



CUBAN ROW CALLED OFF

Governor Magoon Says All is Peaceful.

SITUATION VERY BRIGHT

Railroad Strike is Dying Out at Behest of Fifty Artillerymen Sent from Havana.

CUBANS CALLED CHILDREN

Coming Elections the Bone of Contention, But No Serious Trouble is Feared—Provisional Government in Fine Shape.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The War Department issued a statement today concerning the situation in Cuba, which indicates that conditions are not alarming. The statement says:

"A letter dated December 23 has been received from Governor Magoon, which contains the following brief passage:

"The present situation is full of hope and confidence that the provisional government will have no occasion to deal with an uprising. The continued tranquillity of the island under our administration is as satisfactory as anything can be in Cuba."

"He also says with reference to the strike at Camaguey:

"There is a fair prospect of a strike by the workmen in the railroad shops at Camaguey, and I sent 50 artillerymen there last night and this morning and am advised that the matter is unimportant."

"The following has been received by the department in a private letter from a military officer holding a high station in Cuba, dated December 22:

"Everything goes on quietly here, and there is no marked change in any respect. We have continual intimation from all sorts of sources that, no matter what happens in the election, one side or the other will take to the woods."

"I suppose an Anglo-Saxon will never understand these people and can never hope to do so.

"They are something like children who tell ghost stories to each other until they frighten themselves to a point where they cannot sleep. Our rule has been so quiet and orderly, and the President's injunction to refrain from hurting the feelings or wounding the susceptibilities of the Cubans is so strictly observed that the people welcome the troops everywhere."

WAS AGAINST PUBLIC.

Enrico Caruso's Offense Was Not Against Single Individual.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—In affirming the decree of conviction against Enrico Caruso, the famous tenor, on a charge of annoying women in the monkey house at Central Park, Recorder Goff declared it was not essential that Hannah Graham, who made the complaint, be present in court. The offense, the recorder said, was not so much against an individual as against public order and decency.

STOCK MARKET QUIETER.

Break at First of Week Not Lasting in Effect.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The stock market was violently unsettled early in the week. The substantial recovery which followed was attributed in large part to the buying by an uncovered short interest. The break in the railroad stocks with large new stock issues pending, had causes peculiar to itself, but was of important sympathetic effect on the whole market. The call loan market was unexpectedly tranquil, the relief afforded by the

stock market liquidation playing its part in the result. The hope was thus fostered that the pinch of the year-end requirements will prove less severe than had been feared.

MONEY FOR CHARITY.

But Russell Sage's Widow Says it Will Not be Squandered.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Russell Sage, widow of the financier, has given out a statement in which she declares that it is not her intention to distribute immediately the money left by her husband, and much less does she intend to distribute it everywhere and to everybody. She declares that she has at her own doors plenty of cases of need which have a nearer claim on her than the people of other cities whose needs, she believes, can and should be met by philanthropic persons in those states. The earliest date at which her husband's estate can be closed up, she says, is one year from his death, and therefore present applications are premature.

MORE CLEARANCE TROUBLE.

FREEMONT, ILL., Dec. 29.—A suit to determine the legality of the reinsurance deal of the defunct German Insurance Company with the Royal Insurance Company has been ordered to be commenced in this county by Judge Heard of the Circuit Court. A petition was presented him on behalf of the San Francisco policy holders, and he decided to ask the receiver to proceed against the Royal Insurance Company, the receiver being the Chicago Title & Trust Company.

GREAT ADMIRAL LOST

Caught in Heavy Gale Thrown on Her Beam Ends and Fills.

CREW OF FOURTEEN RESCUED

The Cook and the Steward Die of Over-Exposure—Great Admiral Abandoned—Men Transferred to Bark Andrew Welch.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—The bark Andrew Welch which arrived today from Honolulu, brought fifteen of the crew of the Great Admiral which were transferred to the Andrew Welch from the ship Barcore, on December 24. The Barcore rescued the crew December 9 in latitude 46.43 north, longitude 127.58 west.

