sides at the capital have hopes that the great petition sent to Speaker Reed, asking that time be heeded, and at least two days so allowed.

There are enough friends of the plan on the senate side to bring it up if there is any hope of getting in a few hours while the funding debate is on in the upper house.

MANY REBELS WERE SLAIN.

Spaniards Gain Two Victories at the Philippines.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A Herald dispatch from Manila says:

Colonel Marina's column has defeated the rebels at San Mateo, a town eighteen miles northeast of Manila, the rebels, leaving twenty-seven dead on the field.

Returning to quarters for the night, Colonel Marina was attacked by a force which, after several bayonet charges, fled, leaving eighty of their numbers dead. The Spanish losses were small.

The seaport of Moron, in the province of Bataan, has fallen into the hands of the rebels, who have captured two Spanish priests and the mayor.

General Rios' brigade has had some heavy fighting at Baling, a town on the borders of the province of Bulacan and Nueva Ecija, which was held by a strong force of rebels. The latter were driven out with great slaughter. Three hundred and fifty men were buried by the Spaniards, who lost only a few men. The rebels removed their wounded from the field.

The rebels are badly armed, the superior range of the Mauser rifles accounting for the heavy mortality on the rebel side.

Good Fortune Craved Him.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Fred L. Wood, a convict in San Quentin prison, who recently inherited a fortune of \$30,000 from the estate of his father, a Chicago millionaire, is insane. He became violent in his cell Monday night, and had to be forcibly removed to the receiving hospital. It is thought his recent good fortune, together with the constraint attendant upon his confinement in the penitentiary is the cause of his insanity.

Lost.

Last evening, a pocket book containing a check for \$9.30, issued by Walter Klindt, to bearer. Finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving same at this office.

JAPAN'S EXPANSION.

How She Feels in Regard to Australia.

The German papers inform England that there are other besides English-speaking races imbued with the desire for new territory. It would be interesting to know in how far our German contemporaries acknowledge the right to expand of nations outside of Europe. Japan, to the horror of the European element in the far east, turns her attention toward the Indian ocean. We condense the following account by Mr. Audley Cooze in the Argus, Melbourne:

"While in a car with several Japanese officers they were conversing about Australia, saying that it was a fine, large country, with great forests and excellent soil for the cultivation of rice, coffee, tea and other tropical products. The whites settled in Australia, so thought these officers, are like the dog in the manger. Some one will have to take a good part of Australia to develop it, for it is a pity to see so fine a country lying waste. England is a useful enough nation as an ally to Japan, but if any ill-feeling arose between the two countries it would be a wise thing to send some battleships to Australia and annex part of it. I found that this is the prevalent opinion in Japan, and it is certainly not surprising that this small country, teeming with its 45,000,000, should regard Australia, with only 4,000,000, with a certain amount of covetousness."

Commenting upon this, the Argus says:

"We have not formulated or even discussed any rational policy to guide us in our dealings with these eastern neighbors; consequently the attitude of Australia must be one of simple aloofness. Mr. Cooze's findings are an eloquent homily to Queensland as to the necessity for federation and a reminder to the colonies generally how precarious the position of Australia would be were it not an integral part of the British empire. While that is so, menace can only arise to Australia in the event of a great war in which the naval strength of the empire is overtaxed. In such a case Japan, enrolled upon the side of England's enemies, would be an important factor in the sum from the Australian point of view."

The Australian, therefore, like the Spaniards, are inclined to do more than take note of the fact that danger may threaten them from Japan. It is different with the Dutch. They talk of taking the bull by the horns. Prof. Schlegel writes in the Dagblad, The Hague, as follows:

"The only way to guard against attacks upon the colonies by the Japanese is to drive them out of Formosa. Holland must take possession of Formosa. The remembrance of Dutch rule has not yet been eradicated in that island, and both Chinese and natives would welcome our return as putting an end to the reigning anarchy. True, Japan would not voluntarily give up the island. But that is not necessary. Perhaps Russia and France, and even England, would join Holland in dispossessing the Japanese. The seed sown by Dutch ministers and teachers two centuries ago would then speedily bear fruit."—Literary Digest.

