

GOVERNMENT FOR CUBA

HOW CAN UNITED STATES BEST WITHDRAW FROM THE ISLAND?

More Pensioners Get Through Congress—How an Attempt at a Patronage Grab Was Defeated.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The agitation has already begun in favor of the United States control over Cuba. It is believed that the United States must some time give up control and leave the Cubans to themselves...

More Pensioners.

The action of the House in changing the rules of the body relating to pension legislation will result in more pension bills passing than before. For many years Friday evening sessions have been devoted to the consideration of pension bills...

Hungry for Offices.

Senator Carter, of Montana, sat down on a pretty big pile of money when the Republicans had control of the Senate up to six years ago they had most of the offices to fill and did not have a very large number of Democrats to hold the places...

Enough Pleasure to Go Round.

A keen-witted contemporary remarks that no man in the United States has more pleasure than the Democratic platform with more pleasure than Mr. William McKinley. Probably not, and probably no man in the United States is reading the daily report of the Puerto Rico Commission with more pleasure than Mr. William J. Bryan.

Polk County Mohair Pool.

DALLAS, Or., April 1.—The Polk County Mohair Association met in Dallas Saturday to set a day for the sale of their pooled mohair. Seventy-five members were present. The membership is now 120, and the number of goats in the pool is 11,200. The time set to sell the mohair is 11:30 a. m. April 15, and it will be sold to the highest bidder.

Brewery Glass House Burned.

ST. LOUIS, April 1.—The glass house of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company, in which the bottles for that establishment were manufactured, was partially destroyed by fire today. Loss, \$75,000; partially insured. About 1000 men will be out of work temporarily.

St. Louis Painters Striked.

ST. LOUIS, April 1.—A strike of painters is probable if the demands of the journeymen for advance in wages from \$2.50 to \$3 a day is not acceded to by the Master Builders' Association. A strike would affect 2000 journeymen.

DOESN'T RECOGNIZE SALE

OWNER OF BEACHED SCHOONER OBJECTS TO CAPTAIN'S COURSE

Now on His Way to Tillamook to Re-enter Into Possession of His Own Vessel.

ASTORIA, April 1.—A. Hiatt, of San Francisco, arrived in the city this morning, and will leave for Tillamook in the morning on the steamer Harrison. He is the managing owner of the schooner Lila and Mattie that was recently wrecked at Tillamook. After the schooner had gone ashore at Tillamook, her captain sold her to Claude Thayer for \$50, and then came to Astoria with two of the crew. From here the captain disappeared, and has not yet been heard from.

Boys May Have Drowned.

Hugo Lindstrom and Warren Robinson, the former 14 years of age, and the latter 12, are believed to have drowned in the river last evening. They went out in a small boat in the afternoon, and had a sail rigged in it. They have not been seen since, and it is believed that the boat capsized in a squall. Both boys were familiar with the handling of a boat of the kind, and were expert swimmers. Several small steamers and many fishing boats were out today, looking for the boys, but no trace of them or the boat has been found.

MONUMENT TO MURDERED SHERIFF

Red Men Providing One to Be Erected.

ASTORIA, April 1.—Commodore Rife, No. 7, Improved Order of Red Men, has awarded the contract for a monument to be erected over the grave of the late Sheriff John W. Williams, who was murdered by Charles Willard at Seaside, December 30, 1898.

Land Office.

Dinger Hermann is at last on the move. Ever since the Postoffice Department vacated its old quarters in the old Postoffice building, workmen have been renewing the paint, restoring the furniture, and in other ways making the building comfortable. Several months ago the west half of this building was occupied by the Indian office, and now the General Land Office is slowly leaving its old quarters in the Interior Department and filling up the east half of the Postoffice building. The department will be materially assisted by the change in that the first place it will have more room and will have more adequate to meet its demands. For the past 10 years the files have been so overcrowded and the rooms so cramped that many of the records of the land office have been stored in the hallways, in damp and dark basements and other places equally as inappropriate and unsatisfactory. They will be removed to the new building, and the clerks, too, will have more room. Instead of being cramped and crowded together in a series of large rooms, they will be separated and distinct from others of a different character. Commissioner Hermann will not move his office for some time, but the department will be ready to move as soon as the new building is ready. The new building will be a two-story structure, and will be a great improvement on the old one. It will be a credit to the city, and will be a credit to the department.

