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CUBAN RAILWAY SYSTEM.

Syndicate of American Capitalists Will Rebuild and Develop Them.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Representative American capital has been enlisted in a scheme for the rehabilitation and development of the railway system of Cuba. A newly formed corporation, the Cuban Company, is to undertake this work, and although its existence is chiefly due to the labor and enthusiasm of a Canadian, Sir William C. Van Horne, Wm. C. Whitney and other prominent members of the Whitney syndicate, ex-Governor Levi P. Morton, John W. Mackay, of the Commercial Cable Company; Jaa. J. Hill, the western railway magnate; General Samuel Thomas and other well-known American financiers, are to employ their brains and money in pushing the project.

The Cuba Company has been incorporated in New Jersey with \$3,000,000 capitalization. There will be a meeting of the promoters this morning in ex-Governor Morton's office and the organization of the company will be perfected. It is thought probable that Sir William C. Van Horne, who resigned some time ago the presidency of the Canadian Railway Company, may be chosen president of the Cuba Company. He has spent much time in Cuba in a thorough investigation of the resources and prospects of the island.

Beside the men already mentioned as subscribers the list includes: H. M. Flagler, the Standard Oil magnate; Edward H. Harriman, of the syndicate now in charge of the affairs of the Union Pacific railroad; Thomas M. Ryan, P. A. B. Widener and W. L. Elkins, of the Whitney syndicate; F. J. Berwind, General Granville M. Dodge, H. Walters, George G. Haven, H. M. Whitney, G. B. Hopkins, Wm. Lanman Bull and Charles T. Barney. The Cuba Company may devote itself in some measure to developing the natural resources of the island of Cuba, but will chiefly attend to developing the Cuban railroads.

Sir William C. Van Horne said last night: "The western half of Cuba, geographically, is well supplied with railroads already, and but little more in that way is now needed there. But the eastern half, which comprises the Provinces of Santa Clara, Puerto Principe and Santiago, is still in an almost wholly undeveloped state. To the southward the mountain ranges lie near the coast, as they do in certain portions of the coast elsewhere. In consequence of but few railroads having been built there, and those of an insignificant character, the population has not penetrated far inland, and the interior of these provinces remains in an undeveloped state. Some small investments I had in Cuba led me there first to look after them, but with no intention of in any way increasing them.

"This problem presented itself to me and I became interested in its working out. One thing more which led me to take it up was that I found the Cubans not only willing to work, but to do work well and with intelligence.

"I also believed them, after close observation, to be capable of self-government and found that the better classes among them were anxious and would use their influence to render capital invested in Cuba as safe as that invested in other countries, and while occasion may arise calling for the interference of the United States in the near future, I don't think they will."

"Cuba will, I believe, be ultimately annexed to the United States, not on account of self-government there, but

because her interest lies so clearly in that direction that she herself will probably some day request it. But in any event I have no fear of investing capital there on account of the Cubans, for, even if the self-government which the United States has pledged herself to give them has failed, the United States has given even a stronger pledge to the world that she will maintain order in Cuba, which insures the safety of investments made there.

"Not the least important of this new company is that it is the first investment on a large scale of American capital in Cuba.

"We propose to develop these three great provinces that in territory are half the size of the entire island, but which as yet only hold a third of the population. They are wonderfully rich agriculturally, in minerals and in timber, and the first work in their development will be to build railroads. We shall not stop there, but shall do any and everything that seems to us wise to do to promote development in agriculture, mining timber and manufacturing."

MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

Favors the Ship Subsidy Bill and Will Ask to Be Incorporated Under a National Charter.

BOSTON, April 26.—The National Association of Manufacturers has endorsed the bill now pending before congress for the encouragement of the American merchant marine. President Search recommended the incorporation of the Association, under a national charter, and a motion that resolutions be sent to the congressional committee asking the enactment of a bill to that end was adopted.

Colonel S. N. D. North, who had been sent to the convention as the representative of the cotton manufacturers, addressed the association upon the work of the United States Census of Manufacturers. Colonel North stated that the census of 1900 would show a remedy for all previous defects. The census department wished to make it the quickest as well as the best census ever taken. The speaker doubted the utility of the question as to the amount of capital invested in manufacturers, but congress had demanded that it be put, and the department would carry out the mandate. It rested in the power of the manufacturers to make or mar the census.

Resolutions bearing upon a variety of subjects have also been adopted, among them the following:

"Resolved that the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States heartily congratulate the present administration, and particularly John Hay, on the successful termination of the brilliant and effective diplomat effort to establish the principle of the 'open door' system of trade in China.

"Resolved that we further believe that the advantages thus secured can best be maintained if our government will accord to merchants coming to the United States the right assured to them under the treaty of entrance in this country, without needless hindrance or delay.

"Resolved that the National Association of Manufacturers earnestly petition the present congress to endeavor to have prepared and ratified a reciprocal treaty between Canada and the United States which, by means of mutual concessions in duties, will give to the American manufacturers an opportunity to hold and extend their trade in the Dominion of Canada under tariff conditions quite as favorable as those according to any other nation."

The latter resolution was adopted, in

spite of a Michigan delegate's protest. Resolutions favoring the laying of competing cables between the United States and Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines were also adopted.

A TAMMANYITE, OF COURSE

The Member of Congress Who Was Elected by the Pneumatic Company.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Ex-Congressman James J. Belden, who is currently reported to be the former member of the house committee on appropriations to whom Congressman Moody referred in the mail tube debate in the house as one of the principal holders of stocks and bonds of the Pneumatic Tube Company, said last night to a Herald reporter:

"It is true that I hold some of the bonds of the Pneumatic Tube Company, that built a tube line across the Brooklyn bridge, but I never had any stock in the company and had neither stocks nor bonds of the company that is operating under the city streets. I took the bonds as collateral for a loan, and had no other interest in the company."

