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MADAGASCAR NEWS.

French Occupation Is Not Peaceful.

PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

The Queen Favors Peaceful Arbitration in Venezuela.

PORT LOUIS, Island of Mauritius, Feb. 11.—A message from Antananarivo, dated January 24, declares that a great conspiracy has been discovered there. The correspondent asserts that 4,000 Hovas attacked the French, but were repulsed with a loss of 3,000 killed.

INSURGENT LOSS.

MADRID, Feb. 11.—Dispatches from Cuba say that 175 insurgents were killed during the recent fighting there.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The queen's speech was read previous to the opening of parliament today in the customary manner. It said in reference to the Venezuela question: "The government of the U. S. have expressed a wish to co-operate in the termination of the differences which have existed for many years between my government and the republic of Venezuela, upon the boundary of that country and my colony of British Guiana. I have expressed my sympathy with the desire to come to an equitable arrangement, and trust that further negotiations will lead to a satisfactory settlement."

AMNESTY TO ARMENIANS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 11.—The Porte has informed the ambassadors of the powers that it agrees to grant amnesty to the Armenians who have been for a long time past besieged by Turkish troops in the town of Zeitoun, after revolting against Turkish rule and capturing the town.

WAR IN FORMOSA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—A dispatch to the Herald from St. Petersburg says: "A dispatch from Vladivostok says that fighting in Formosa has been renewed. The insurgents number 10,000 men."

Madrid Shaken.

MADRID, Feb. 11.—An aerolite exploded above this city yesterday. The loud report was followed by a general panic. All buildings were shaken, and many windows were shattered. According to the officials of the Madrid observatory, the explosion occurred 20 miles above the earth. The sun was shining clearly at the time of the explosion, and the only thing visible in the sky was a white cloud, bordered with red, which was traveling rapidly across the heavens, leaving behind it a train of fine white dust.

When the explosion occurred the populace believed it was an earthquake, or a sign of divine wrath. Many injuries resulted from the panic which broke out amongst the people, and from the frantic attempts to escape from the factories and schools. Seventeen were injured in one factory by the collapse of a staircase when the inmates rushed upon it to escape from the building. At the palace it was at first feared a bomb had been exploded. Much damage was done by the force of the concussion.

Kentucky Senatorship.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 11.—The ballot senatorial contest today stood: Hunter, 57; Blackburn 56; Carlisle, 2; McCreary, 3; Bennett, 1; Cochran, 1; Bate, 1; Holt, 1. Hunter's friends declare that if he cannot be elected no other Republican shall.

The very next time you need a flavoring extract try Fry's. They are fine. Made in Salem.

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A BIG PREMIUM.

Paid to the Government for Gold Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—A statement prepared at the treasury department under direction of Assistant Secretary Curtis shows the government will realize from the new loan \$11,378,836.95. The following table shows the amount of bonds to be paid for at each of the ten sub-treasuries. The statement shows approximately the geographical distribution of the loan, as each bidder will deposit his gold at the sub-treasury nearest him:

Boston	85,122,900
Baltimore	507,000
San Francisco	2,807,000
New Orleans	196,000
Washington	624,900
Cincinnati	232,800
St. Louis	539,800
Chicago	1,699,450
New York	8,357,600
Philadelphia	1,387,600

The average therefore paid for each \$100 is \$111.3788.

THE WALLER MATTER.

The Offer of France to Be Accepted.

Still a Secret But the Great Fight Will Probably Occur.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Ambassador Eustis has been instructed to accept the offer of the French government to release ex-United States Consul Waller from further imprisonment and pardon his offense on condition that the affair be thereby terminated as between France and the United States, and the later to make no claims in behalf of the prisoner based upon his arrest, conviction or imprisonment.

Waller may, however, sue in the French courts for damages for ill treatment.

THE PRIZE FIGHTERS.

EL PASO, Feb. 11.—The place of the fight is still a secret, and no one will know until the spot is reached.

Seven additional Texan rangers reached here this morning, making thirty-two now under command of Adjutant General Mabry. It is reported that Mexican rurals are gathering across the river at Juarez.

A number of excursionists from New York and other eastern points arrived this morning, and large numbers are reported on the road. Stuart remains confident, and declares that the fights will surely come off.

There is no doubt that he will keep his word as far as the big fight is concerned, and the chances are very strong that he will keep it as regards if not all, of the lesser fights.