THEY SPIN BY HAND.

Old-Fashioned Block Islanders Still Spin Their Wool Into Connecticut.

The hum of the spinning wheel is still a familiar sound in Block Island, a quaint and interesting resort in summer and a miniature world in winter, in which the habits and customs are those of 150 years ago. The island is 15 miles off the Rhode Island shore and almost directly south of stormy Point Judith, says the New York Herald.

The heads of 50 Block Island families set sail in fishing boats the other day and pushed up the Thames river to Oakdale, where they left heaps of wool to be carded into rolls for hand spinning. The rolls will be spun and knitted into stockings and mittens for the protection of the hardy islanders against the bleak winter winds of the Atlantic.

There are times during the winter when the wind sweeps across the treeless land at a velocity of 84 miles an hour, and women take their lives in their hands when they venture out of doors. The isolation of the island is almost complete.

John Schofield established the first woolen mill in Connecticut near Oakdale, where the carding was done by power cards. In 1798 the Block Islanders began to send wool to the mill to be carded into rolls, and generation after generation have kept up the practice. Formerly many bags of grain accompanied the wool, and grist and woolen mills were kept running day and night, while the fishermen and farmers enjoyed themselves in the quiet Connecticut village until the work was done.

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THE ERRING BURGLAR.

Acquitted, He is Found at His Old Ways Again.

A curious romance of burglary and filial affection is told in the French newspapers, says the New York Journal. It has generally been supposed to be almost impossible to escape from the French penal settlement at Cayenne, and the perils to be confronted in the forests both from animals and natives, not to talk of starvation, appalled the convicts to such an extent, that they never even thought of attempting flight. This theory has just received a severe shock, the description of no less than 30 recently escaped convicts having been circulated to the police by the minister of the interior.

One or two have already been captured in France. Among these is a certain Petitjean, who is accused of new misdeeds. Petitjean escaped from Guiana some time ago, for no other reason, he said, than to come and embrace his old mother, who lives at Bagnoleit. He was arrested, but in deference to public opinion, which was impressed by his filial affection, he was set at liberty and allowed to remain in France.

A short time ago a robbery took place on the Boulevard Diderot, in Paris, and by tracing back the stolen goods four persons were arrested. They were all carrying knives, knuckledusters and revolvers, and made a most desperate fight for their liberty. Once in prison, however, they confessed they belonged to a large gang whose chief was Petitjean. Hence the latter's arrest.

TRAPPING TURKEYS.

The Method Usually Employed in Taking the Wild Bird.

One of the methods by which wild turkeys are taken by native hunters, as described in "Hunting and Fishing in Florida," by Mr. C. B. Cory, curator of the department of ornithology in the Field Columbian museum, Chicago, certainly does little credit to the intelligence of the turkeys.

A place is found where turkeys are numerous. Corn is scattered about, and if that is eaten, more is placed in this manner for a week or two, until they become accustomed to going there for food. Then small logs are laid, forming a square box about six or eight inches in height; possibly two logs on each side, one above the other. Inside is placed the corn, and the turkeys enter it readily, as the obstruction is not sufficient to excite their fears.

The next night another log is added, raising the box a little higher, perhaps a foot or so, and this process goes on until the small logs form a cone-shaped box, narrowing at the top, leaving an opening by which they can enter at the top.

Corn is placed in the box, and a few kernels leading to it, as usual, and the turkeys, mounting the last log, drop in and eat up the corn. And now they are caught. The opening is so narrow that, although a turkey can easily jump down through it with closed wings, it cannot jump out again with its wings spread.

A Curiosity, Indeed.

"I don't see anything peculiar about this specimen," said the visitor to the museum as he stepped in front of the last chair.

"Don't you, indeed?" repeated the manager scornfully. "Let me tell you we can't duplicate him on this continent. He's the young man just learning to ride a bicycle who never talks 'wheel' when he's not riding."—Buffalo Times.

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at Blakeley & Houghton's Drug Store.

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