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"A TOUCH OF NATURE"

Uncle Sam's Relief Fund Feeds Thousands.

THE AMERICANS DIVIDE RATIOMS

Supplies Issued by Lee's Orders to 1,400 Persons, Thus Sustaining Fully 10,000.

New York, Nov. 19.—A special to the Herald from Havana says:

In every town in Cuba where there are American citizens, groups of starving islanders gather every day in front of the houses of those Americans and beg for the crumbs that fall from the table. That Americans have anything on their tables from which crumbs could fall is due to the relief fund of \$50,000 appropriated by congress last fall. Consul-General Lee has drawn so far about \$25,000 of the total amount, and has distributed it to the consuls in Matanzas, Cienfuegos, Sagua, Santiago and elsewhere. These consuls buy provisions and distribute weekly rations to distressed Americans.

There are 14,000 American citizens on the relief fund list. Of these about 250 are American born. The others are naturalized and their families, who, having their citizenship papers properly registered at the different United States consulates, are entitled, if in distress, to the same relief as an American-born citizen.

According to a statement made by Consul Baker, who is stationed at Sagua, about 10,000 people are being kept alive in Cuba by these rations distributed for the support of 1,400. Neighbors gather around the front door of the houses of American citizens and beg a share of the food which is distributed by the consulates.

Consul Brice, of Matanzas, reports that since July last 27,000 persons have died in his district. As he was crossing the public square one evening lately, he saw a man fall to the ground within a few feet of him, and, hastening to his side, found that he was dead. His body was nothing more than a skeleton. Such incidents occur daily all over the island where the concentrados are herded together.

General Blanco's orders to allow the pacificos to cultivate land outside the military lines would diminish suffering if the people had the strength and the implements with which to work, but they have neither, and Weyler's scheme to exterminate the Cuban people is rapidly proving successful.

The President's Message.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—A special to the Times-Herald from Washington says:

Currency reform will be the leading feature of the president's annual message to congress. President McKinley is now writing that portion of the message which deals with the proposed revision of the financial system of the government. Revision of the financial system along conservative lines is to be made a distinct policy of the administration.

Excitement at Fever Heat.

CRESCENT CITY, Cal., Nov. 19.—There is much excitement in and about Chetco as the result of the killing of young Coolidge by the Van Pelt, over the townsie question. Coolidge senior, a capitalist of Silverton, Or., has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the various members of the Van Pelt party, principals and accessories of the murder, and several parties are out from Chetco and Gold Beach patrolling the roads and trails.

Joe Alvin, a half-breed, suspected of being one of the Van Pelt party, has been shot and probably fatally injured by a posse.

E. C. Hughes and Sink Van Pelt have been arrested here by Sheriff Ferguson at the request of Sheriff Turner of Curry county, Oregon, but both protest their innocence and state that they can prove an alibi.

Justice to a Murderer.

UNION, Or., Nov. 19.—Kelsay Porter, the slayer of the Mache family, was hanged in this city this morning, according to the sentence passed upon him in October.

The execution took place at 8:45, on a scaffold that had been erected in the inclosure surrounding the county jail. The governor had been petitioned to commute the sentence, but no word was received from him till last night, when the sheriff received a message stating he could not interfere with the course of the law, and the sheriff at once com-

pleted arrangements for carrying out the order of the court.

Thursday evening Porter sent for Rev. Shields of the first Presbyterian church, who called on the condemned man, and gave him such spiritual advice as he could.

Weyler's Reception a Fiasco.

New York, Nov. 19.—A special to the Herald from Corunna says:

Your correspondent has just returned from on board the Montserrat, which anchored in this port with Weyler on board. The quay was crowded with an immense multitude, but the crowd was perfectly unimpressive.

It may be said that Weyler's reception so far as the Spanish people were concerned, was a complete fiasco. He did not appear on deck but remained locked in his cabin, refusing absolutely to see anybody but the government officials, but he made a short speech in reply to the commission. His remarks were perfectly complimentary and devoid of political significance.

Miners Got Their Back Pay.

BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 19.—A report comes from Mammoth that the men employed by the Mammoth Mining Company, who had not been paid for some time, captured Philip Schuab, of Elizabeth, N. J., president of the company, who was there inspecting the property, and held him a prisoner in a cabin for two days and threatened to hold him until he signed a check for their wages.

He escaped during the night, but was overtaken by the miners. He then acceded to their demands and wrote a check on the Kountze bank of New York for several thousand dollars, after which he was allowed to go, and left for the east.

Weyler Squares Himself.

MADRID, Nov. 19.—The captain-general of Galicia has telegraphed to the government that in an interview which he had yesterday with Weyler, former captain-general of Cuba, the latter completely exculpated himself from the statements attributed to him on the occasion of his leaving Havana, and affirmed his devotion and adherence to the government.