"While I was a member of congress I did not vote on any measure affecting the Pneumatic Tube Company and I defy any member of either house to say that I ever asked him to vote for a bill in the interest of the tube service. If Mr. Moody or any other man says I urged him to vote for the company's bill I will make him prove his statement."

FOREIGN HATRED SPREADING.

Chinese Empress Dowager is Punishing Members of the Reform Party.

NEW YORK, April 26.—A special to the Herald from Washington, says: Edwin H. Conner, American minister in China, is keeping the state department fully advised by mail of developments in the situation. His latest reports are not of a very encouraging nature and indicate that the anti-foreign movement is decidedly spreading, being particularly strong in the provinces of Shan Tung and Chi Li.

As illustrating the hostility of the empress dowager to the development of the empire, attention was called today to a decree which she recently issued, degrading five officials on the most ridiculous charges. One, for instance, was degraded because of his "unfathomable heart," another because of "his greed for money." The real reason of their degradation was because of the fear of the empress dowager and her advisers that they were prominent in the reform movement.

The hostility of the empress dowager to the progress of her people will surely precipitate a crisis, it is said, in official and diplomatic circles and it would not be surprising if the troubles which the Peking government apparently does not wish to suppress should be the forerunner of anarchy and general revolution.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

A Boston Interview With the Chinese Minister Which Doesn't Advance Many New Ideas.

BOSTON, April 26.—Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, who is here attending the meeting of the national association of manufacturers, was asked if there was any special feeling in China with reference to New England, and Boston in particular, on account of the old time trade interests in this portion of the United States. He said:

"In China today we don't know Boston and New York and Philadelphia. We know simply America. Most of the old commercial houses in China have gone out of business. Other countries have sent their representatives. Germany, for instance. The Germans are very smart business men. They know how to deal with the Chinese merchants. Their motto is 'better business with small profits than no business at all.'"

"What are these Boxers that we read about?" he was asked. It took the minister an unusually long time to comprehend the question but finally he grasped it.

"I never heard much about them when I was in China," he said. "It is an athletic society, I think—boxing, you know. That's where the name comes from. I think the stories of killing missionaries are much magnified, however, I never heard anything of the kind."

PREFER TO RETROGRADE.

Indians Will Emigrate to Mexico and Resume Their Old Habits of Life.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The house committee on Indian affairs today directed a favorable report on the bill allowing the Indians in the Indian territory to emigrate to Mexico.

Mexico gives the Indian an opportunity to return to their tribal nations and their nomadic habits and they prefer this to the restrictions now imposed upon them.

POST OFFICE BILL PASSED.

Pneumatic Amendments Stuck to but the Usual Grant for Special Mail Subsidies Retained.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—After a four days' discussion, the house today passed the post office appropriation bill.

The attempt to strike out \$196,000 for special mail facilities from New York to New Orleans and from Kansas City to Newton, Kansas, met the fate it has met ever since the appropriation was placed in the bill in 1893. No one demanded a separate vote

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upon the amendment striking out the pneumatic tube provision and the house, by a large majority, stood by the amendment to give extra compensation to letter carriers for all work in excess of 48 hours in a week, although the carriers were said by Cummings (dem.), of New York, to be opposed to it.

The bill to increase the salary of the director of the census to \$7,500 and the salaries of the supervisors of the census by two per cent of the amount received by their enumerators was passed.

ANOTHER PORTLAND MURDER.

Unknown Man Found in the River With Railroad Iron Tied to His Neck.

PORTLAND, April 26.—The body of an unknown man was found floating in the river today just south of the railroad bridge. Around the neck there was twisted a wire to which was attached two brake shoes, taken from a freight car, and weighing about 50 pounds.

It was thought the body was that of William Brannan of Ellensburg, N. Y., who has been missing from Seattle for three weeks, but word came this evening that he was safe in Seattle.

It is evident that the man was murdered and then thrown into the river.

VICTORIA'S VISIT ENDED.

Before Leaving Dublin She Distributed a Few Titles and 1,900 Souvenirs.

DUBLIN, April 26.—Before the departure of the queen from this city today she said she had a most pleasant visit and intimated that she hoped to be able to return.

The queen conferred baronetcies upon Lord Mayors of Dublin and Belfast, the title of Lord Mayor on the mayor of Cork and his successors in office, and knighthood upon the mayor of Cork and the mayor of Londonderry. Her majesty gave £1,000 pounds to be distributed among the poor in the Dublin hospital.

THE KLONDIKE CENSUS.

Almost as Many People There as in the Town of Astoria.

SEATTLE, April 26.—Telegraphic advices of April 21 from Dawson to Skagway, and brought to Seattle on the steamer Humboldt, arriving today, state that the census of the Klondike has been completed.

The population of Dawson City is 5,450 and of the Klondike 3,397. The district has 2,767 British subjects and 5,539 citizens of the United States. The population of Dawson has increased 1,200 since January.

GARDNER EIGHT-HOUR BILL.

Will Make Votes for Politicians and Trouble for Government Contractors.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The house committee on labor at a special meeting today directed a favorable report on the Gardner eight-hour bill, which has attracted much attention in labor circles and among the contractors for government work. The vote was unanimously in its favor.

The bill provides that every contract shall stipulate a penalty for each violation of the provision directed by this act of five dollars for each laborer, or mechanic, for each and every calendar day in which he shall labor more than eight hours.

BRYAN NEARLY THROUGH.

Will Wind Up His Campaign in a Few Days and Then Lay Up to Await the Result.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 26.—William J. Bryan returned to his Lincoln home

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