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On the Virtues of Hot Overcoats on a Cold Winter Morning and Grows Eloquent.

Well, well, whin jeenfus triumphs ver overhaited brain don't get a chance THREE to take a nap. The rescoit iv me efforts in the advertising columns ly the Astorian and the Boodjit has thronged our shtore full iv customers hoongry after burghins with an avaricious hoonger, so sez Herman to me, ses he, Flanny, ses he, that's his pet name fer me whin he's feeling good (afther making a big shoors on the booling alley), Flanny, me bye, giv 'em a solo plexis blow in the region iv their purse on the soobjict ly overcoats, that'll convince 'em iv our supperoriaty; so here's me gintle song on overcoats, the koind we sell and the redooctions we

Now, overcoats is both an article iv dress, iv kumfert and ly convanience; whin the subterfuge ly chape clothing, which ye bought in wan iv the opporattion shtores, shows a rent in the back, which isn't due yet fur sixty days, Fashion decrees a stollish overcost loo iv the rent. Ye know phat happens whin ye disregard the decrees iv crool Fashion. France, wanst the dresslest ly nations, wint back on Dame Fashion and made luv to a girl in the Divil's Islands be the name iv Dryfoos; this treachery ly France her aroused the anger ly Fashods, who is the stipmother iv Dame Fashion, and she has refused to consint to their marriage iver since.

Now as to kumfurt, hev ye ever lived in New Jersey, whin the mosquitos is in full bloom and ould fiel throws a bucket full iv hot bricks and a hot wabhead and ye wish the Arctic and Atlantic ter duchay all over yer baid foreand Passific were nixt door naybors, thin, me frind ye can realize what kumfert it is to wear wan iv Herman Wise's overcoats on a cowid day, whin the glass cavoorts around garo and yer whiskey glass is filled with abber nit, that's phat me Dootch frind uses for his whiskers. For convanience nothing approaches an overcoat. Whin ye attend a church social and ye don't feel like ating a 10-cent cup iv caffay and cake for 50 cints, ye kin shlip half iv a maccaroni an' limket iv yer overcoat an' think iv yer little sword wans at home, phat's that very minnit in the arrums iv Orphayus under the kitchye don't I'll not weste iny more iv me per cint redocetion on overcoats. In the and to yer naybor's wife. Throoly your

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### SHOT DOWN IN HAVANA

Fafal Sunday Clash Between Spanish Officers and Cubans.

CUBANS

One Spanish Officer, Two Cubans and a French Subject Wounded.

CAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY

Cubans Wanted Amusement Places Closed Out of Respect to the Late General Garcia.

HAVANA, Dec. 12-Three Cubans were cilled and one Spanish officer and two ubans wounded last night in an affray etween some Spanish officers off duty and a number of citizens, and a party of Cubans, who wished to close the Tacon heater on account of the death of Garcia. ment of the Tacon theater where there audience, refused to close the house. Twenty-accord, at Fort Crook, Neb. Thereupon Allegrette, a former captain

Then there was a collision between the Cubans and the Spanish military men; en table, jist as ye think iv 'em whin ye more blows were struck on both sides are spending the last dime iv last week's and many persons from cafes and parks CUBAN GENERAL'S FAMILY wages for a glass ly beer and pretrets. cheered for Spain and brought crowds Now, thin, do ye want an overcoat? If of people to the spot from adjacent streets and squares. Suddenly a shot was swate illoquints, but if ye do, call at fired, whether by a Cuban or by a Spani-Herman Wise's shtoore, as we allow 15 and, intentionally or accidentally, connot be said, and the Cubans retreated into the manetime be good to yerself, to yer wife Hotel Ingleterra. More shots were fired on both sides and Arturo Tisel, a French citizen born in Havana, was shot and seriously wounded white sitting at table. More shots were fired and the Cubana ran through the hotel office and made their way up stairs. Jesus Solongo, a Cuban, fell, wounded, on the stairs, and another wounded man broke into the room occupled by Lleutenant Fitzhugh Lee, son of the famous general, and former consulgeneral hero, demanding protection. General Greene and several members of his staff heard the uproar in the hotel and went into the corridor. As soon as the Spanish officers saw General Greene, who was in uniform, they stopped pursuit of

the Cubans, saluted and retired. In the meantime Eastaquino Lemus, a Cuban, had been fatally wounded in the street and Pedro Blesa and Senor Jiminez had been killed. Shortly afterwards the Spanish guards on duty swarmed in from neighboring streets and order was re-

Special Rates CUBANS HAIL SOLDIERS

AS THEIR DELIVERERS. cal Parties Men Embraced Each the Other and Wo

men Wept for Joy as the Troops Marched at Havana.

