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DR. DANFORTH'S RETURN FROM CUBA

Tells Some Startling Facts About President Cesneros.

THE INSURGENT CAPITOL CITY

They Have From Thirty to Thirty-five Thousand Well Armed Men—Bound to Fight Till Death.

New York, June 12.—Among the passengers who landed in New York today on the steamer Valencia from Cuban ports was Dr. H. W. Danforth, of Milwaukee, Wis., who for fifteen months has been the personal physician of the president of the Cuban republic, Salvador Cesneros. The doctor is in the United States on a six-months' leave of absence.

According to Spanish reports, President Cesneros died in February last, but Dr. Danforth was with the president late as April 6th last, when he was full of enthusiasm and animated by a most confident feeling for the eventual success of the Cuban cause.

Dr. Danforth said that the seat of government of the Cuban republic is at Aguera, Puerto Principe, where the insurgents have erected a capital. Dr. Danforth was asked to express an opinion as to the numerical strength of the insurgents, and said that the Cubans for a certainty have at least from 9,000 to 12,000 men armed and in good shape. "They will succeed—not by reason of numerical strength, for the Spaniards have about 90,000 men in the field. All the Cuban leaders are sworn not to give up until they are all dead. They are bound by oath to fight until the last, and they will do so."

RAILROADS IN MEXICO LOST.

Lines Never Built and Franchises Lapsed by Limitation.

New York, June 12.—The Journal and Advertiser says:

The Mexican government by the executive action of President Diaz having forfeited all the railway concessions held by the Mexican National Construction Company, at the office of the company in this city, John Pratt, the secretary, said in an interview:

"The concessions which have been forfeited were for lines of road which have not been built within the time allotted under the terms of the grant. The construction company now owns and operates a road between the port of Manzanillo on the Pacific coast of Mexico and Colima, the capital of the state of Colima. It also owns a piece of road near Zacatecas in the state of that name. Concessions were given for a road connecting these two bits of track and for another branch line. As they were never built, the grants expire by limitation."

UNCLE SAM AT THE JUBILEE.

Will Be Represented by General Miles in the Parade.

New York, June 12.—A special to the World from London says:

General Miles, who recently came to Europe to witness the Greco-Turkish war as the representative of the United States army, is to ride mounted in the queen's jubilee parade in a position very near to the queen's carriage.

The place will be second only to her majesty's body guard. His assignment to it is regarded here as evidence of the British government's good feeling, and is likely to create something of a sensation.

NOT A SUCCESS.

The Episcopal Church Army Scheme Did Not Work Well.

New York, June 12.—The parochial mission society of the Protestant Episcopal church will formally withdraw its support from the church army September 25th next. This decision, which was arrived at at the regular meeting of the executive committee, amounts practically to a complete repudiation of General Henry H. Hadley, and his scheme of evangelization. It was not entirely unexpected, however, because the church army, since its organization a year ago, has extended only on sufferance and no receding in this diocese has been found willing to endorse the work. In fact, it has been

on trial and has not found favor with the majority of the clergy. It was placed on trial only through the efforts of Dr. Hadley, vicar of St. Agnes, and he has now changed his mind about its usefulness.

AT GRAVESEND.

Another Surprise Among the Youngsters on the Track.

New York, June 12.—There was an excellent attendance at Gravesend today, the chief attraction being the great American stakes, five furlongs, for two-year-olds, with \$10,000 hung up for the winner. As has frequently been the case this year, among the youngsters, there was another upset, and the favorite German was away back in the rack when previous, M. F. Dwyer's colt, well ridden by Blood, passed the judges' stand amidst the cheers of the crowd. Result—Previous won, Handball second, Varns third, time, 1:24.

SALMON IN SACRAMENTO.

Largest Run Since 1890—Result of the Hatchery.

San Francisco, June 12.—The run of salmon in the Sacramento river this year is greater than it has been since 1890. Already the pack has been 5,000 more than for all of last year. This is 13,287 cases, while the spring catch alone has amounted to 20,000 cases, and it is expected that the fall catch will at least double these figures.

