

PORTO RICO'S TAXES LIGHT

TREASURER HOLLANDER TALKS OF THE ISLAND'S REVENUE SYSTEM. The Board of Taxation Falls Upon the Shoulders of the People There, He Says, More Lightly Than Upon Those of the People in Any Other Part of the United States.

The present financial condition of Porto Rico compares favorably, I think, with that of any State or Territory in the Union. The island is free from all funded or floating indebtedness...

The annual expenditures of the island are about \$2,000,000, of which about one-half is devoted to schools and roads. Necessary revenues are supplied by customs duties on goods imported into Porto Rico...

The actual operation of the new revenue system of the island has been as satisfactory as could be expected. It has been found that the system is well adapted to the island's conditions...

EDWARD MARENS INCOMPETENT Order to Show Cause Why Commission Shouldn't Be Appointed for Millionaire's Son. MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., July 15.—An order to show cause why a committee of the person and property of Edward Marens of Mount Vernon should not be appointed because of his incompetency to manage his estate was filed in the Western District court today.

ARBuckle CUTS PRICE OF SUGAR. And Havemeyer Cuts Coffee—Neither Cut Is Met. CUTS were announced yesterday in the prices of both refined sugars and package coffee. Arbuckle Bros. reduced their prices for coffee of granulated to 8 1/2 cents a pound...

BLIND POOR GET \$33 EACH THIS YEAR. Fifty-three Applications for Pensions Didn't Go—Distribution in a Week. The pensions given annually by the city to every needy blind person were distributed today to each of the Outdoor Poor Bureau; and to-day, because the applications of fifty-three of the blind had been rejected the 672 pensioners who passed muster will each receive \$33, which is \$3 extra, leaving a total of \$18,000 for the year.

Watchesmen Caught Robbing Lord & Taylor. Philip McDonough of 294 Baltic street, Brooklyn, night watchman at Lord & Taylor's store in Broadway, was held in Jefferson Market police court yesterday on the charge of robbing his employers. Detective Sergeant Peabody found him trying to sell \$3,000 worth of watches in Brooklyn. The store superintendent says that goods worth about \$3,000 have been stolen.

NEWPORT LEAGUES ARRIVING

THEY WILL BE HELD AT THE CONVENTION WHICH OPENS ON THURSDAY. SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—Nearly five thousand members of the Epworth League arrived on various trains to-day to attend the national convention which opens here on Thursday. The great body of delegates to the convention will arrive to-morrow.

Nearly 2,000 spent Sunday at Salt Lake City and the special trains carrying them are strung all along the Central Pacific Railroad between here and Ogden. The first great event of importance this week will be a concert to-morrow night at Mechanics' Pavilion with a chorus of 1,500 voices. The organ is one of the largest in the world and the concert is expected to be the finest ever given here.

NAUCH GRUNN'S PILOT BLAMED. But Not Criminally, for the Collision Which Sank the Northfield and Drowned Five. The inquest yesterday into the deaths of the five persons who lost their lives in the collision between the Nauch Grunn ferryboat and the Jersey Central ferryboat Mauch Chunk of the Battery on the evening of June 14, resulted in a verdict exonerating Capt. Abraham Johnson of the Northfield, and holding Capt. Sylvester C. Griffin of the Mauch Chunk responsible for the collision.

GAMBLING IN SYRACUSE. A Clergyman Promises a Big Exposure That Will Affect Mass High in Politics. SYRACUSE, July 15.—The Rev. Guy B. Gallaher, who has been prominent in the movement to stop Sunday baseball in Syracuse, makes the following statement: "We are busy getting facts and evidence for a big exposure, an exposure that will affect the politics of the city of Syracuse."

JERSEYMEN AMONG DON'T KNOCKERS. Great Rush to Join the Newest Jersey City Club—Bob Davis in the Van. Jersey City now has its Don't Knock Club, and all the politicians who are or would be prominent, are rushing to join for their own and the public's benefit. The club emblem is a broken hammer and an eagle. The former is intended to typify the general usefulness of knockers, and the latter, the eagle is a delicate reminder that the organization is an uplifter.

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OLDSMITH SAYS BROWNING WANTED

THE REV. F. TOWLEY, ASSISTANT RECTOR OF CHRIST CHURCH, CLINTON AND HARRISON STREETS, BROOKLYN, RECALLED Mrs. Frank Herring of Bay Cliff Villa, Shore road and Ninety-third street, Fort Hamilton, from drowning while she was in bathing, in company with her husband, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Towley, who is also spending the summer at the Bay Villa, was standing at the end of the pier watching the bathers when he saw Mrs. Herring in distress. He called to Mr. Herring, who was swimming in advance, but getting no response, threw off his coat and sprang into the water.

THE WOMAN HAD GONE DOWN THE SECOND TIME when the diver came to the surface, but he grabbed her by the back of her bathing suit and started for the life line. In the meantime, Mr. Herring took his head and sank himself. Mr. Towley placed the unconscious woman across the rope and reaching out, seized the husband and held him until assistance arrived. Both husband and wife were revived on the beach after considerable first aid by the guards. The Rev. Mr. Towley, who was none the worse for his plunge, assisting.