HAVANA, Dec. 12-The Two Hundred and Secood New York reigiment began to land at 6 clock this morning, and a column about 1000 strong marched from San Jose wharf to the Christina railway sta-

There were only an ordinary number of casionally that cries of "viva Espanola; viva Americanos," or viva Cuba libre," were heard. The onlookers were mostly

silent and were only curious to see the American soldiers. The First North Carolina regiment,

the United States transport Roumanian, disembarked this morning and marched through the city with band and colors to the camp at Mariano. By the time the regiment had reacned the suburb of line. Cerro, many hundreds of men, women, and children were following, all showing deep emotion, the men embracing one another, the women weeping from excessive pleasure and the children shouting endearing names as the North Carolina soldiers marched along. The troops were amazed at the intensity of the feeling displayed. Several hundred Cubans followed the regiment all the way to Mariano, a distance of seven miles.

GOMPERS IS OPPOSED TO POLICY OF EXPANSION.

In a Speech Before American Federation of Labor He Says It Means Self-Government Has Failed.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 12.-Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, now in session here, stated the objections of the federation to a "policy of imperialism and expan-

sion" as follows: "We cannot annex the Philippines without a large increase in our standing army. republican institutions and a menace to the liberty of our own people. If we annex the Philippines we shall have to conquer the Filipinos by force of arms, and thereby deny to them what we claim for ourselves-right of self-government. "We shall seek to conquer by force of arms instead of by our own industry, commerce and superior mentality and

"We shall be compelled to open the today and immediately accepted.

gates to admit Chinese, Malays and laborers who may come from 'our pos-

tion that self-government has falled and that the people estnot be trusted; that a dolliar is of more consequence man, and plutocracy and militarism nobler than humanity."

BOWERS PATENT SUSTAINED

The Decision Gives to Bowers Control Practically of All the Hydraulie Dredges in Modern Use.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12-Judge Morrow, of the United States circuit court, today handed down a decision in the two cases of Alphonto B. Bowers against the San Francisco Bridge Company and th Pacific Coast Dredging and Reclamation Company, awarding perpetual injunctions and ordering an accounting of the dam ages and profits.

This decision involves the dredgers used by A. Heidmaler and Neu, Chicago drainage canul, those used by the New York Dredging Company at Washington, Philadelphia, Port Royal and Sabine Lake in Texas, those built by the Bucyrus Company and used by the Americar Dredgng Company at Philadelphia, and also the dredges used by the United States govrament on the Mississippi river.

The decision is broad and sweeping character, giving to Bowers all he claims and practically covers all the hydraulic dredges in modern use.

Secretary Alger Signs an Order Designating Troops to Relieve Them-Losses Sustained in Cuba Considered.

VOLUNTEERS AT MANILA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.-The war do

Manila by the regulars. death spread through Havana early yes- out of eight held in reserve for service in general under the present system. This terday afternoon the Cubans wished to tripical countries. The regiments are the had occurred under the command of Gen-

sion with a Spanish officer, who struck selected in reverse ratio to the loss sus- retary of war. If those relations are not im across the face with the flat of his tained by them in the Cuban campaign. close, then the secretary of war gets tired in the order in which they reached eral.

that city.

Family Were at Dinner at Thomasville. Georgia.

THOMASVILLE, Ga., Dec. 12.-In the midst of laughter and flowers the wife and two daughters of General Garcia, Misses Mercedes and Marcia, received the tidings of their father's death. The blow the president and secretary of war. was terrible in its suddenness and has

prostrated the entire family. The noon train brought the Garcias from Way Cross under the escort of Mayor Stern and they were installed in the handsome suite at the Masury hotel. A telegram Sunday morning came from forming his mother that the condition of the general was much improved and the family went to the dining room with light hearts. Their table was gally decorated with flowers in honor of the occasion and all three ladies were paid courtesies usually accorded to people of distinction. In the midst of this happy scene BUSINESS OUTLOOK IN came the shocking news from Washing-

The plans of Mrs. Garcia have not been yet ascertained. She may go to Washington or proceed to Tampa to await the arrives of the body of the general should

t be decided to bury it in Cuba. NICARAGUAN SURVEYORS

ARRIVE AT 'FRISCO.

The San Juan River Route Favored-

Nicaraguans Want United States to Assist in its Construction.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.-Francis L. Stuart and Thaddeus Merriam, who have had charge of one of the surveying parties people in the streets and it was only oc- of the Nicaraguan canal commission since December, 1897, have arrived here on route to Washington, Mr. Stuart says: "Personally I am a strong advocate or the Lake Nicaragua and San Juan river route. There is another scheme on foot to follow the San Juan river from Lake which arrived here yesterday morning on Nicaragua east 50 miles to Machucha rapids and then cut a ditch 102 miles long to Greytown. The latter is an ambittous scheme and while it would be a good road. I prefer the lake and river

> "The people of Nicaragua want the United States to construct the canal. I found them extremely friendly about the

FATAL SHOOTING ACCIDENT CAUSED BY SNOWBALLING.