One of Custer's Men Dead.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Cassius R. Carter, a retired sergeant of the United States army, has been found dead in the Palmer house, caused by asphyxiation, but it is not thought to be suicide. Carter served twenty-three years with the seventh cavalry, General Custer's regiment.

Presidential Appointments.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The president has sent the following nominations to the senate: State—William Woodville, Rockhill, Md., to be assistant secretary of state; War—Casper N. Morrison, of Missouri, to be judge advocate, with rank of major.

Murphy Reinstated.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 11.—The racing board of the league of American wheelman has reinstated Chas. M. Murphy, as a class B rider. Titus and Cabanna, Murphy's associates, were not reinstated.

Free Seeds Continued.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The senate passed without division the bill directing secretary Morton to continue the purchase and distribution of seeds.

Pat Shea Electrocuted.

DANMORA, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Murderer Pat Shea was electrocuted this morning. Shea murdered Robt. Ross, at Troy, in March, 1894.

TWO TRAINS COLLIDE

Five Men Killed on the Illinois Central.

A WATER MAIN BURSTS.

Washing a Mountain and Train into the River.

CENTRALIA, Feb. 11.—Two mixed freight and passenger trains on the Illinois Central collided at Dongola, Ill., this morning. Five men were killed. Among them Geo. Huntington, engineer; Baggage man Armstrong, Fireman Adams and Brakeman McLean.

WATER MAIN EXPLOSION.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 11.—Early today an immense water main burst with terrific force occurred on Franklin avenue west of the Cuyahoga river, and several hundred feet of the hill on which are located many small houses was washed into the river. Mrs. Mary Ravey, sixty years old, was drowned. A freight train was passing at the foot of the hill at the time, and several cars were carried into the river.

A Cuban Appeal.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11.—The Press publishes an appeal to the American people, signed by President Betancourt, of the provisional government of Cuba, which craves recognition for the insurgents. Says the appeal:

All we wish now is to be looked upon by the government of the United States as men and soldiers battling for their birthright. We do not wish to appear in the eyes of the world as bandits."

After rehearsing in detail the history of the United States' struggle, the appeal continues:

"We ask the American people to grant us, through their congress, those rights of belligerency to which, according to the laws of war and of nations, we are entitled. Our armies have marched wither they would, throughout the entire island, and for weeks have threatened the stronghold of Spain's power in Cuba."

"Must we capture Havana and drive Spain's hirelings across the sea before we are even given the rights of men to fight for that priceless gift which God destined should be universally divided between His children? Must we gain our independence before we are accorded the sanction of the world to labor for it?"

"Is Spain entitled to consideration at the hands of a civilized and highly progressive nation? Does her misrule in Cuba for a century commend her to the hearts and minds of men? Are her hirelings here to lift up and educate the Cuban to make his beloved island prosperous?"

"Cuba, the bleeding, appeals to her American sister. She does it in the name of God, of justice, of civilization and of America."

Emaculated by Foot Pads.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 11.—F. Stambler, an eastern man who has been in this country only a short time, was held up by footpads last night at the approach to the bridge on San Fernando street.

Upon his statement that he had no money the footpads dragged him under the bridge and emaculated him. He is at the county hospital now in a precarious condition.

The New Ambassador.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The president has nominated Edwin F. Uhl, of Michigan, assistant secretary of state, to be ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the United States to Germany. The senate immediately acted favorably upon the nomination.

A CAUSE CELEBRE.

Disbarment Proceedings of J. W. Whalley vs. Thos. H. Tongue.

At 9 a. m. the disbarment proceedings of Whalley vs. Tongue was heard on oral argument before the court of Oregon.

J. W. Whalley addressed the court for an hour in a very polished and moderate manner. He insisted that he had no wish whatever to have a fine imposed upon Thos. H. Tongue, but simply asked that they decide whether the rules of practice be not violated, and that a precedent be established to prevent abuses.

At 10:30 Mr. Tongue replied in an elaborate argument to the court, and received the congratulations of his friends present. He contended that it was simply an informal substitution of the name of Smith for Wilkes in the probate proceedings, with no thought or intention or possible view of affecting the appraisal of an estate.

A CAUSE CELEBRE.

This suit is a celebrated case in Oregon judicial and political circles, as both Tongue and Whalley are well known public men.