The Great Admiral was caught in a heavy gale on December 6 and thrown on her beam ends. She filled with water. The captain cut away the mast to save the ship. After drifting about for three days the crew was taken off by the Barcore. The cook and the steward died from exposure. The Great Admiral was abandoned.

SUES FATHER-IN-LAW.

Wants Hundred Thousand Dollars For Revolver Shot Damages

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—For injuries inflicted upon him by his father in law, William Constantine, Jesse M. Hall yesterday filed suit in the Superior Court asking damages of \$100,000.

Hall recites in his complaint that his father in law attacked him and wounded him with a revolver on October 2. As a result of the injuries then received he claims that he lost the use of his voice, the use of one finger and suffered severe injuries to the right hand and arm and nerves of the left arm.

Hall states that he was capable of earning \$150 a month before attacked by Constantine, and details a list of the expenses he has incurred since.

AGED MILLIONAIRE ILL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A London dispatch reports that the Baroness Burdett Courts, the richest woman in England, is gravely ill.

This extraordinary woman will, if she lives, be 93 in April next. She visited her bank and attended to business daily until a week ago.

MURDERED BY MERE LAD

Columbia County Contributes Very Latest.

A DEADFUL DEPRAVITY

Cooly Tells Just How and Why He Did the Fearful Deed—Is Entirely Placid.

LIED DESPERATELY AT FIRST

Sharp Sweating by Sheriff Finally Brings Out the Awful Truth—Reading Books in Jail, Apparently Oblivious.

ST. HELENS, Or., Dec. 29.—Because his foster-mother, Mrs. C. L. Ayer, hit him with a stick and drove him off to bed, after they had quarreled over work she said he had not done well, Elbert Oleman, aged 13, picked up the family rifle in the hall, and as the woman sat face from him, sewing, blew her head off.

Today young Oleman sits unconcernedly in the Columbia County jail. He has a book and entertains himself by reading. No expression of regret has passed his lips. The woman lies on a table at Warren station, where have a dozen old acquaintances have just completed hearing inquest testimony.

Young Oleman's dreadful deed took place last night. Mr. Ayer was absent in the hills and the youth had been working around the place. Mrs. Ayer upbraided him, he says, and when she finally sent him to the upstairs room, he was slow about retiring. Mrs. Mrs. Ayer kept calling up: "Why aren't you in bed? Why don't you go to bed?" but when, after a time the boy came down stairs again, he had only one shoe off.

More hard words were then exchanged. "She said she'd beat me to death," exclaimed the child, when he had confessed the killing. "I turned away as if to go upstairs, but picked up the gun. She wasn't looking. She was sewing and her head was the other way. I lifted the rifle and pulled."

The woman dropped beside her sewing and lived only a moment. The boy went from the house to the residence of Lou Davies, a neighbor, a quarter of a mile away, where he said an assassin had shot through the window.

"I was unlacing my shoes upstairs," he said. "I was just going to bed when I heard it. I ran down and there was Mrs. Ayer, dying. I opened the door and saw a man running near the barn. I don't know who he was, and he didn't say anything."

A few minutes later he told the same story at the E. H. Lynch place nearby.

Men hurried to the Ayer place and the lad's tale looked good at first. The woman lay beside her sewing, just as he had said; but on the floor lay a 40-80 rifle, recently discharged, and when officers came hurriedly from St. Helens and looked for footprints around the barn, none could be found. Neither did the boy's attitude seem natural and Sheriff Martin White began to question him. Over and over again he repeated his story—substantially the same each time—but after two hours of sweating he told the sheriff all.

Young Oleman was adopted by the Ayers five years ago. He lived at Lebanon till his parents died. Two sisters of the scattered family live at Salem, another at Silverton. He has been a rather good boy, neighbors say, and at the sheriff's office here he is pronounced intelligent and bright. At Warren, too, near where the Ayers lived and where the family was well known, the boy was counted smart. The Ayers had never legally adopted him.

