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TWO GREAT SCHEMES.

Alleged Plans for the Annexation of Chihuahua and the Purchase of Cuba—Midsummer Session at Washington.

A Washington Sunday paper relieves the current dullness at the capital by the following expose of alleged sensational schemes now under way: The state of Chihuahua, in North Mexico, has now about ten thousand Americans within its borders. They are generally men of nerve and courage, and, in some way or other, two-thirds of them are connected with the various railroads now building in that part of Mexico. Last Wednesday a meeting was held in a stockbroker's office on Broad street, New York, that may revolutionize Mexico. At it were some of the large mine owners in Mexico, two capitalists, two gentlemen who made some figuring in the late war, a leading Texas journalist and other persons. The scheme proposed and discussed was this: When congress gets fairly under way, next winter, the Americans in Chihuahua are to "pronounce" in favor of dissolving the relations between that state and Mexico, establish a local state government and send a delegation to Washington to ask to be admitted to the Federal Union. An estimate was made by the gentleman present, of the probable expense of establishing this new government, and the capitalist said the sum named could be had easily, upon condition that the United States assumed the debt of the new state, as was done when Texas came into the Union. One of the military men present said 50,000 good men, well armed and drilled, would hold the country, and he would agree to raise 2,500. The speaker was a general officer of high reputation during the late war, was badly wounded, and is now on the retired list of the United States army for disability. The other was a Confederate General, not so well known as his colleagues, but a graduate of West Point, and served, I believe, in the mounted rifles before the war, and now lives in Mexico. He agreed with the other officer as to the forces required, and added that two-thirds of the Mexicans of position and education favored annexation to the United States, and only the ignorant lower classes would oppose it. The journalist, who was a Confederate regimental commander, said Texas would furnish all the force needed, and be glad to do it, and that the public sentiment in that state was overwhelming in favor of annexing the whole of Mexico, if necessary, at which there was much applause. After some discussion, the meeting adjourned to meet soon again. The gentlemen in this scheme are well known. One of the capitalists used to live in San Francisco, and was noted, while there, for operations requiring nerve and pluck. I believe the plan will be tried and will succeed.

It is now conceded by sensible Cubans that, if they had asked to become one of the states of the Union when they rebelled against Spain and Yara, on October 19, 1869, their cause would have succeeded. This time they will not make such a mistake. Everyone who is familiar with the matter knows we were on the eve of war with Spain when the Virginia affair occurred; and the high commands were all arranged; Sheridan was to have had the chief command, and Longstreet and Forrest each a division. This may happen yet, so far as Longstreet is concerned. General Bonachea of Cuba is now in New York. He is a Cuban of some note, and his purpose is to reorganize the Republican government of Cuba. He has had some important interviews with leading capitalists on the subject. One of them told him that if General Grant would favor the plan, and name some military commander to take charge of it, \$5,000,000 could be had in a very short time for the purpose of freeing Cuba. General Bonachea

has agreed to accept any plan that may be necessary to accomplish the purpose. The Spanish government now obtains about \$20,000,000 revenue annually from Cuba. The sum needed to free that country would not be one-half of that amount. I do not know what the result of General Bonachea's negotiations will be, but I suspect we are on the eve of lively times.

General Grant has always been in favor of our getting Cuba, and this plan may strike him favorably, if there is none better. Meantime a better plan than any yet mentioned has been quietly accepted. Spain is hard up for money, and she could not afford to go through another long struggle such as that of 1865-76 was. The plan of Bonachea may be part of a plan to force Spain to sell Cuba. During the last month a scheme, splendid in its breadth, has been revived. It is nothing more or less than the proposition of a few American merchants to buy from Spain the island of Cuba for \$100,000,000. Some years ago this was seriously attempted, but failed. Now the conditions are changed. King Alfonso is young and needs money. He believes that if he does not sell the island the Americans would soon try to take it for nothing. To sell it would save a long campaign—and would put into the royal coffers 500,000,000 pesetas. So far along has the plan progressed that I hear General Sikes will soon go to Spain to see what can be done. I am told the thing greatly pleases Mr. Vanderbilt, who sees an enormous profit in the sale. The island would be governed as the East India company governed India before England took it. All the plans have been so closely kept that I cannot give any of them; but I hear that Mr. Forbes, of Boston, is one of the leaders in the movement, and that Augustus Schell, Cyrus Field, Mr. Vanderbilt, C. J. Osborne, Mr. Cammack, General Grant and a prominent Spanish firm of Broad street will comprise the syndicate. General Grant to be a kind of viceroy. This would be the most brilliant scheme of this half century, if it can be carried out.

The Chicago Tribune says: The conflict between the Union Pacific and Denver and Rio Grande regarding the California passenger business is becoming more serious every day, and it is generally believed that an open rate war between the two roads will break out before many days have passed. A few weeks ago the Denver and Rio Grande gave notice that passengers from California over its line would have the privilege of visiting Denver and Leadville free of charge. This, it was learned, was done in retaliation for the Union Pacific running fast trains between Omaha and Ogden and allowing passengers to visit Salt Lake City free of extra charge. Now the Union Pacific hits back by announcing that passengers for California over its line will be accorded the privilege of going to Denver and Leadville and return free of charge. This action will, of course, give the Union Pacific again an advantage, and there is now no other way for the Denver and Rio Grande to get even except to make a large reduction in its rates, which, of course, will compel all other lines to do likewise.

W. W. Johnson, of Worcester, Massachusetts, left Yreka, California, in June of last year, with a horse and wagon and Ayrshire cow. He wintered at Ogden, Utah, and is now following the Rock Island road to Chicago.

R. H. Cameron, 23 Park Row, New York City, Publisher of Business Directory, of Merchants in Mexico, Cuba, Porto Rico, W. I. says: "I, myself, have suffered a great deal from rheumatic gout, and about six months ago, was induced by a friend to try St. Jacobs Oil. I used two bottles and haven't had a twinge since; previous to that I have generally had an attack about once a month.

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Prof. Harris, of the Concord School of Philosophy says: "That which should be continued by its environment might be still finite if it could arrive at an environment of a different kind, which did not continue it." And right in the face of this statement the telegraph operators struck.—*Hartford Post.*

Although the smoke for the past month has been slightly unpleasant, it nevertheless was the means of saving many a thousand bushels of grain to this country. Had it not been for the smoke the sun would have ruined many a piece of grain that is now turning out well.—*Yamhill Reporter.*

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