A Fourth Murder Suspected.

SEATTLE, April 1.—Passengers arriving from Skagway by the City of Seattle today say that Detective McGuire, the Pinkerton man who is working on the Hell-Crossed mystery, had a fourth man killed with the party and his body burned. McGuire, it is said, thinks that Graves, the partner of O'Brien, suspected murderer, was the fourth man killed. The letter and heretofore it has been thought he came out to the coast immediately after the crime was committed. The suspicion is that O'Brien murdered his partner.

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The Assessor of Nez Perce County, Idaho, being asked by the County Commissioners to assess Indian lands, wrote to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, asking the validity of such proceeding, and received a letter, from which the following is taken: "In reply to your request for information on the subject, I have to advise you that the lands which have been allotted in severally to these Indians cannot be taxed during the period for which they are held in trust by the United States. 25 years—and such exemption extends to the improvements on such lands, of a fixed and permanent character, attached to the soil, and also to cattle and their increase, farming implements, etc., which may have been loaned to the allottees by the Government."

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alotted to Indians under said act rests in the United States for the period of 25 years from the date of the trust patent.

Water Service for Lawton.

The new maining town, are preparing to put in a water system. The water will be taken from a large spring 300 feet above the town, which will give pressure sufficient to supply the city.

Yukon Ice Shows Signs of Breaking.

SEATTLE, April 1.—The ice in the Upper Yukon shows indications of breaking up, making navigation possible this Spring six weeks earlier than in any previous season within the territory. The news is the news brought by the steamer City of Seattle, which arrived this afternoon.

STORM CLOUD IN THE EAST

Faking a Hotbed of Intrigue, Whose Outcome Is Uncertain.

New York Journal of Commerce. It is not necessary to assume that the dispatch of the British cruisers Powerful and Terrible to Asiatic waters is due to the apprehension of fresh outbreaks growing out of the Boer war. Within the last two months events have occurred in China of sufficient gravity to warrant an apprehension of fresh outbreaks growing out of the Boer war. The significance of the recent attempt to depose the Emperor gradually becoming plain, the more the news is known about it the more obviously it is perceived to have been the result of a long and carefully prepared conspiracy. One striking feature of this is to be seen in the fact that some months ago the compilers of the Imperial Almanac were instructed to leave the name of the Emperor blank in this year's issue. Another is that before taking the steps to complete the work of the coup d'etat of 1898 the Emperor Dowager was careful to disarm the opposition of the two powerful viceroys of the empire, Li Hung Chang and Chang Chih-tung, was won over by stories of the Emperor's unflinching devotion to his duty, to whom he owed his elevation to the throne. The viceroy, Li Hung Chang, was called from retirement, and to Canton as viceroy. After these and other introductory precautions the final stroke was delivered. This was in the form of a private, then a corporal, next a sergeant, soon a sergeant-instructor, and, later on, a pay-captain, he was made color-sergeant in about seven years, just before the outbreak of the Boer war. He was promoted to the rank of major in the Boer war, and was later on promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He was later on promoted to the rank of major-general, and was later on promoted to the rank of lieutenant-general. He was later on promoted to the rank of full general, and was later on promoted to the rank of field-marshal. He was later on promoted to the rank of commander-in-chief, and was later on promoted to the rank of viceroy. He was later on promoted to the rank of prince, and was later on promoted to the rank of emperor.

Monument to Murdered Sheriff of Clatsop County.

1898, and who was an honored member of that order. The monument is to be of Barry granite, 10 feet in height. The base will be 4 feet 4 inches square, and surmounting the structure will be the figure of an Indian, emblematic of the order, also 4 feet 4 inches in height. The monument is being made by a Portland firm, at a cost of \$500, and will be by far the most beautiful, as well as the most costly, ornament of the local cemetery. It is the intention to have the monument completed so that the dedication services can be held on Decoration day.

