

CUBA'S PRESENT NEEDS.

DELEGATION FROM HAVANA CALL UPON THE PRESIDENT.

They Say That the Only Hope for the Renewal of Prosperity in Cuba is the Revival of the Sugar and Tobacco Industries—Reduction of Sugar Duty Urged.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Alvarado Mantuana, a wealthy Cuban planter, and Francisco Figueroa, editor of the Havana Epoca, a newspaper favorable to annexation, accompanied by William H. McIlwain, President of the Cuban American League, had an interview with President McKinley at 2:30 this afternoon.

The object of their visit was to secure the support of the Administration in securing a reduction of the duty on sugar, so as to place Cuba on a level with the other sugar producing countries, which enjoy special advantages in trade with the United States on account of reciprocity treaties.

Another matter which the delegation wished to urge upon the President was the establishment of a large banking institution in Cuba, having a capital of at least \$10,000,000, one of the functions of which shall be to make loans on agricultural crops.

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CHARGE OF JURY TAMPERING.

Arrest of Three Men in Philadelphia in the Ingham-Newton Case.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 22.—Chief Wille of the Secret Service Bureau, Agent Burns and Deputy Marshal Marsh late today arrested George W. Pfeiffer, Thomas O'Donnell and Harry Fairbanks, all of whom live in the Tenth ward near Fourth and Vine streets.

The men are charged with having attempted to influence the judgment of jurors in the Ingham and Newton conspiracy trial.

Secret service operatives have been working on the case since the second day of the trial, and they worked slowly and cautiously.

What evidence they have against the accused men they will not talk. As soon as the men were arrested they were taken before United States Commissioner Edmunds, who held them each for \$5,000 bail for a further hearing on next Friday afternoon.

The warrants were issued by Commissioner Edmunds, but at the time they were made out he did not know the names of the men and they were secured as Thomas Doe, John Doan and Richard Roe.

The men are political workers in the Tenth ward near Fourth and Vine streets. They were secured by secret service operatives after others who are well known and who are said to have procured the services of Ingham and Newton.

District Attorney Beck said to-night that no further action will be taken against the men until after the trial of Ingham and Newton, which will be held at the Philadelphia court house on Friday.

District Attorney Beck said to-night that the men arrested approached a juror on Saturday and tried to bribe him to vote for Ingham and Newton.

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BIG UPTOWN POST OFFICE.

THE DEPARTMENT ALIVE TO THE NEEDS OF NEW YORK CITY.

It Agrees with Postmaster Van Cott That This City Should Have the Best Post Office in the Country. A Site near Grand Central Station May Be Selected.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—At a conference between Postmaster-General Smith and Postmaster Van Cott of New York this morning it was practically agreed that, if possible, legislation would be secured during the coming session of Congress which would give to New York the best Post Office in the country, especially adapted to the needs of the postal service in that city.

Mr. Van Cott represented to Mr. Smith that the service in New York was hampered by the great lack of proper facilities that it was almost impossible for the office to transact its daily business.

He stated that the building now occupied by the office is a large part of the working force has been assigned to quarters in the cellar, where it is impossible to secure proper ventilation and where there is artificial light only.

Not only is the health of the employees endangered by the cramped quarters, but the handling of the mail is done only with the greatest difficulty.

Mr. Smith agreed with Mr. Van Cott that the people of New York were entitled to the best service in the country, not only because the office is the largest, but because it turns in the greatest amount of mail.

The profit to the Government on the business done in New York in one year would build two post offices such as Mr. Van Cott desires.

It was stated by Mr. Van Cott that he had no desire for a grand Post Office building, costing millions of dollars. What he wanted was a site near Grand Central station, where the second-class matter and such business as would come into a station in that part of the city could be received.

Mr. Van Cott thought that the pneumatic tubes on the west side should be extended to the new Post Office building.

He thought that the building should have a similar service. He thought that two blocks of the building should be purchased, both blocks. There was no use, he said, in building a building on the east side.

What should be done was to erect a building that would answer the needs of the city for the next ten or fifteen years.

