

CUBAN POLITICAL UNREST CENTERS EYE OF AMERICA

Island Is Nearest Latin-American Neighbor Next to Mexico—Few Appreciate Size and Resources

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Spt.)—Turbulent political conditions in Cuba during recent days have directed attention to the resources and outstanding natural features of the largest and most populous of West Indian islands.

"Next to Mexico, Cuba is our nearest Latin-American neighbor, but to the rank and file of Americans it is perhaps not as well known as parts of Europe," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C. headquarters of the National Geographic Society.

Would Span Five States. "Few people outside of Cuba appreciate either the dimensions or the area of the big island. Place the eastern tip of Cuba on a map of the United States at Atlantic City, N. J., and the western end would touch the Illinois-Indiana border, spanning the five states of New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana."

"It may also be a surprise to learn that the width of the island averages 60 miles. No place in Cuba is more than 40 miles from the open sea. In area, it is a Pennsylvania, and it has a population numerically equivalent to that of Missouri."

"As the United States is divided into states, Cuba is divided into provinces, six of them: Havana, Pinar del Rio, Matanzas, Santa Clara, Camaguey and Oriente. Nearly every section of the island is connected by railroads and highways, while many of the larger sugar estates have private railroad lines."

Modern Central Highway. "In all, Cuba possesses more than 8000 miles of railroad, and nearly 2000 miles of government highways, including the modern Central Highway, a \$120,000,000 ribbon of pavement that extends for 706 miles from Pinar del Rio to Santiago. Cuba also possesses a modern and efficient network of telephone lines, which boasted of automatic dial telephones several years before New York or Chicago had them."

"During normal times Cuba is the largest producer of raw sugar in the world, and it has the facilities for maintaining this status. In 1928-29 this 'sugar bowl of the Antilles' poured into the stream of commerce more than 5,700,000 short tons of raw sugar, but in 1933 the crop was limited by presidential decree to 2,000,000 tons. The world also turns to the Vuelta-Abajo district, in western Cuba, for the choicest cigar tobacco, although, due to labor troubles in recent years, many of the finest brands of cigars are now manufactured from Cuban tobacco in the United States."

"Cuba is also an important producer of mahogany, cedar and dyewoods. Cedar is used locally for cigar boxes, but the other woods are exported. Coffee, cacao, tropical fruits, rum, sponge, and other sources of income. The island however, does not raise enough foodstuffs to meet the ordinary demands of its inhabitants."

"No other land in the new world possesses proportionately such numerous and wonderful bays. Most of them are distinguished for their bottle-necked entrances and vast areas of water entirely surrounded by land, except for narrow channels to the sea. Examples of these splendidly-sheltered harbors are Havana, Santiago, Cienfuegos, Guantanamo Bay, another huge roadstead, is leased by the United States as a naval base."

Havana, a Little Paris. "If New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and Washington were consolidated, the resulting metropolis would bear about the same relation to the United States that Havana bears to Cuba. The capital city, a 'little Paris' as it is known to thousands of tourists annually, has a greater population than is embraced in the combined populations of all the other cities and towns of the republic, having more than 4000 inhabitants. Its closest rivals are Camaguey and Santiago, but the cities each have less than a tenth of Havana's half million total."

"All the large business houses have their headquarters in Havana, and skyscrapers have made their appearance against the Havana skyline. The city once handled a greater foreign shipping tonnage than any other port in the western hemisphere except New York. Wide boulevards cut through the heart of Havana and reach its suburbs. A new capital, recently completed, covers within half an acre the area of the capitol in Washington, D. C."

HOUSTON ENTERS 'GRANDPA' RANKS

C. M. (Sam) Houston is a grandpa today. Which doesn't mean that he is feeling grumpy or anything like that, but that his son, Edward L. Houston, and wife of Chicago, Ill., are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son, weighing seven pounds, on August 16th. Announcements of the new arrival have been received in Medford, where Mr. Houston formerly lived and attended high school in 1928.

The new grandson has been named "Samuel" which has made Medford's postmaster wear a still bigger smile. He admitted this morning that he was feeling quite important and expressed the hope that the grandson would grow up into a "good Democrat."

