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ARMY IN CUBA IS INVESTIGATED

Beef Trust Involved and Governor Magoon Is Investigating

HAVANA, Cuba, Sept. 17.—Investigations have been commenced here that may result in a scandal involving the American army of pacification, together with representatives of at least two of the greatest packing house concerns in the United States. Charges have been made that large quantities of meats—and many other goods—have been brought into Cuba free of duty, for army consumption, which have found their way to certain shops where they were sold in open competition with goods upon which a duty had been required.

These charges of fraud against the army are attracting much attention here, and the action of Governor Magoon in instituting an investigation for the purpose of punishing the guilty parties if the charges are found to be true is meeting with much favorable comment.

For a Thorough Sifting
On the other hand, Governor Magoon declares that if the charges are false and cannot be proved, the persons responsible for them must suffer. It is the general opinion of both lawyers and newspaper here that the subject is entirely outside the jurisdiction of the native courts, and that it must be taken up and settled, if at all, by the American authorities.

The charges are against the American army commissary department, and are made by the Diario Espanol. The investigation has already been started, and today the Havana representatives of two American firms, Swift & Co. and Armour & Co., have been summoned to appear and give information regarding certain shipments of the products of their firm to Havana. The "scandal" has been worked up by Victorino Martinez, a reporter on the Diario Espanol, who charges that meat coming here in large quantities from both Swift & Co. and Armour & Co., who held contracts with the Government, was allowed to pass duty free after the presentation of a statement from the commissary to the customs officials that it was solely for the consumption of the army.

The charge is made that only a

part of the meat was for the army, and that after the rest of it had passed into Cuba duty free it was sold in the open market at prices which made competition impossible for other dealers and importers who were compelled to pay the regular duty. The further charge is made that American plumes brought in on the transport Kilpatrick for American officers, and which were admitted duty free, have been sold in the market at low prices. It is also asserted that the same is true of large amounts of condensed milk, sold by merchants near Camp Columbia, who bought it from army officers at 8 cents a quart, whereas in Havana, it cannot be sold at profit for less than 10 or 11 cents. Matches are also mentioned in connection with this alleged smuggling fraud.

There is some fear here that the investigation will bring to light a big scandal in the American army. The court has ordered the customs officials to produce the alleged statements from the commissariat and to declare the exact amount of meat brought in by the Swift and Armour firms.

Up to the Yankees
Concerning the affair, Cuba, a local newspaper, says:

"American warships, with all they bring, are exempted from the jurisdiction of our custom houses, coming under the jurisdiction of an American functionary, the quartermaster of the army of pacification. Legislation now in force provides that whenever suspicions arise that goods subject to duty have been landed by an American naval vessel the question of their arriving therefrom shall be decided by the said quartermaster. It follows, therefore, that the investigation of possible customs frauds committed by the American military are solely within the jurisdiction of the Yankee authorities. If the Cuban courts possessed investigating jurisdiction they would likewise possess sanctioning and punitive jurisdiction."

Governor Magoon's prompt decision that the scandal be investigated and either the culprits or the false accusers punished is favorably commented upon in all expressions of public opinion. The Diario de la Marina and La Lucha both disapprove of the attitude of the Spanish elements, who are charged with interfering in Cuban politics and causing incidents like the riot over the Spanish flag at Guines.

A DOWNHILL GAIT

The Thin Man: You remind me of water. The Fat Man: Because why? The Thin Man: Because you can't run uphill.

HOW MR. BRYAN STANDS WORK

Take Care of Himself By Right Living and Good Nature

(By JOHN SNURE in Philadelphia Evening Times)

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Sept. 15.—Swinging through the country with Bryan, one hears the question asked a hundred and more times a day, "How does he stand it?" About four persons out of five who hear Bryan speak and who see him in the midst of the whirlwind of the last six or eight weeks of a campaign are curious to know what there is about his physical and mental makeup and manner of living that enables him to pass through the stress of three Presidential campaigns as a candidate and come out almost unscathed.