Mr. Smith said that he would give the matter to the Board of Post Office Commissioners, and that they would report to him on the subject.

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THE MUCH-MARRIED MRS. CLARKE.

Will sue for a Share in the Estate—French Housekeeper Also to Be Sued.

There is opportunity for a considerable amount of litigation over the estate of Lieut. Alpheus Evans Clarke, U. S. A., retired, who died at his home, 63 Grand street, Jersey City, on Monday.

The persons likely to be engaged in the lawsuit are Lieut. Clarke's relatives in Pennsylvania, his French housekeeper, Marie Jeanne Dastor, and a woman in Fort Hamilton whom he married twenty-three years ago.

In the seventies Lieut. Clarke, who had come back from the Civil War with the brevet rank of Colonel, was stationed at Fort Hamilton, New York, where he met Marie Jeanne Dastor, the divorced wife of a sporting man, who is now living in St. Louis.

A year or so after the marriage Lieut. Clarke was ordered West, and shortly afterward his wife died. She had retained her property, but she had been killed in a fight with her husband.

After a brief period of mourning Mrs. Clarke married Sylvester Folsom, a Fort Hamilton soldier, who was killed in the Spanish war. She has now been married to a man named John Dastor, who is now living in St. Louis.

It appears that in 1873, shortly after being ordered to St. Louis, Lieut. Clarke resigned from the army and went into a mining venture in Pennsylvania, from which he made considerable money.

He then returned to New York and married Marie Jeanne Dastor, who is now living in St. Louis. She has now been married to a man named John Dastor, who is now living in St. Louis.

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THE RAMAPO JOB LAID OVER.

WHILE THE MERCHANTS EXAMINE THE WATER SUPPLY QUESTION.

City Buying Water from Yonkers at \$170 the Million Gallons—Dillon Wants to Build a 9,000,000-Gallon Storage Reservoir Covering 1,400 Acres on Cross River.

The Board of Public Improvements voted yesterday to defer for three months any action on the proposed contract between the city and the Ramapo Water Company in order to give opportunity to the Merchants' Association to examine the whole water supply question.

This action was the result of a long correspondence between the association and Water Commissioner Dalton, in which the merchants said that they wish to investigate fully all the city's needs, the best sources of an increased supply, the ability of the city to construct its own works and the desirability of a contract with a private company.

Mr. Dalton submitted the request for delay without recommendations. Deputy Comptroller Lewis presented the following resolution, moving its adoption:

Resolved, That this Board approve of the scope of such inquiry and defer all action upon the said proposed contract with the Ramapo Water Company for three months, and that it give to said Merchants' Association all reasonable and proper assistance in the construction of a water supply system, and is hereby requested to give similar assistance in order that the actual necessities of the city as to water supply be fully shown to the satisfaction of taxpayers and the public.

Commissioner Dalton did not vote on the resolution, but the other members of the board voted. The Borough Presidents were allowed to vote by courtesy. Bowley of Queens and Grout of Brooklyn refused to vote unless the right was accorded to them as a right and not by courtesy.

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Advertisement for Fischer Pianos. Includes text: 'Fischer Pianos. Artistically and Musically Perfect. World-renowned for Purity and Power of Tone, Durability and Tone-Sustaining Quality.'

Advertisement for Vichy Celestins. Includes text: 'Vichy Celestins. A Natural Mineral Water with medicinal qualities. For Indigestion and Stomach Disorders.'

Advertisement for Great Western. Includes text: 'Great Western. A Natural Champagne. Finest Quality. Produced in America.'

Advertisement for Carbolac Acid. Includes text: 'Carbolac Acid. Stronger than Carbolac Acid. As a Germ Destroyer. Made from the Fresh Green Leaves of the Tasmanian Blue Gum Tree.'

Advertisement for Cuticura Remedies. Includes text: 'Cuticura Remedies. Cures Eczema on Leg from Knee to Toe. No Rest Day or Night. Doctors, Salves, etc., Could Not Cure.'

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