HUEY LONG NURSES 'GANG' WOUND



Nursing a gash over his left eye, Senator Huey Long of Louisiana is shown as he shaved in a Milwaukee hotel room after an incident which he described as an attack by a "gang" of three or four men while he was attending a charity benefit at a place "near Great Neck, Long Island." (Associated Press Photo)

BUSINESS CHART SHOWS NRA ONLY IMMEDIATE HOPE

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curve is still heading toward the bottom of the sheet. In terms of a dollar that has dropped about 25 per cent there is a 70 per cent difference between the "free" up-curve and the gold down-curve. As seen through the eyes of our corporate economist, the real struggle today is between the United States, England and France over the placing of a peg to stabilize world currency.

It will take such a stabilization to permit the major powers to gauge recovery with any degree of accuracy. All three governments are pulling every possible string to dictate the point of stabilization.

The Roosevelt Brain Trust, originally set the 1925 level of living as a base to return to. In recent weeks they have scaled their hopes down to the 1924-25 average.

All of the figuring our corporation can do estimates a return to the 1920-21 level—unless England gives us a bad drubbing, in which case we might have to fall back ultimately on 1913. NRA can push—or limp—forward for a year or 16 months at the most. Further inflationary measures will have to be undertaken to stimulate, and finally the gold content of the dollar will have to be devalued about 60 per cent. It will take from two to two and a half years to raise buying power sufficiently to meet the 1925-26 level. Leaving out the hoop-la, wages to date have increased about 10 per cent from their low level while the price of staples—absolute necessities—has gone up about 100 per cent.

Take this or leave it. The Brain Trust probably will leave it. There has been considerable speculation on just what Barney Baruch did in Washington during that period he sat in at the state department and was called "acting president" a couple of months ago.

It seems he at least landed a diplomatic job for a relative—one Fay Des Portes, of S. C. Des Portes is headed for Bolivia.

Senator Ellison D. Smith has put in a protest against the appointment, based on the assumption South Carolina was going to get only one diplomatic appointment. Smith had picked out State Senator Hamlin for the job of wearing knee-breeches and silk stockings—if that is proper in Bolivia. A compromise is reported in the

making whereby Hamlin will go to Siam.

A southern congressman showed up at NRA the other day to see General Johnson. He literally frothed at the mouth about the way Wallace and the agricultural adjustment administration were handling cotton processing.

After waiting fruitfully for almost an hour to see Johnson he observed sadly: "I guess I'll have to wait till congress convenes to speak my piece."

And then maybe I'll be afraid to say it."

NEW RADIO BEACON EXPLAINED BEFORE AMATEURS' MEETING

In an informal talk to the Amateur Radio club of southern Oregon Friday night at the city hall, George Johnson, operator at KCCX, the government always radio station on the Crater Lake highway, told of his course to the east, for example, he will hear an 'a' in code. If he gets off the path to the west, an 'n' in code will be heard. When the plane is on the course the beam is steady, a straight dash, and the closer to the range station the sharper the beam becomes. The signal disappears entirely when the craft is over the station, a feature of the new apparatus which will be valuable in stormy weather as the pilot may locate the station by the cone of silence, in spite of fog and other hazardous weather conditions," he pointed out.

Mr. Johnson told how the operator at KCCX will have complete control over the new radio range by a dial system similar to a telephone dial, although the radio range is located at Voodies Crossing, about four miles distant.

The radio meeting held Friday was attended by about thirty amateur radio fans, including two men from Gold Hill, Charles Ross, whose station call is WBYX, and C. L. Cook, WTCJ.

New regulations regarding amateur licenses were outlined by Harold DeVoe, president of the local club. Hamilton Howell urged that steps be taken to hold a picnic this month jointly with Eugene, Roseburg and Coos Bay "hams," and the club secretary was instructed to write letters to the clubs mentioned.

CHINA'S HWANG HO IS 'LASHING TAIL' OF FLOOD DRAGON

Yellow River Creates Trouble Annually—Outlets Are Changed by Many Miles in Past Several Years

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Spt.)—Chinese coolies have been laboring for weeks on the massive new dikes of the Hwang Ho, which threatens to return to a former channel, abandoned in 1852. The old river bed was also heavily diked, but the dikes were in poor condition and a major disaster is feared if the giant stream breaks loose.

"The Hwang Ho, or Yellow River, is the lashing tail of China's flood dragon," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C. headquarters of the National Geographic Society. "Almost annually it hurls its banks, spreads death and desolation in its track, and swallows up rescue parties, refugee boats and Red Cross workers with grim impartiality."

Has Had Three Different Outlets. "While the Crusaders were fighting the Moslems in Palestine, the Hwang Ho emptied into the Gulf of Pechili, near Tientsin, a hundred miles north of its last week's outlet. Then it twisted its mouth southward 400 miles in a single week, and until 1852 poured its muddy flood into the Yellow sea. Then, with another wry grimace, it swung clear around the promontory of Shantung and found its outlet of recent decades, facing Port Arthur, 165 miles away."