Tired people are tired because they have exhausted their strength. The only way for them to get strong is to eat proper food. But eating is not all. Strength comes from food, after digestion. Digestion is made easy with Shaker Digestive Cordial.

People who get too tired, die. Life is strength. Food is the maker of strength. Food is not food until it is digested.

Tired, pale, thin, exhausted, sick sufferers from indigestion, can be cured by the use of Shaker Digestive Cordial.

It will revive their spent energies, refresh and invigorate them, create new courage, endurance and strength, all by helping their stomachs digest their food.

It aids nature, and this is the best of it. It gives immediate relief, and with perseverance, permanently cures. Sold by druggists. Trial bottle 10c.

Both Sides Lost Heavily.

New York, Nov. 19.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says:

A battle of considerable importance has taken place near Guanajay. The Cubans were commanded by Rodriguez and Pedro Diaz in the fight. The Spanish have 46 killed and 170 wounded. The loss on the Cuban side was also very heavy.

Free of Charge to Sufferers.

Cut this out and take it to your druggist and get a sample bottle free of Dr. King's New Discovery, for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. They do not ask you to buy before trying. This will show you the great merits of this truly wonderful remedy, and show you what can be accomplished by the regular size bottle. This is no experiment, and would be disastrous to the proprietors, did they not know it would invariably cure. Many of the best physicians are now using it in their practice with great results and are relying on it in the most severe cases. It is guaranteed. Trial bottles free at Blakeley & Houghton's. 1

"The worst cold I ever had in my life was cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes W. H. Norton, of Sutter Creek, Cal. "This cold left me with a cough and I was expectorating all the time. The remedy cured me and I want all my friends when troubled with a cough or cold to use it, for it will do them good. Sold by Blakeley & Houghton."

NOTICE.

I have a stray horse, a roan, 9 years old, branded with a figure 2 on the right hip, at my place on three miles. The owner can have the same by paying the cost of this advertisement and proving property. SETH MORGAN. The Dalles.

RATE WAR PROBABLE

Wisconsin Central Makes Troublesome Rates.

OTHER ROADS MUST MEET THEM

If the Wisconsin Central Does Not Yield to Influence the Fight Will Become General.

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—At a meeting today of the executive committee of the Western Passenger Association, the strongest kind of pressure was brought to bear on the Wisconsin Central to induce it to withdraw the rates it made yesterday, but up to a late hour it had not withdrawn. It was admitted at the meeting that, if the Wisconsin Central and the other roads that met its reduction cannot be induced to restore rates, it is more than likely that there will be a general rate war over the West, and particularly in the territory of the Western Passenger Association.

An Immigration Question.

New York, Nov. 20.—The agreement which has been entered into between the railroads and Atlantic steamship lines for the purpose of regulating emigrants fares is the most far-reaching combination of the kind ever organized in this country. In the first place it takes in not only all the transatlantic steamship companies, but the coastwise lines as far south as the Gulf of Mexico and north to Halifax, thereby rendering it impossible for rates to be demoralized so far as the ocean companies are concerned.

One of the ticket scalpers' chief sources of revenue is now cut off, and railroads the country over agree to turn over a "fat" commission of ten per cent to the steamship companies by virtue of the latter refusing to have any further dealings with outside agents. It means an end to demoralization, and a tightening of the screws along the line.

The initiative was taken by the Western Passenger Association, which has been the leading factor in the struggle with the outside agents, trunk lines and steamship lines that have been going on for years. For a long time the leading ticket agents were unable to influence two or three Western roads, so that it was impossible to make any ironclad agreement.

The trunk lines in the future will route all immigrants for points beyond the joint traffic gateway, according to the instructions given by the representatives of the Western lines. The Canadian Pacific and Southern Pacific, which have been the chief disturbing factors to the combination, have signed the agreement and entered heartily into the new arrangements.

DRANK AMMONIA BY MISTAKE.

Remains of a Nebraskan Brought to Salem and Buried.

SALEM, Nov. 20.—The remains of Chas. McIntire, of Hamilton, Nebr., were buried in the Lee mission cemetery here this afternoon. McIntire's death was due to his drinking a glass of ammonia by mistake for a glass of seltzer water. He had sold his place, and with his family started west, expecting to locate temporarily in Walla Walla. At Bandon, 40 miles from Hampton, where they were to board the train, McIntire drank with two friends before starting. By mistake the bartender set out ammonia instead of seltzer. McIntire died the following morning.

Tickets had been purchased and the remains were embalmed and brought to Salem, the family on the way deciding to make this their destination instead of Walla Walla. The two men who took a farewell drink with McIntire were sick when the family left Hampton.

The family, consisting of a widow, four sons and a daughter, expect to remain in Salem.