The Ayer family came to the farm near Warren from the Carrico Valley, seven or eight miles north of Houlton, Or., and had lived there just about a year. They have a married daughter, Mrs. Mertie Baich, whose home is at Scappoose.

The seven Oleman children were wards of the Oregon Children's Home Society, an organization that was in charge of the late Rev. I. S. Toby. It was a branch of the National Children's Home Society, but upon the death of Mr. Toby the books were turned over to the Portland Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. Bert Oleman was received by the society September 11, 1901. He was born on October 1, 1892.

There were seven children, namely, Mary, and Lottie, twins; Ella, Mabel, Henry, George and Elbert. All the children were placed in good homes in different parts of the state. All except Elbert were legally adopted and now bear other names. The mother of the children died before they were taken over by the society; the father died of cancer during 1900.

WANTS NO WAR.

Japan Has Not Yet Recovered from Her Last Encounter.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 29.—S. Wataashi of Japan, en route home from Mexico to report to his government on the condition of Japanese laborers in Mexican mines and other works, was here last night. M. Wataashi said he found the condition of his countrymen good in the railroad work, but in the mines conditions were extremely bad. He called the attention of the Mexican government to cruelty and injustice in some of the mines, and received the promise that conditions would be improved.

Wataashi says Japan does not want another war until recuperated from the last and certainly not with the United States.

OPERATOR IS HAZED

Negroes Attack a Defenceless Man and Injure Him Badly.

TELEGRAPHS FOR RESCUERS

Two Trains With Armed Men Are Instantly Rushed to the Scene—Negroes Escape Before the Arrival of the posse.

SPARTANSBURG, S. C., Dec. 29.—"I am penned up in a blockhouse and surrounded by a mob of negroes who have threatened my life. They are beating down the doors. For God's sake send help."

This message was sent here tonight by Telegraph Operator Porter in charge of the block station at Mount Zion, on the main line of the Southern Railway six miles from Spartansburg. Sheriff Nichols was notified and two trains with armed men have left for the scene.

CHARLOTE, N. C., Dec. 29.—Later: A long distance telephone message from Spartansburg states that a crowd of drunken negroes entered the station at Mount Zion and with pistols forced the operator, Porter, to dance and otherwise hazed him. Porter was injured, but how badly cannot be ascertained. The negroes escaped before the posse arrived.

Still Later—Telegraph Operator Porter in charge of the block station at Mount Zion, was taken out of his station tonight about 7 o'clock by a crowd of drunken negroes, tied up and whipped. The mob surrounded Porter, who barricaded himself in the station, and shot out the windows and lights. The operator wired the train dispatchers at Spartansburg to send help. He had scarcely finished the message when the negroes broke into the station and dragged him outside and beat him. Sheriff Nichols and officers left on a special train, but when they arrived the negroes had disappeared. The posse is searching the woods. No arrests have been made.

CALIFORNIANS AGAIN LOSE.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 29.—The Vancouver Rugby team for the second time lowered the cardinal colors of the Stanford team here today, beating the Californians by the score of 3 to nothing.

NOT BACKING GAMBLERS

U. S. Treasury Is Not Aiding Them.

SHAW IN MONEY MARKET

Relief Aids Wall Street Bulls But Injures Those on the Bear Side.

SPECULATION NOT EXTENSIVE

Many Causes for Money Stringency Among Them Short-sightedness of Banks—Treasury Notes Only Real Situation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—In a letter to a correspondent in Nashville, Secretary Shaw repudiates the suggestion that the United States Treasury had ever come to the defense of stock gamblers. The correspondent, whose name is withheld, insists that such relief had been given gamblers and money sharks, and was the "real cause of high money in New York."