Governor Lord, Ex-Governor Moody, Speaker C. B. Moores, Treasurer Metcalf, Supt. Irwin, Judge Tanner, of Portland; W. I. Vawter and A. S. Hammond, of Medford; W. M. Colvig, of Jackson county, E. P. Morcom, of Woodburn; and a number of members of the Salem bar were present to hear the battle of words.

TONGUE GROWS PERSONAL.

In the close of his speech Mr. Tongue grew personal and denounced Whalley as conducting malicious proceedings to influence a political campaign, and to gratify his personal malice and revenge.

He said Whalley announced his intention to disbar him in the saloons of Hillsboro. After a personal examination the committee of the bar association had dismissed the matter, and he sought to go behind their verdict. He had left it to a committee who had fairly considered it and exonerated him. Whalley wanted to wrench property from a widow that properly belonged to her. He had given the charges to the newspapers when in the hands of the bar association, all to make political capital. He had filled the newspapers with his charges against him and his family, and if his children ever dreamed of a horrible monster who sought to crush their father and crush the life out of them, it would be the form of this man, who in his cups had sought to fasten this blackening charge against the defendant. He charged, in conclusion, that the suit was brought by malice, and that was the inspiring motive in the accusation.

Mr. Tongue closed in an eloquent appeal to the court to place the stamp of disapproval upon this class of persecutions. It was purely malicious and personal. He asked for a speedy decision.

JUDGE WHALLEY REPLIES.

The plaintiff was much wrought up when he arose to reply, and could not easily keep his dignity. He said manly courage had never been called in question and "Old age ne'er cools the Douglas blood."

He trembled and grew white, and referred to his old age, but said if he were not in this august presence he would yield to the impulse of the moment and so far forget himself as to smite the insulter in his face. He then reviewed the case in the probate court, saying he had been upheld in every point by the courts, so far as his client was concerned. He charged a conspiracy between Tongue and Judge Hare, County Judge Cornelius and the county clerk to defraud his client.

He was not upon trial. His feelings were not a legitimate part of this trial before the court. He was here advocating the rights of the bar in this matter and not to persecute Mr. Tongue. He confessed to taking a drink at saloons and was not guilty of that meanest of all vices, avarice. If Mr. Tongue had not changed a public record then there was no case. If this court approved alterations of court records at will of attorneys, all litigation was subverted, and at the mercy of rascality. This was not an alteration of the record by the judge "nunc pro tunc." Mr. Tongue's con-

duct in this case was contrary to the ethics of the profession. If the court refused to censure such conduct, it would drive honorable men out of the profession and place a premium on slysterism. This was no campaign document, but simply a legal proceeding to protect and safeguard the practice of the profession. If the court would not preserve the public records against such practices, the court adjourned to 1 p. m., and the argument was over.

THE POPULAR LOAN.

The last bond issue has been falsely called a popular loan.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan put in a bid for the entire \$100,000,000 at 110.6577.

The bid includes J. P. Morgan & Co., National City Bank, Harvey Fisk & Sons and Deutsche Bank of Berlin. It is said Mr. Morgan will get at least half the issue.

It is certain that none of the bonds will go for less than 110.075, and they may all be disposed of at 111.

The Stewart syndicate bid was for \$30,000,000 at 110.075.

It has been a syndicate loan from the start. No private citizen could get a dollar of it.

A popular loan was never intended. If bonds were offered for sale at the postoffices the people would take their money out of the banks and buy them.

The banks do not want that. The banks run the government just now.

A SOUND ARGUMENT.

The Dalles Times Mountaineer: A common school education is a necessity to good and intelligent citizenship, therefore the opportunity for obtaining a knowledge of the branches taught in the public schools should be furnished by the state. That is, a free school should be maintained within reach of every child of school age in Oregon. A free school should be maintained in every district for at least six months every year, thus giving the masses an opportunity to gain a knowledge of the rudimentary branches, but when this is done the state should go no further in educational matters. Such schools are within the reach of all. Money expended for their support is for the benefit of those from whom it is exacted, while that appropriated for such institutions as the state university is for the benefit of so small a percentage that it is insignificant when compared to the whole people.

"PATRIOTS OF AMERICA."

The above is Mr. Harvey's new organization to promote bimetalism. It is non-partisan, and non-political, in the sense of having no conventions, no organizers, putting no ticket in the field, and placing unselfishness at a premium in public affairs. It is endorsed by Republican and Democratic papers like the Inter-Ocean and Cincinnati Enquirer and is not a secret society in any sense of the word.

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