

# CUBAN H. C. L. PUTS U. S. COST IN THE SHADE

HAVANA, Nov. 12.—American women, disturbed by the mounting cost of living, ought to come to Cuba. The trip would make them satisfied with conditions at home.

Broadly speaking, prices in Havana are just about double the high mark in top notch American cities. One cause, according to dealers, is the unprecedented port congestion, apparently with little hope of early clearing, and which was resulted in the ruin of hundreds of tons of necessary products. Whatever the cause, the island is going through a period of high cost, described by papers here as more burdensome than that found elsewhere on the face of the earth.

Even here where it is produced in sufficient bulk to supply millions elsewhere, sugar retails on the Havana market around 24 cents a pound. Grape fruit, going to waste a few miles from town, sells at New York quotations. Financial depression, the demand for ready and available cash, and the moratorium, under which banks limit withdrawals to ten per cent, have failed to start price reductions in the hope of unloading luxuries to greet weekly pay rolls. Until the moratorium ends December 1, hotels will not permit patrons to sign bar and cafe checks, a time honored custom here. Cash is needed. About the lowest hotel eats.

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Conditions in Havana are of little concern to the wealthy element from the states that will be coming here soon by the thousands for the winter and racing season. But the folk of ordinary means, with two weeks for recreation, a big bank roll is needed. About the lowest hotel rates is \$7 a day for room and bath. And this is not at the best places, for there rates are much higher, and along toward the middle of November the \$7 rooms will fetch \$15.

Americans living in Havana pour out a tale of woe to friends from the states. The women seem to be hit the hardest. Price tags in stores selling men's wear show that a good pair of men's low shoes costs as high as \$28. The rainy season is not ended, and \$8 for a cotton umbrella is a "bargain." Flannel trousers, are there for \$25 and silk shirts for \$30. A lot of odds and ends that a man needs cost more than twice the mark at home. The correspondent saw a Panama hat valued at \$450 and the dealer declared that sugar men pay it without blinking.

Cigarettes selling for 20 cents a package at home cost 60 cents here, and for a \$2 box of American candy they ask \$7. Two cent American papers, three days old, cost 12 cents. You may get a reasonable fair suit of clothes out of stock for \$100, in most cases women's shirt waists, it was explained, cost three times the home figure. The only exception in the upward trend is the straw hat, the cost of which is about on the home figure. The only exception in the upward trend is the straw hat, the cost of which is about on the American scale.

The only paper money in circulation here is American. The bills are so worn and utterly filthy that a man parts with them rather gladly.

### Polish Woman Soldier Dies; "Heroine of Plock"

WARSAW, Nov. 12.—All Warsaw turned out for the funeral the other day of Sergeant Sophie Poukowitz, a member of Poland's women's battalion, who was called here "the heroine of Plock." She died from wounds inflicted with a Russian sword and the "Nahajka" or Cossack's whip which she received at Plock during the drive against Warsaw. As a final tribute the American nurses who attended her in the hospital and the entire personnel of the American Red Cross in Warsaw went to her funeral.

All Warsaw knew her story and there were many moist eyes that gazed at the plumed white painted pine board coffin containing the girl-soldier as it was borne through the streets on the shoulders of her fighting comrades, all girls from the women's battalion.

Sergeant Sophie was a veteran of Poland's great war, which in the minds of most Poles began when the world war ended in November, 1918. She was 22 years of age and was one of the original members of the women's battalion which was formed in 1918 for the purpose of defending Lemberg against the Ukrainians. She was wounded three times, first at Lemberg, again at Vilna and last while leading her company against the Russians at Plock.

She typified the spirit of Poland today. There are 600 like her in the women's battalion. Officers in the army from Pilsudski down admit that the mere existence of this battalion exercised a wonderful effect upon the soldiers in the recent heavy fighting.

The age limits for privates in the battalion are 17 and 32. Most of the women who have joined are of humble origin, and come from semi-stagnant industrial centers such as Lodz. The economic problem has had something to do with their continued existence as soldiers but they have shown great enthusiasm and bravery. They have had many casualties.

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### HAS ADMIRATION OF WORLD

Capitol at Washington Recognized As the Finest and Noblest Building on the Earth.

Foundations for the central structure of the present capitol in Washington were finished on August 24, 1818. The old capitol had only two wings, connected by a covered wooden bridge, which was destroyed and the wings damaged by the British, who set fire to the building in 1814. Three years later congress voted to remove the wings and build the new central structure, which with its dome was completed in 1829.

The two great marble extension wings in which the senate and house of representatives meet were begun in 1831 and completed for occupancy in 1850. The old dome, made of wood and brick, was torn away in 1855, and the present dome completed in 1864. The great statue of the goddess of freedom, which rests upon the dome, was designed by Thomas Crawford, father of Marlon Crawford, novelist. Charles Bulfinch of Boston was the architect of the original central structure and Thomas U. Walter designed the marble extensions and the present dome. He was a Philadelphian.