A New Pass Discovered.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—Details have been received from the Pierre Humbert Alaska exploring expedition, which sailed from Seattle October 15th. The party is located 10 miles up the river from Chilkat inlet. The country has been surveyed on both sides of the river, and the explorers have already located a pass over the range 2540 feet lower than either Chilkat or Chilkoot. A perfectly feasible and easy route for a railroad into the valley of the Yukon has been discovered.

Lodging House Robberies in Tacoma. TACOMA, Nov. 20.—Quite a number of robberies have occurred in the lodging

houses of late, which would indicate that a gang of second-story workers are operating here. Several robberies from rooms have been reported.

In one case the amount stolen was large, and in another instance a man lost \$20 and a watch and chain. The money taken in the first named case has been recovered. The police are asking that more lights be put on the back streets, as they claim crooks can easily work in the back ends of stores as the alleys are poorly lighted.

Several hold-ups have occurred in the outskirts of town, but so far small losses are reported.

Chilkoot Road and Tramway.

TACOMA, Nov. 20.—T. B. Wallace, president of the Fidelity bank, of Tacoma, returned here yesterday from Dyea. He is largely interested in the Chilkoot Railway and Transportation Company, which is building a railroad and aerial tramway from Dyea over Chilkoot to Lake Lindemann. He says the railway will be completed by the middle of December, and that the whole line including the aerial tramway, will be in operation by January 15th. It will have the capacity of carrying the outfits of 400 men daily. Mr. Wallace says this will insure getting provisions to Dawson City not later than March 1st, and precludes the possibility of a famine in Dawson. The company has completed its telephone line from Dyea to Sheep Camp.

Klondike and Prosperity.

TACOMA, Nov. 20.—A mining machine manufacturer, who is on the coast in the interest of his house, said that the boom up north had given such an impetus to his business that his plant is running day and night to try and catch up with the orders, while his works were closed entire during '95 and '96.

This encouraging condition of affairs, he said, is due not entirely to the Klondike, but a general restoration of confidence of the public in the future prosperity of the nation.

Would Accept Nomination.

OREGON CITY, Nov. 20.—Mayor E. G. Canfield has replied to the call presented to him to become a candidate for reelection in a card saying:

"If the citizens of Oregon City, in convention assembled, think proper to place my name in nomination for mayor I will accept the same."

It is considered probable that a public convention will be called during the week.

Pardoned by Governor Lord.

SALEM, Nov. 20.—John De Roboam, sentenced from Jackson county for a term of three years, for assault with a dangerous weapon, was today granted a full pardon by Governor Lord. The pardon was granted mainly upon the recommendation of the trial judge, who mentioned mitigating circumstances that were not before him when the young man was sentenced.

The Coming Woman.

Who goes to the club while her husband tends the baby, as well as the good old-fashioned woman who looks after her home, will both at times get run down in health. They will be troubled with loss of appetite, headaches, sleeplessness, fainting or dizzy spells. The most wonderful remedy for these women is Electric Bitters. Thousands of sufferers from Lame Back and Weak Kidneys rise up and call it blessed. It is the medicine for women. Female complaints and nervous troubles of all kinds are soon relieved by the use of Electric Bitters. Delicate woman should keep this remedy on hand to build up the system. Only 50c per bottle. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

Served a Term in Oregon.

SANTA ANA, Cal., Nov. 20.—Alva W. Butler, convicted of horsestealing, has been sentenced to eight years in San Quentin. Butler served seven years in the Oregon penitentiary for robbing the postoffice at Canyon City, and was released January 8, 1893.

Yellow Fever.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Yellow fever has appeared at Fort Barrancas, near Pensacola, Fla., but not in a degree sufficient to alarm the war department officials. The dispatch states that one soldier died from the fever.

Buckner's Arma Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Blakeley and Houghton, druggists.

See Us Before You Order. Don't order your Thanksgiving dinner until you have seen us. We shall have fine fat turks, geese, ducks and chickens, and loads of good things to go with them. Phone 12. VARNNEY & CO., Third and Washington.

THE HALF YET UNTOLD

Sufferings of the Cubans Defy Portrayal.

TOWNS LITERALLY DEPOPULATED

Spanish Official Corruption Cuts Off Hordes of Starving Survivors From Relief.

New York, Nov. 22.—A dispatch to the World from Matanzas says:

The half of the story of suffering in Cuba has not been told. In Havana and its suburbs the streets are dotted with beggars, the hospitals are overflowing with starving innocents and the spare barracks are filled with the destitute and dying. But from Havana to this place there is a succession of small cities almost free from sickness and hunger. Nobody is left there. The swarming population is gone. They are cities of the dead. Protecting forts overlook empty houses. Pallid, ragged Spanish soldiers guard a few—a very few—human skeletons. Very soon they will have only themselves to protect. They need it. It is almost a question whether Weylerism has not been as awful for them as it has been for the peaceable Cubans.