"Today it is the constant menace to millions of people who live in what may be its next river bed. It has been confined to its recent course by huge dikes that towered above a million homes. The Shantung coolies have for centuries set the example for the little Dutch land of the story-book, who stuck his finger in the fissure in the dike and thus saved his country."

"The old Hwang Ho goes mad every few years and lashes a million innocents with his swishing tail, but the Shantung coolie, like a modern St. George, enters the lists against the foamy-mouthed dragon and once more confines it within earthen embankments. It is Yellow River against yellow man—and the man ultimately wins."

Three Crops Every Two Years. "Then he goes back to growing three crops every two years in an impoverished soil that has been cultivated for centuries, and he forces Nature to support as many Shantung families to the square mile as pre-war Belgium supported through highly-developed industry."

If the new flood below Kaifeng results in a swing back to the old southern course, which strikes almost directly eastward toward the Yellow sea, nearly 300 miles of the lower portion of the stream, as it has existed for 80 years, will be abandoned. Shantung will then be passed by entirely by the Hwang Ho.

"The Hwang Ho," continues the bulletin, "is the second largest river in China, being exceeded in size only by the well known Yangtze. It is one of the most extraordinary rivers in the world. Its disastrous flooding has cost the Chinese millions of lives and millions in wealth through the destruction of homes and farm lands, and because of this it has earned such titles as 'China's Sorrow,' the 'Ungovernable,' and the 'Scourge of the Sons of Han.'"

Not Used by Steamers. "Although it is a huge stream, in all its course, from its headwaters, high up in the Kunlun range, in Tibet, all along its 2500-mile path to the sea, it is not navigable for steamships or other deep-draft craft. Its course is alternately either too swift and broken by turbulent rapids or widens and becomes too shallow and filled with sand bars to allow the use of large boats."

"In its upper reaches, however, be-

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Spare Jailer's Life. "I ought to kill you but you've been so nice to me that I won't," Bailey told Young. "Give me those keys in a hurry and keep quiet."

Taking Young's keys, the desperado walked down to the sixth floor, covered Ed Morrow who was on duty there and began questioning him about the jail elevator, the only means of exit to the street. The elevator arrived, meanwhile, revealing the presence of Clem Nelson, chief, and a negro trusty.

Bailey locked them in a solitary confinement cell, rode to the main floor in the elevator and met Tresp.

Car Commanded. He asked Tresp where his car was and when informed it was in the jail garage across the street, Bailey took Tresp there and commanded him to start driving.

After being reported on Maple avenue, one of the city's main thoroughfares to the northwest, Bailey and his captive later were seen near Rhine, less than 20 miles from the farm home of R. G. (Boss) Shangle, on who, with three other members of his family, was captured with Bailey in connection with the Urschel case after department of justice agents had watched the place for days.

Transfer Loomed. Bailey had been held here pending transfer to Oklahoma City where Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon and his son, Armon Shannon, were indicted with others for the oil millionaire's abduction. The Shannons were transferred to that city after a hearing before Federal Judge James C. Wilson at Fort Worth, Bal-

SHANGLE HAS EXHIBIT OF PICTURES AT FAIR

Coloring the borders of the 23 pictures mounted for display, at the state fair which opens in Salem this week, was the innovation introduced by J. Verne Shangle, vice chairman of the photographic exhibits committee for the fair, who yesterday mailed his displays to the northern city.

Photographs of individuals, as tinted pictures of pears, asparagus, and scenery were included in the collection.

Mr. Shangle plans to go to Salem this week to attend the fair, and the state of Oregon photographers reunion at the art gallery, where three nationally famous exhibits are being displayed.

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AUTO RACE PILOT DIES FROM INJURY

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 4.—(AP)—Art Hines, 26, star Portland auto racer, was fatally injured yesterday during time trials at the Graham speed bowl track. Passing the grandstand at a high rate of speed, to stand at a high rate of speed, to complete his trial, the veteran driver went wide on a turn and apparently lost control of his car, the racing machine turning turtle and then plunging over an embankment.

Hines taken to a hospital here, was found to have suffered fractured ribs, a punctured lung and dislocated left hip. He died without regaining consciousness, about three hours after the accident.

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ALL MARKETS CLOSED TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

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The Winnipeg Grain Exchange was also closed today, although all other foreign markets were open.

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