The result is largely attributed by the packers themselves to the hatchery established at Battle Creek by the board of fish commissioners.

MURDERED IN A DRUNKEN ROW.

Apa, Cal., June 12.—As the result of a drunken quarrel Benjamin N. Billings, a young man aged 29 years, is dead, and Geo. Sharon, eight years younger than his victim, is in jail here on a charge of manslaughter. In a drunken row Sharon struck Billings under the left side of his jaw, Billings falling without a word, and it took only a moment to ascertain that his neck was broken and that death must have been instantaneous. Sharon was immediately arrested on a charge of manslaughter.

Billings was a fireman on the narrow gauge railroad of the Towle Bros. Co. at Towle. He was a native of Nevada, and had an uncle living in San Francisco and relatives in Sacramento.

MILLIONS IN SUGAR.

Chicago, June 12.—A special to the Times-Herald from New York says:

Another advance of one-sixteenth of a cent a pound has been ordered on graded Nos. 5 and 6, or domestic refined sugars. This is the third fractional advance within a few days, and follows a rise ordered Thursday of one-eighth of a cent on all grades of refined sugars except Nos. 5, 9, 13, 14, 15, and 18, in which grades the figures were advanced one-sixteenth of a cent per pound.

These advances, coming after thousands of tons of raw sugar had been rushed in before the tariff bill becomes a law, means the amassing of millions of dollars by the American Sugar Refining Co., otherwise known as the sugar trust.

THE NEW YACHT.

New York, June 12.—A special to the Journal from London says:

Ogden Coult's twin-screw yacht Mayflower, built by the Clyde Bank Ship-building Company, left Clyde for Cowes, with a view to joining in the naval review. Her internal fittings are not yet completed, but after the jubilee she will be returned to her builders and will be finally fitted.

THE URBANA AFFAIR.

Cincinnati, June 12.—A Commercial-Tribune special from Urbana, Ohio, says: Coroner Hewitt has returned from Columbus, where he took the official statement of Captain Leonard. He also took Captain Bradbury's official statement at Springfield. He will render his verdict after examining these statements.

NO PROGRESS ON SUGAR.

Washington, June 12.—The sugar schedule was again the subject of the demarcations today in the senate. Practically no progress was made. Only one amendment was voted upon, and that was defeated. When the senate adjourned the amendment of Lindsay, of Kentucky, to strike out the differential on refined sugar, was pending.

SOME STRANGE THINGS TO EAT

The Contents of a Traveling Circus Performer's Stomach.

CUT OPEN AT OWN REQUEST

Three Handfuls of Hardware Removed—Nails, Knives, Tacks and Glass Make Up the Combination.

Kansas City, June 12.—Harry Whitten, a traveling circus performer, was cut open at his own request, at the German Hospital here today, and fully three handfuls of hardware, which he had swallowed within the past two weeks, was taken from his stomach.

A photograph of the articles, taken by George H. Tilley, a responsible photographer, later in the day, revealed the following outlay: One four-bladed knife, three and a half inches long; one two-bladed knife, two inches long; three other knife blades, ranging from one to three inches in length; thirty-eight eight and ten-penny nails, sharp pointed; twenty-six slung nails; sixteen carpet tacks; three large screws; one horseshoe nail; one barbed wire staple; three ounces of fine glass.

Whitten claims to have traveled around the country for the past seventeen years eating glass and other hard substance in his avocation as the human oil-drift. Up to within two weeks ago his peculiar diet had agreed with him perfectly. It is believed he will recover from the operation.

A WOMAN'S HEAD.

Discovered Buried in a Cellar in Indiana. Said to Be Pearl Bryan.