He is now past that age when most men are at the zenith of their endurance. In this contest he has already done weeks of trying and vigorous campaigning. Yet he shows almost no signs of the strain and is in excellent general health and condition. Whereas the vocal organs of most men that have gone through such a speaking ordeal as he has lately would be badly shattered and they would be vigorously fortifying themselves with cough drops and throat lozenges the "Peerless Leader," which his friends are now abbreviating to P. L., seems never to give the preservation of his voice more than a passing thought.

Avoids Excesses

Leading the simple life has a great deal to do with Bryan's capacity for the sort of campaigning he is now engaged in. He has, of course, a powerful physique and nature gave him a voice in a million. But he has preserved himself well and avoided excesses. The men who have been traveling with the Democratic candidate throughout the campaign, some of whom have been with him in his former campaigns, say he lives the most simply of any of the members of his party and that the way he lives adds much to his marvelous capabilities for hard and sustained work.

For one thing, Bryan can sleep. He is what is called a good sleeper. He is so constituted that the troubles of the day do not follow him into the night. When he is whirling through

one State after another, making one or two long speeches a day, with, probably, numerous short car-end talks, and goes to bed thoroughly tired out, he drops off to sleep in five minutes and sleeps eight hours without a break, unless he is called out to address an early morning crowd somewhere.

Takes Nap Any Time

To a fine faculty for sleeping at night, Mr. Bryan adds the ability to take a short nap almost any time he wants to and to wake up with his mind cleared and his body refreshed. This serves him in good stead when he is touring the country as he is at present.

Tens of thousands of those that have heard Bryan have marveled at his voice and wondered at his power of oratory, but have probably not given thought to his digestion. Mr. Bryan is the fortunate possessor of a good stomach. He eats anything that other men who work hard eat, and has an appetite like a blacksmith or a harvest hand.

They tell a story on the Bryan private car that for breakfast in a St. Paul cafe the other day the candidate searched through the bill of fare and finally alighted on an order of four pork chops and some fried onions.

And yet some folks have said in this campaign that if Bryan is beaten for President this time the blow will be too much and will kill him. Nothing but a green old age would seem to await the man who at 48 can wrestle successfully with four pork chops and fried onions for breakfast. Nature did not intend him to die of politics.

Has Muscles of Iron

While Mr. Bryan is beginning to get along in years and to take on flesh, he is far from fat. He has muscles of iron, and big ones at that. He understands how to take care of himself. After a hard and long speech, if he has the chance, he takes a rub-down and changes his wringing wet underclothing for dry garments, and he is then as good as new.

Naturally, Mr. Bryan is hospitable and is extremely considerate of the men around him, those who are in any fashion in his employ or service or who travel with him in a campaign. If one wants to find Bryan enthusiastic, accompanied by a profound conviction that Bryan will be the next President, he should talk to the porter, the cook, and the other employes who are on his private car with him.

HOMELY BUT USEFUL

A doorman, you must confess, in looks is hardly neat. But when it comes to usefulness it gets there with both feet.

GEORGE SEA COULD NOT GET WITNESS

Was In One Of Two Places, But George Wouldn't Go

Deputy High Sheriff George Sea is an adept at serving papers, subpoenas, etc., on people, and he is well-famed for his delicacy in the carrying out of what sometimes seems to be a hard mission. George, however, met his Waterloo the other day, and he is now going the rounds telling a good story on himself.

It seems that in the trial of Mendonca versus Markham, which is now going on before Judge Lindsay, a witness by the name of S. K. Kepohoni was very material. A subpoena was made out, and given to George Sea for service. Then began a search, high, low, and everywhere, and although the witness could not be located, George did not give up the hunt.

Then one day he learned that Kepohoni had died away back in 1907.

"What was I to do?" cried George. "I didn't know whether he had gone to Heaven or the other place, and I was afraid if I called for him at one place they would not let me in, while if I attempted service in the other place, they wouldn't let me out."

Which all goes to show that George is a good official, but, just the same, he isn't telling which place he was really afraid to visit.

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