The total cost of the present capitol was about \$10,000,000, and it has been pronounced by architectural authorities, both in America and Europe, to be the greatest and noblest building in the world.—Chicago Journal.

### KNOWS NOW HOW IT FEELS

Dentist, Given Emergency Toothache Treatment, Dreads Further Ordeal of a Session in the Chair.

A haggard-faced man rushed into the Park Emergency hospital shortly after 3 o'clock a few mornings ago.

"For the love of mud will you give me something to stop a raving toothache? It's had me up all night, and I've tried everything," he moaned to the steward in attendance.

The steward made the pain-ridden patient comfortable in a chair and then applied soothing remedies to the offending molar.

"Why, the pain's gone," the patient exclaimed after a while.

"Well, that tooth won't bother you any more for a while, but you had better see a dentist in the morning," said the steward.

"Guess I'll have to," said the patient gloomily.

"Everybody hates to go to a dentist," remarked the steward. "Will you give me your name for our records?"

"Yes," said the patient. "I am Dr. A. Karageorge."

"Are you a physician?" asked the steward.

"No, I'm a dentist," smiled the patient. "I have cured scores and scores of aching teeth, but this one of mine sure unnerved me. Guess I'll have to go to a dentist in the morning. Gee, I hate to."—San Francisco Chronicle.

### Hearing of Butterflies

The hearing of certain butterflies, the moths and the spiders has been a subject of much study by F. Eggers, whose results have been reported in a Berlin zoological annual. The seat of hearing is found to be the "tympanal organ" of the last ring of the thorax. The air-filled vesicle or bladder of this organ adjoins two very thin spots in the external chitin, and one of these is the true drumhead, connected with a nerve strand having two sensory cells, while the other, the so-called opposite drumhead, seems to serve as a sounding board to reinforce vibrations. Experiments with crickets have shown that the chirping of the male is heard only by females having the tympanal organ intact. The organ of the butterflies, which is more sensitive, cannot be tested in the same way, but response has been had to very high, shrill tones, such as that made by rubbing a cork against a wet glass, and in one species to a clattering sound made by the wings of the male. Butterflies flying by day seem to have hearing organs more generally than those that are active at night.

### Snap Eruption Ten Yards Away

An unnerving but fruitful incident occurred recently as the volcano of Kilauea, H. I., described as the most continuously active in the world, was being examined by scientists of the Hawaiian Volcano Research association. At the climax of this expedition they had determined to photograph a towering crag of solidified lava that rises, Gibraltarlike, from the surface of a swelling, overcrusted lava lake, declares an illustrated article in Popular Mechanics Magazine. But at the instant the cameraman was squeezing the bulb, an explosion within the uneasy mass threw into the air, not ten yards from the party, and directly before the lens of the camera, a tumbling mass of white hot lava. Crashing back, and so breaking the surface crust, these erupted fragments roused the entire lake into a "seething billowing mass of fountains."

### The Whitewashers

Representative Frear was talking about a committee with a notorious record for whitewashing.

"That committee," he said, "ought to go out to Los Angeles and start up in the moving picture business. They'd certainly have a grand success."

"Why?" asked the puzzled reporter. "Why do you say that congressman?"

"It stands to reason they'd have a grand success," answered Mr. Frear. "Look how beautifully they screened Dash last month."

### Art of Cooking Passing in France

PARIS, Nov. 11.—The art of cooking in France and the excellence of the pastries are passing, say some pessimists.

Apprentices, said speakers at the recent convention of pastry makers, can no longer be found, and "the art of pastry making is dead, or will be soon." This is said also to be the case with cooks. Those who worked for years, step by step, to the rank of chef are reported extinct. Brillat-Savarin, whose "Physiology of Taste" a century ago put cookery on the plane of an art, and whose descriptions were almost as satisfying as the food itself, did not

force the war, with its social and economic changes.

Travelers from other countries agree that France's reputed supremacy in the kitchen is in danger, but disconsolate makers of cakes and sauces seem convinced that even when the days of gray bread and yellow-fatted, stringy, frozen meat are over, there will not be a revival of the "lost art" of the pot and pan.

On September 19th George Sisler of the Browns made his 1000th hit as a player in the American league.

### LARGEST AUTO IN WORLD

PARIS, Nov. 12.—Complete with "cocktail bar," the largest touring motor car in the world is now in Paris, says the Daily Mail.

It was built for a Belgian millionaire to take a party game shooting in Africa, and is now owned by a former naval officer, who is to use it for battlefield tourists.

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Russian revolution made it impossible to take them back the way they came. So the Red Cross set out on a 25,000 mile journey to take them home by way of Japan, through the Panama canal to New York and then to France. The New York Tribune, in an editorial August 25, 1919, says: "In the face of difficulties almost insuperable, the American Red Cross has kept them safe and sound."

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