Rushville, Ind., June 12.—The discovery of a woman's head buried in the earth in a cellar of a vacant house in the center of the city has aroused intense excitement here. Two boys were in the cellar rummaging among some old barrels and boxes when they made the discovery. The head is that of a woman probably 35 or 40 years old. The flesh has decayed, leaving the skin hard and dry and pressing tightly against the skull. There are thirteen teeth, six upper and seven lower, looking as bright and natural as if their owner was alive. A mass of short, heavy, blonde hair crowns the head with bangs in front. The facial appearance gives rise to the belief that the owner of the head in her lifetime possessed great beauty. A long cut or incision in the skull over the right ear tells how the woman met her fate.

The discovery of the head has given rise to all manner of conjectures as to the woman's identity, who buried the head, and how it got there. The prevailing opinion is that the woman was murdered, her body buried elsewhere and the head buried in the cellar. Many believe that the head is that of Pearl Bryan, murdered at Fort Thomas, Ken., by Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling. This woman has been dead three or four years, while Pearl Bryan met her fate but a year and a half ago, which explodes that theory.

FAMOUS SWIMMERS.

Pacific Coast Will Be Represented at Chicago.

San Francisco, June 12.—California is to be represented at the International Amateur Swimming Tournament championship, which is to be held at Chicago on July 3. Dan Renear and H. Brewer have been selected by the Pacific Coast Amateur Athletic Association. Renear, who has a record of 1:36 3/4 for swimming 100 yards, will compete in the 50, 75 and 100 yard events, while Brewer, who leaped into fame at the last championship meeting, will be a contestant in the 220 and 400 yard races.

OWNEY IS DEAD.

The Famous Traveling Dog Killed in Toledo.

Toledo, Ohio, June 12.—Owney, the famous canine postal tramp, is dead at last. He was officially executed by order of Postmaster Brand, of this city.

Soon after it was thought that the much-traveled dog had been killed in Cleveland, an edict went forth ordering

all mail clerk's to refuse passage to the wanderer.

Owney fell sick about that time and was cared for in St. Louis. He was then started out again, and came here yesterday from Frankfort, Ind., bearing only three medals on his collar. This is evidence that he had done very little traveling, as he was usually decorated at each stop with some sort of a badge.

Owney attacked Clerk Blankenshaw here, inflicting painful wounds in his hand. United States Marshal Shannahan was asked to kill him, but the dog made a rush for the gentleman and tore his trousers.

Postmaster Brand, seeing that the dog had grown so cross that it was dangerous to harbor him, ordered the chief of police to kill him, and Owney met death within a few minutes. His skin will be mounted at the expense of the Toledo clerks and forwarded to Washington for the official museum. The medals were sent to Albany, where his other trophies are stored.

Owney was about seventeen years old and his years of travel all over the United States and around the world have made him the most noted dog of his time.

CINCINNATI DAY.

President McKinley Visits the Tennessee Exposition.

Nashville, Tenn., June 12.—Adorned with a white vest, a straw hat and a Buckeye badge, President McKinley arrived at the exposition before 11 a. m. He drove out in a three-seated wagon drawn by three horses abreast, Russian fashion, and leaped lightly to the ground in front of the Cincinnati building.

This was Cincinnati day and the handsome building was thronged with the residents of the Queen City. President McKinley held a reception in the Cincinnati building, an aisle being formed by the Cincinnati police through which visitors approached and retired from the president. With President McKinley were Secretaries Sherman, Gary, Porter and Commissioner Evans. All the state buildings were then visited.

Mrs. McKinley, accompanied by Secretary Alger, arrived soon after noon and repaired direct to the Woman's Building, where luncheon was served to her and the lady members of the presidential party.

At 3 o'clock the president, assisted by Secretary Alger, Governor Taylor, Mayor Thomas and other officials, held a reception. From 5,000 to 6,000 people shook hands with the president. The special train left Nashville on the return trip at 7 o'clock tonight. Chattanooga was reached at midnight, but the party did not leave the train.

TO AID INDIA.

The Everett Sails With Corn and Money for Famine Sufferers.

San Francisco, June 12.—The steamer City of Everett, laden with grain for the famine sufferers in India, sailed this evening for Calcutta. Prior to her departure religious services were held on the deck of the vessel, participated in by a number of local clergymen.