The correspondence was made public today. The letter from the Secretary says the writer of the criticism seems to proceed on the theory that a money stringency is caused solely by stock gambling. The Secretary declares this to be an error. In good times, he says, people will speculate in anything and everything that has a market value. The proportion of speculation to necessary and legitimate business, he says, is very small, and probably no larger in New York than in Nashville. The Secretary says the Treasury never has come to the relief of stock gamblers and probably never will, though the relief which the Treasury grants frequently aids those who gamble on the bull side of the market, but is equally harmful to those who gamble on the bear side. The real business consideration is the only consideration. The Secretary says more money is needed when crops are being marketed and when factories are filling their warehouses, than when crops are growing and men are enjoying their vacations. Banks, he says, rarely make preparation for fall. They time their loans to meet their obligations and take their chances. The Secretary says that during the dull season of 1896 the Secretary withdrew \$60,000,000 in gold within the last nine months and has released or arranged for the release of \$50,000,000 more. This was done for the aid of legitimate business transactions and the Secretary does not care one way or the other whether it has helped the bull side of the market or damaged the bear side.

BIG FREIGHTER LAUNCHED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The American-Hawaiian steamship Company's new steamer Mexican was successfully launched at the Union Iron Works today. The vessel is the largest freighter ever launched on the Pacific Coast.

ADMINISTRATION AGAINST THEM

Western Federation Finds It the Ally of Corporate Despots.

DENVER, Dec. 29.—The executive board of the Western Federation of Miners has completed its annual report. The report contains the following: "The prosecution of Moyer, Hayden and Pettibone is not confined to the Mine Owners' Association of the West. The fact that in the recent political campaign President Roosevelt commissioned one of his political fam-

ily to leave the nation's capital and invade the state of Idaho and lift his voice in behalf of Gooding, the political tool and chattel of the Standard Oil Company, is a convincing argument that the conspirators have entrenched themselves behind Roosevelt's throne and are using the administration at Washington as an ally to bring about the judicial murder of men who have scorned to prostrate themselves in submission to the anarchy of corporate despotism."

CAUGHT IN RUINS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Five laborers were caught today under the ruins of a wall which fell at the corner of Pine and Battery streets, and it was half an hour before a hundred laborers who rushed to their rescue were able to uncover them. Two of the victims, Salvatore Galee and Nicholas Antonic, are probably fatally injured, while Manuel Montreal, Pietro Fernando and Charles Dial are severely hurt.

THREE KILLED IN WRECK.

DETROIT, Dec. 29.—Three stockmen were killed and four injured in a wreck near Winnipeg Junction last night. The victims were asleep in the caboose when the pusher engine crashed into the car, the stock train having been halted on account of a hot box.

FIRE IN LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—A fire which started in the heart of the wholesale district about 10 o'clock is still raging and has accomplished damage to the extent of \$50,000. The blaze originated in the Cohn-Goldwater Company's store. At midnight three buildings were blazing fiercely.

DENIES ACCUSATION

Archbishop Ireland Says He Did Not Censure Pope's Stand.

BLAMED ONLY LACK OF VIGOR

Famous American Prelate Charges The Paris Le Matin With Defending the Government at the Expense of Truth.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 29.—Referring to the report spread through France by the Le Matin of Paris to the effect that in his discourse last Sunday he had condemned the present attitude of the Pope and the French hierarchy in reference to the law of separation and associations of worship, Archbishop Ireland tonight made this statement to the Associated Press:

"Le Matin is an anti-Catholic paper and is willing to defend the action of the government even by perversion of facts. It was somewhat of a vindication of that section to quote an American prelate as favoring it. Le Matin has unwittingly served the cause of truth. My discourse last Sunday condemned unreservedly the associations of worship as proposed by the French government and shows that the Pope and the bishops were compelled by principal to reject such associations."

The archbishop goes on to say that if a word of blame for the Catholic clergy and Catholic church of France seemed to be spoken it was that heretofore through a degree of passivity and supineness and lack of earnest combination and union, they had allowed the electoral returns to send to the Chamber of Deputies a majority of Radical and Irreligious members.

THAW'S TRIAL SET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—It was announced at the District Attorney's office today that the trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White would take place in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court, before Justice Greenbaum. The trial is scheduled to take place on January 31.