Tim Connors Fires Into a Crowd of Boys and Instantly Kills Chas. Tracey-Connors Surrenders,

INLIANAPOLIS, Dec. 12.-Chas. Tracy, aged 16, has been shot and instantly killed by Tim Conners, custodian of Greenlawn cemetery. Tracy and a number of other boys were gathered near the cometery throwing snow balls at pedes- al risk of the manufactories, trians indiscriminately.

Connors, who was standing near, ordered them to desist and his interference was met by a shower of ice, Connors gave a last volley and ran. Connors then drew his revolver and, he says, fired two shots in the air to frighten the crowd. A large standing army is repugnant to Tracy fell dead. Connors surrendered. He pleads unfamiliarity with revolvers. Last spring Connors had a fight with the same crowd of boys, who left the custodian lying in the street with his

BRYAN A CIVILIAN.

COLUMN PROPERTY IN THE PARTY OF THE PARTY OF

Military System BY JUDGE MORROW. Present under the American flag. Causes Friction Between High Officers.

RADICAL CHANGE NEEDED

Secretary of War and Commanding General Cannot Get Along.

STATEMENTS OF OFFICERS

Generals Miles and Schoffeld Make Recommendations as to Clauses WILL SOON BE RETIRED of the Proposed Law-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12-At the hearpartment has begun in earnest the relief tary affairs on the reorganization and of the volunteer troops now stationed at increase of the army, General Schofield, who preceded General Miles in command This afternoon Secretary Alger signed of the army, devoted his chief attention the order designating for this purpose to the friction inevitably rising between De Vapos have completed arranger After the news of General Garcia's six regiments of United States infantry the secretary of war and the commanding

have all places of amusement closed. Twentieth, at Fort Leavenworth, Kas.; eral Scott, who removed his heafquarters They succeeded in closing two places the Third, at Fort Snelling, Minn.; the to New York to avoid the differences risfrequented by Cubans, but the manage- Twelfth, at Jefferson barracks, Mo.; the ing with the war department. It occurred Seventeenth, at Columbus barracks, Ohlo; also during the command of General were many Spanish officers among the the Fourth, at Fort Sheridan, Ill.; the Sherman, who went to St. Louis to avoid this friction. The trouble arose out of ion coffee districts. They will go forward to Manila as soon the system which gave the head of the of Cuban troops, got into an excited as transportation can be provided. It symy the name of commanding general, argument with the manager of the thea- may be that the two regiments still held when in fact it had little or no authority. ter, and Allegrette was escorted to the in reserve, the Twenty-fourth and or even influence as commanding general sidewalk by the police on duty. There | Twenty-fifth infantry, will join the others | Whether he does anything depends large-Allegrette entered into a heated discus- before they sail. These regiments were ly on his personal relations with the sec-

> General Schotleld unged that one of the most essential features of army reorganization was to give the president absolute APPRISED OF HIS DEATH. power to select his own commanding offorce Instead of creating a permanent The News Came as a Surprise While the grade of lieutenant-general, he favored giving the president authority to select at any time a lieutenant-general, the officer occupying that position retiring to his former grade. The title also should on that of general-in-chief instead of

> > commanding-general, as that would bet-

ter express the idea that the head of the army was the executive officer for After General Schoffeld had concluded, General Miles said he did not approve the suggestion that the head of the army be executive staff officer to the president. General Miles pointed out that three major-generals, Merritt, Brooke and him, self, had come through the recent war Captain Julio Garcia in Washington in- without a hope of recognition. He cared nothing as to himself, but he urged that the services of Generals Merritt and Brooke had been such that the fank of ligutenant-general for them, as would be given under his bill, would be eminently

CUBA MOST PROMISING.

Much European Capital Airendy In-

vested-American Vessels-Crowding to Havana and the Coast.

Tribune from Havana says: New enterprises in Cuba are for American capital. The opening of increased means of communication between Havana and the Florida ports has clinched this conclusion. Communication is now established three times a week with Tampa, on the west coast, and twice a week with Miami on the east coast. The business may not be sufficient for a while to keep two lines in operation. The competition there will be enough for both. The gulf in this city, aged 42 years. ports with the exception of New Orleans are also awaking to their opportunities and an increased trade to the south now

promises to be soon developed, These are only incidents in the future nificant is the complete recognition by the foreign capital invested in Cuba of the new conditions. None of this capital will be crowded out, as has been assumed in many quarters. Instead, it will remain in the assurance of future stability given by the United States. Much English money is invested in the rallways and the tobacco plantations and manufactories, vana in order to seize the opportunities that were open before the time was ripe for American investments. French and German houses also rushed out to assure

the trade that was already theirs. It is probable the Barcelona houses will carry out their plan of erecting jute mills in Cuba. This is something they never seriously contemplated while Spain ruled the island. It was enough to have a portion of their capital invested in the mercantile business without the addition-