The cargo of the Everett comprises 2,000 tons of corn, consigned to Bishop Thoburn, of Calcutta, and to the Rev. Dr. Hobbs, who sailed on the Everett. The corn and the cash contributions, amounting to two hundred thousand dollars, will be distributed in India by the American missionaries, representing all the churches.

THE HAWAIIAN MATTER.

Washington, June 12.—The republican caucus, after considering the Hawaiian reciprocity provision for an hour at the second session, decided to refer the matter altogether to the republican members of the finance committee, to formulate a proposition which shall be submitted to a future caucus, if not satisfactory to all.

SENTENCED TO BE HUNG.

Moscow, Idaho, June 12.—Judge Piper sentenced Frank Smith, convicted of the murder of Emmett Fox, to be hanged in the jail yard here on July 23. Smith applied to the board of pardons, which meets in Boise City on July 7, for a commutation of his sentence to imprisonment for life.

POPULIST GOES TO ALASKA.

Perry, O. T., June 12.—"Buffalo" Jones, a well-known Kansas populist, left here today for Alaska. He says he has two objects in view, one to prospect a route for the Canadian Pacific railroad, and the other to corral musk oxen in Alaska and drive them to the United States.

WILL BICYCLES BE USED IN THE ARMY

Twenty-four Soldiers Start on a Transcontinental Ride.

EXPERIMENT WILL DECIDE

Whether Infantry Men Fully Equipped Can Use the Wheel for Practical Purposes—Much Interest in the Result.

St. Louis, June 12.—A special to the Republic from Fort Missoula, Mont., says:

Today twenty-four men will start on a ride of nearly 2,500 miles to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., which will be reached in about six weeks. Whether bicycles will be used in the army depends on the result of this experiment.

Full infantry equipment, including cooking utensils and shelter tents, will be carried on the wheels. Each member of the party will wear regulation field service uniform, with the exception of bicycle shoes. Ten of the men will carry their Krag-Jorgensen rifles slung to their machines under the left leg and parasites to the tubing of the frame. The rest of the party will wear pistols, all being supplied with fifty rounds of ammunition to the man, and with twenty-five additional rounds each in their knapsacks.

BICYCLE RACES.

Events at the St. Louis Pastime Club's Grounds.

St. Louis, June 12.—Five thousand people visited the National Circuit bicycle races at the Pastime Club grounds this afternoon. Summaries—One-third mile professional—Earl Kiser, New York, won, Arthur Gardner, Chicago, second, L. D. Cabanne, St. Louis, third. Time, 4. The match race, one mile, was won by Earl Kiser, New York, Will Coburn, St. Louis, second. Time, 2:18 1/2. One mile professional—was won by E. E. Anderson, Earl Kiser second, A. C. Mertens third, Gardner fourth. Time, 2:25. Two mile handicap, professional, was won by J. W. Coburn (135 yards), A. F. Harding (140 second, Earl Kiser (scratch), third time, 4:38 1/2.

REMOVING COLUMBUS.

World's Fair Statue Consigned to the City Junk Pile.

Chicago, June 12.—The work of removing the statue of Christopher Columbus, which was erected on the lake front during the World's Columbian Exposition, was begun today.

The converting of the lake front into a park has progressed so far that the statue now stands in a basin, on account of filling in all around it, and its removal was made necessary. If the statue is replaced it will not be in the same position it now occupies. It has been regarded by many as an eyesore more than an ornament, and it may be that the city junk pile, to which the statue has been temporarily consigned, will be its final resting place.

AN EDITOR SHOOTS.

St. Louis, Mo., June 12.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Bunker Hill, Ill., says:

F. O. Hadley, editor of the Bunker Hill Gazette, this afternoon shot and fatally wounded John C. Richards, mayor of the town. The shooting occurred over an effort on the part of the mayor to settle the difficulty which had been pending for some time between himself and the editor.



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