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GENERAL FROM THE RANKS

"FIGHTER" MAC OF THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS.

Story of Humble Birth, Bravery and Military Skill that Reached Like a Romance.

A stalwart, sturdy-built youth of 19, who had just enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders, was home by a crofter's but in the heights of Ross-shire in his new uniform in 1871, says an enthusiastic writer in London Answers. As he strode along one street in the hamlet an old woman who had dandled him on her knees called out: "Oh, Hector, Hector, what made ye 'list'?" The determined-looking young soldier turned around with a smile and made an answer which now sounds almost prophetic: "May be th' army's not such a bad place as ye think. Ye needn't always be a common soldier."

General Hector Macdonald, who has succeeded the late General Wauchope as the leader of the Highland brigade, was born in 1833 in a crofter's hut a few miles away from Dingwall. No ambitious lad started life under more discouraging circumstances. At the age of 11 he was earning his own living as a stable boy at Dingwall. He stuck to this for six years, and then went to Inverness, and there, when a youth of 17, he was taken by a schoolmaster and duly became a draper's assistant. He remained behind the counter for two years, and then the Highlander's restlessness of spirit drove him once more to the ranks. The Gordon Highlanders were stationed at Inverness and the sight of the kilts stirred the martial ardor of the Celt. Hector Macdonald enlisted, and it was when he went home to bid his good-byes to his mother and that the incident referred to occurred.

How "Bohs" Discovered Him.

According to Mr. Thomas Atkins one of the greatest services which Lord Roberts of Kandahar owes to the discovery of "Fighter" Mac for that is the name General Macdonald is known by in the army. Curiously enough, Macdonald brought himself under the notice of the British general when the latter was making his own expedition in India. This was during Roberts' second Afghan campaign. Macdonald's chance came when the Highlanders were ordered to the front at the most critical time. Roberts and his forces were "for the moment" in a position from which they could assail the line of march. Apparently they could not be driven from it. The enemy was to be reached by a heavy-banked river overlooked by the Afghans above.

A Supreme Moment.

It was a supreme moment in Macdonald's life. All his daring, dogged, warrior nature was aroused, and he faced the situation with grim determination. With a tact, coolness and hardihood which the veteran of the battle of Omdurman would have envied, Colonel Macdonald maneuvered and fought his men. "They responded to his call with confidence," he said. "They were proud of him. Steady as a gladiator, with what seemed to some of us like inevitable disaster staring him in the face, Macdonald forced his brigade forward at our side, and he moved quickly on the best available ground, formed up, wheeled round and stood to die or win. He won practically unaided. Had the brilliant and splendid deed of arms wrought by Macdonald been done under the eyes of a sovereign, or in some other armies, he had surely been created a General on the spot!"

Honored on the Battlefield.

It was in the next incident of the campaign, the battle of Charasial, that Macdonald achieved the greatest distinction of his military career. The fighting Lord Roberts took Macdonald to take charge of a number of men and hold a certain position. The young Highlander executed his orders with the most perfect accuracy. He was faced by an overwhelming force of the enemy, but he marched and wheeled his men about with masterly precision, and once again saved the situation. "Bohs," in this case, have something more to mention Macdonald in his dispatch. At the close of the fighting, the first thing he did was to send for the perspiring, blood-soaked, and exhausted Highlanders. "Bohs," Macdonald hurried to the General's tent, fearing he was about to be rebuked for being too daring with his men. He found Lord Roberts surrounded by his staff. In his presence, the brilliant and splendid deed of arms wrought by Macdonald was recounted. He was thanked for his services, handed him a sword, and announced he was going to recommend him for the highest honor a soldier can receive—a command in his own regiment. His comrades went wild with enthusiasm when they heard the news, and carried him that night around the camp, whilst the pipers played the "Gordon Highlanders' March."

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