A common delusion that the retail trade of Havana and other cities will pass rapidly into American hands must also be noted. The Spanish merchants will started to get their names and the boys held this trade so stubbernly that its future is not worth considering. The only point of consequence is that they will buy in larger quantities from houses in the United States. With the full knowledge, then, that American capital is not expected to distodge European capital, the interest is in the fields which

will be opened to it. The European trade representatives have a tolerably clear idea of where the first development will come. They have WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The resigna- a vivid remembrance of the American ion of W. J. Bryan as colonel of the ships which were beginning to crowd the Third Nebraska volunteers was received harbor of Havana, Matanaas and other today and immediately accepted.

interrupted by the exigencies of partiesn polities in the United States. Now they know, independent of the political size nificance, what it will mean to have the ports of the United States brought so much nearer Cubs by shortening the time and increasing the means of com-munication. That was the first reflec-tion today when the vessels came into the harbor. It is a swift method of reasoning by which the conclusion has been reached that the future carrying trade of Cuba almost in its entirety will be

The dependency of the island on the United States, whatever form its government may take, settles that point in the minds of the European trade representatives. They also looked a little further than the Americans in the coastwise trade. That in their view hereafter is solely a question of American ships. The difference will be that the Spanish ships will not be a privileged monopoly without competition. The theory of the Spani authorities was that a limited coast traffic at high rates was better than unlimited usiness at low rates. A passage from Havana to Santiago cost more than a voyage from Havana to New York, Freight rates were in the same ratio. The "backbone" railroad through the island was not allowed to be built because it would interfere with the coastwise vessel monopoly. What should have been a flourishing inter-coast trade mong the many towns which had natural harbor advantages became an intermit-tent business with a few small vessels engaged in it. The fishing smacks were limited American coasting ships will change all this, possibly faster than has been anticipated. If they do not precede the industrial development of the interior of the laland, they will at least keep pace with it.

WEEKLY STEAMER SERVICE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12-The steams er City of Panama which has just are rived from Central American Ports brings the news that the Pacific Steam Navigation Company and the Cla Sud American by which a weekliy service betw paraiso, Panama and Ocos will begin at once. It is believed the steamer Arequipa has already left Valparaiso and is expected at Panama on the 17th instant, This weekly service will carry merchandise for Europe, via the Straits of Magellan and will tap all the Central Amer-

GHOULS ARRESTED,

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 11 .- Two ghouls last night took the body of a colored girl from its grave in Woodlawn cemetery, Kansas City, Kas., disposed of the body of the state line and were arrested by the police within two hours' time. One of the ghouls was a white man named Perry. The other was a negro named Mo-Clain. T. B. Carter, negro janitor at the college, was also arrested charged with baving received the body.

MISSION ISLAND RESERVED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12-Binger Herman, commissioner of the general land office, in a decision rendered today, holds that Mission Island, located just southeast of San Francisco bay, be made part of the public domain, and in accordance herewith President McKinley, in a few days, will issue an executive order, reserving this island as a coaling station for the United States navy.

UPPER RIVER PLOCKED.

VANCOUVER, Wash, Dec. 12.-The floating ice which began coming down the Columbia yesterday morning began lodging on a sand bar in the river below this city last night, and by morning the river was completely blocked against navigation. No boat has been able to come further up the Columbia today than the

mouth of the Willamette.

DISCUSSED BY THE SENATE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12-The discussion of two questions, each of import and interest in this session, was begun by the senate at its session today. Terri-NEW YORK, Dec. 12.-A dispatch to the torial expansion and the construction of the Nicaraguan canal occupied the attention of the body during part of the after-

RAILROAD MAN DEAD,

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.-Christian F. Has gen, traffic manager of the Ward Steamship line, a member of the Maritime and Produce Exchanges, and widely known in railroad and steamship circles and in will probably be sharp. But after a time Mexico and Cuba, is dead at his home

FOUR PERSONS PERISH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.-The fire which destroyed the department house at 134 development of the island. What is sig- Prospect Place, Brooklyn, last night, killed four persons-Joseph W. Noblett, his wife, his wife's mother, Mrs. Stothern, and John Winne. The other missing persons have been accounted for,

MME. BARRIOS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.-Among the passengers from Central America on total Some of it was actually pushed into Ha- City of Panama was Mme, Rayno Barrios, widow of the late president of Guatemala, with two children and a number ot attendants. She will probably make her future residence in this city.

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