The towns of Campo Florida, San Miguel, Minas Jaruco, Baines, Aguacate, Mocha and Buena Vista were trebled and quadrupled in population by Weyler's concentration of the surrounding country people under the rifles of their respective sets of forts. The loyal, obedient farmers took their furniture and babies in ox carts, their cows and pigs, women and children on foot and built long streets of palm-pillared, raftered, thatched and sided houses. Today nothing remains but the wood. The animals have been eaten, all articles of value have been changed into bread, and the people, everything having been used up, are dead.

Our train stopped at each place mentioned. We counted only 25 women and children and three men in the palm-house lanes. There are two trains a day. Their arrivals are the great event of each miserable twenty-four hours, and we counted 28 spectators. There should have been 5,000. There were at least 15,000 to 20,000 reconcentrados in those palm houses when Weyler's victims first began to die, and we counted only 28 survivors.

Even the senator from Spain can be convinced of the extermination of a people, in which he assisted when he supported Spain in upholding Weyler. He needs but to take a train from Havana to Matanzas, a three hours' ride through a beautiful but abandoned country. The squalid, abandoned villages are proof enough. Three hours of silence and ruin would show him extermination, even though he never before had heard of Cuba, nor claimed there had been no war. The facts, the awful facts, the almost unbelievable facts are everywhere. They force themselves upon the sight, the smell, the reason.

Matanzas, a city of 50,000 inhabitants, has given its reconcentrados a much better chance for dying slowly than have any of the silent villages first mentioned. Much meat has come here from Florida. The people are rich; the sites for the palm bark villages of the hungry are elevated and healthy; the water is good, some organized charitable efforts have been made by the citizens, and the city government has filled in swamps and made boulevards to give work to the destitute. The little hamlets mentioned have had no such ameliorations. Yet in Matanzas, out of 13,000 countrymen, women and children, there are today not more than 3,000 left, and these are barely alive. The streets are full of tottering ones, the cafe doors frame squads of begging women and children; the public square has a living skeleton for each of its beautiful shrubs and trees; the dead carts go to the cemetery loaded with bodies three deep. The civil registers of the city only hint at the awful loss of life. It often does not record the quiet burials of the field to avoid the danger of waiting to secure the permit necessary for a poor man's body to be allowed its six feet on consecrated ground. It shows 2394 deaths of reconcentrados, or about one-third of the actual sad figure.

The present death rate of 40 starving ones daily had it been constant since the beginning of Weyler's sway, would have wiped out the entire 10,000 before now. The total daily death rate varies from 65 and 70. On November 6th, 123 died. Physicians claim the daily death

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rate should be 80.

At this rate in a little more than a year Matanzas will be a graveyard, and in less than three months there will be no more reconcentrados. Although the conditions may change for the citizens of Matanzas, there is little hope for its enforced visitors.

Blanco's relief measures, although humane, are wholly inadequate. If carried out by the local authorities they come too late. Soldiers' rations, even with jerked beef and corn meal added, will kill more than they will cure. The starved condition of the wretched bipeds here is such that expert medical testimony dooms one-half of the 3,000 reconcentrados left to death, and if the rations issued are the same as the Spanish soldiers here now barely exist on, the same testimony declares that at least 2,000 will die. The starving people are not even likely to get that much.

One of the highest officials who would be intrusted with the issuing of rations has said within three days:

"We are not going to pay any attention to Blanco's orders."

The money raised for feeding the starving has been mostly stolen. The change of officials has let this out through the intense hatred of the Spanish reformists for the Spanish conservatives. An income tax of three per cent was levied for the care of the hungry, and collected. The present officers charge the former officials with putting most of it into their pockets.

GRID IRON GAME ABLY DEFENDED

President Elliott of Harvard, Upholds Football.

BOSTON, Nov. 23.—President Elliott of Harvard makes the following statement over his signature:

"The grounds on which arguments are based for the legal prohibition of intercollegiate football do not seem sufficient in my mind to warrant favor. I understand a bill has been passed by the Georgia legislature making the playing of football a crime simply on the grounds that fatal accidents are likely to occur in hard fought contests.

"The cause of the bill, as I believe, the death of a football-player who was injured in the game between the Georgia university and the university of Virginia. But if we stop to consider other sports we find that here are every year serious accidents in baseball, boxing and other gymnasium games. Rowing and sailing are enjoyable pastimes, yet one reads of many drownings every day. Yet this does not seem to lessen the interest in rowing or sailing.

"Everybody cannot play football. It is only the strong and well built men who can expect to play the game with success. Therefore I do not favor the game for every one. It is of course a valuable exercise for those who, as I say, are able to play it. So I think football should not be prohibited without just cause. I have never heard of any state or city ordinance prohibiting the playing of the game before the bill in Georgia was passed, and I repeat, the grounds on which the passage of the bill was effected are not sufficient to attract any favor whatever."

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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