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THE SERALES FAILURE. A CUBAN UPRISING. Will Not Involve Any of the Eighteen Corporations.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The financial embarrassment of John E. Searies, one of the organizers of the American Sugar Company, and until yesterday president of the American Cotton Company, it was said today, is nearly terminal, and will not involve any of the 18 corporations with which he is connected, either as president, treasurer, secretary, director or trustee.

HAYANA, March 6.—An investigation into the report, circulated in the United States by a news agency, that the United States Secret Service officials here had been informed that plans are on foot for a Cuban uprising and that disorder is only avoided now by the efforts of leaders to hold the revolutionary element in check, elicited the following statement from Senor Gonzales Quesada, who was the special commissioner of Cuba at Washington, and who was, in the dispatch, referred to as having confirmed the statements made: "I have not made any statements regarding an uprising. If any persons are interested in fomenting an uprising they are not Cubans who are in favor of independence, but parties desirous of seeing Cuba crushed forever. What we have to contend against now is American public opinion. There is no prospect of fighting here."

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SUIT BY OREGON GIRL Duke of Manchester Is the Defendant. PORTIA KNIGHT IS PLAINTIFF On Arrival in Liverpool, With His Bride, the British Peer is Served With Papers in a Breach of Promise Case.

LIVERPOOL, March 6.—On his arrival here today, on the White Star line steamer Oceanic, from New York, the Duke of Manchester, who with his bride, was a passenger on board, was served with a writ for an alleged breach of promise at the instance of Portia Knight, of London. Miss Knight is an American, 23 or 24 years of age. She was on the stage in New York for a short time, and has been living privately in London for a year. She referred a representative of the Associated Press to her lawyers. The writ has been out for some time, she said, and she did not know whether it would be served in America or in England. Miss Knight was glad to hear that it has been served in Liverpool.

"I regret that this affair has become public," she said. "I thought it would be done in camera. I do hope it will not be taken up in the American papers. I have brought the suit not because I desired publicity, but because I felt in duty bound to all my friends here in England. For their sakes as well as my own, I have every wish that the proceedings should be as quiet as possible. I only wish the Duke of Manchester since I came to England a year ago. But really, I must refer you to my solicitors."

When Miss Knight's solicitors were called upon to state the grounds of the suit, they refused to give any details or to do more than to confirm the report that Miss Knight had commenced the action.

THE SENSATION OF LONDON. Promises to Rival the Westminster Scandal.

LONDON, March 6.—The Manchester sensation promises to rival the Westminster scandal. Although the Duke of Manchester asserted that the writ has been served upon him in the suit for alleged breach of promise, this is quite immaterial, as the writ has been issued and proceedings are being taken. This entirely unexpected sequel to one of the most interesting marriages of an American heiress and representative of the British nobility, occurred shortly after the Duke of Manchester so suddenly made Miss Zimmerman a Duchess.

Miss Knight's allegations are not yet obtainable, but it is evident that she is in earnest and that the suit was brought without any idea of gaining publicity. She is about the same age as the Duke of Manchester, possibly a trifle older. Their acquaintance began, a representative of the Associated Press is informed, when Miss Knight was living in Sturminster manor, in Dorset, where the Duke frequently visited. The employees of the manor say the acquaintance ripened to a stage where they quarreled frequently and that the Duke refused to marry her for six months ago, when the Duke no longer called there, and Miss Knight took a flat elsewhere. She is now living in London and is the wife of an American. Unlike the Duke, she is a plain, unadorned brunette, with an olive complexion.

No one met the Duke and Duchess on their arrival at Buxton Station, London. The Duchess looked extremely well and very pretty. The Duke seemed rather worried. When asked by a representative of the Associated Press if it were true that he had been served with a writ, he replied: "It is quite untrue. I know nothing about the suit. I am feeling quite fit, and had a fine time in America." "Come along," he said, and he and the couple jumped into a cab and drove off. He had intended to land at Queenstown and proceed to their Irish home, but the storm prevents, and there, they decided to remain in London, where they will shortly leave for Ireland.

PORTIA A SALEM GIRL. Colonel Knight's Daughter, Born and Raised in the Capital City.

SALZM, Ore., March 6.—Portia Knight is well known in this city, where she was born and raised. She is a daughter of Colonel N. B. Knight, for many years a prominent lawyer in Salem, and now an attorney at Baker City. Her mother was Sarah Miller, the oldest daughter of Captain John F. Miller, who died in this city a few days ago. Portia has always been recognized here as a person of extraordinary ability. She obtained her education in the city where she was born, who was a woman of great intellectuality and of classical education. Later, she attended the Catholic school in Portland. She studied elocution in San Francisco and New York, and in the latter city is said to have obtained recognition as an actress. Her last visit to Salem was made something over a year ago. When she left here it was reported that she had an engagement with the Frohman Company to play in London. The news that she had brought an action against the Duke of Manchester for damages for breach of promise caused no small surprise and amusement among those who knew her. The prevailing opinion is that the Duke is engaged in a lawsuit with a woman who is abundantly able to look out for her own interests.

As Miss Knight has not made Salem her home for several years, nothing is known of her career. She has some financial interests in this county and now has a suit pending in the Circuit Court to obtain possession of a tract of land in the Lake Labish neighborhood.

Discussed the Sugar Duty. WASHINGTON, March 6.—A delegation from the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, headed by Martin D. Madden, had an important interview with the President concerning the countervailing duty on Russian sugars. They placed before the President arguments to show that the discrimination against Russian sugars might seriously injure our export trade to Russia. If retaliatory measures were insisted upon and that a general trade war against the United States might arise, the President expressed the hope that no such war would be precipitated, but explained that the law was plain. He suggested that the only solution of the ques-

tion would be a test case such as was contemplated by Secretary Gage when he issued an order imposing the countervailing duty.

BILLION DOLLAR CONGRESS. Statement of Appropriations for the Past Two Sessions.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Representative Cannon, chairman of the House committee on appropriations, and Representative Livingston, senior Democratic member of the committee, have prepared statements of the appropriations of the 56th Congress, which will be printed in the Record tomorrow. Both place the total appropriations at \$1,448,825,545, placing those for the first session at \$716,159,882, and for the second at \$732,665,663. Mr. Cannon publishes a table showing the expenditures of the previous Congress at \$1,563,212,537, and Mr. Livingston makes a comparison with the 54th Congress, which appropriated \$1,944,890,273. In his statement Mr. Cannon says: "The appropriation of the session just closing aggregate, as nearly as can be ascertained at this time, \$732,665,663. This sum includes \$227,782,988 for the postal service, and \$37,000,000 for the sinking fund. 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