NO LORILLARD WILL CONTEST. Family May Perhaps Buy Succession From Mrs. Allen. Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, Sr., to whom by the provisions of her late husband's will an income of \$50,000 a year was left, was at her residence at 4 Washington square yesterday. She came in from her place at Southampton on Sunday and while here she had a talk with her son, Pierre Lorillard. She refused to see any one at her house who called in reference to the matter. Mr. Pierre Lorillard came in from Tuxedo yesterday and had a long conference with his lawyer in Jersey City. Then Mr. Lorillard went back to Tuxedo. Mr. Brinkworth, his lawyer, refused positively to discuss the matter, but he said that when it would be probated. The belief among the friends of the family is now that there will be no contest on her part because of the bequest of Ranocosa to her children. It is believed that the family will offer to buy the place from her.

WFO SAVED CAPT. DIAMOND. Col. Murphy Was About to Make Saturday Night's Raid, but He Didn't. Commissioner Murphy said yesterday that he had issued a "Chief's warrant" for last Saturday night's raid on the alleged disorderly house of Mrs. Anna Varoch in First avenue, but had not the warrant up and notified Diamond at the last moment to make the raid himself. This means, according to the gossip that went about Police Headquarters yesterday, that Commissioner Murphy had intended to "throw it into" Capt. Diamond by making a raid over his head, and had been dissuaded at the eleventh hour. What Mulberry street would like to know now is, who was Diamond's friend? And then Mulberry street looks in the direction of Deputy Commissioner Murphy.

PEACE BETWEEN YORK AND DEVERY. Though Mr. York Quailed Mr. Devery's Friend's Saloon—No Raised, They Say. Deputy Commissioner Devery denied flatly yesterday that there was any truth in the published rumor that he and Deputy Commissioner York were quarrelling again, the alleged proof being that the saloons of "Mike" Minden, Mr. Devery's friend, in Williamsburg were closed.

MINISTER DENOUNCED THE DEAD. Called the Late Congressman Martin a Cheat and a Drunkard. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 15.—The Rev. C. G. Miller, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Marion, preached the funeral sermon of the late Congressman A. N. Martin, who died at the age of 67, in the city of Indianapolis, yesterday. He denounced the dead Congressman's life, among other things, Mr. Miller said that he had been born and reared in a Christian home, but left that home and its teachings at the age of 12 and entered the army to serve his country.

DEAD AT REPORTED AGE OF 110. MORRISTOWN, N. J., July 15.—Nathan Wood, a colored man, reported to be 110 years old, died at his home in Basking Ridge to-day. Before the New Jersey act to free slaves, passed in 1828, he was owned by Matthew Woodward. On becoming free he married a slave girl owned by John H. Wood, of Basking Ridge. For many years he has been a subject of charity and was supported by the town in which he lives. He had thirteen children, twelve of whom are now living.

ELKIN LEFT PENN FUND FOR TEACHERS. PHILADELPHIA, July 15.—The will of Lewis Elkin, who died one week ago, was to-day offered for probate in the Philadelphia Trust Company. It made trustee of real estate valued at \$1,200,000 and personal property valued at \$400,000. The income is to be divided among the children of the testator, and each public school teacher in Philadelphia who has taught for twenty-five years, who is now living, shall receive the money will be useful for her support.

WED IN SECRET, THEN LEFT

YOUNG COLOGROVE'S WIFE KES HIM AFTER FOUR YEARS' ABSENCE. He Was Seen in the Philippines and Headed, but Father Supports Him—Who Wants Her Own Living—She's Not Willing to Go Back to Him Now, So Her Suit's Dismissed. Russell Cologrove, son of James B. Cologrove, a railroad President, was a prisoner in the Yorkville police court yesterday, charged by his young wife, Allie, with abandonment. Mrs. Cologrove, who was a Miss Winsa, said that they were secretly married on Aug. 15, 1897, by the Rev. Alfred Hewitt in his home at 305 West Thirtieth street. Cologrove left her the next day, she said, and after writing from Boston that he would soon send for her, disappeared entirely. She did not know what had become of him until she read in the newspapers, about the beginning of this year, that he was sick in a San Francisco hospital. Some time afterward she met him unexpectedly in the street here and he pretended not to recognize her.

YOUNG COLOGROVE, who was accompanied by his father, told Magistrate Cornell that after his marriage, which was contracted against the will of his family and without their knowledge, he had gone to Boston as officer and part owner of a steamboat which upon its arrival there was condemned by the United States authorities as unfit for further use. In that way he lost all he owned and had to move to Seattle to make a living. From there he wrote two letters to his wife under an assumed name, which they had agreed on. Both were returned to him unopened. He was then in Honolulu and from there to the Philippines, where a Government post was offered to him. He was taken sick, however, and had to be sent home at a private expense. Since his return to this city in March he had been entirely dependent on his father, living in his father's house at Bath Beach and spending the days of his illness at 471 West Street. He denied that he was employed as a clerk by his father or that he had any income.

YOUNG COLOGROVE complained that he had been arrested last Saturday by a man who was not a policeman, whom he was about to start for Cleveland, Ohio, on an errand for his father, and that he had been locked up in a police station all night. He denied that he had paid the detective anything out of her wages. The older Cologrove said he had known for four years that there was some kind of understanding between his son and the young woman. He had warned her that young Cologrove was a pauper, unable to support himself even, and he had told her that if they were married, he would not be able to help them in any way. He did not know of his son's marriage. Mr. Cologrove said, until he was told about it in the police station on Saturday. He said that he had been told by his son and the latter's wife if she came with him.

ARE YOU WILLING TO GO HOME with her? asked Lawyer Robinson. "Not after having been deserted for four years," replied Mrs. Cologrove with a smile. Magistrate Cornell discharged Cologrove on the ground that his wife refused to accept the support he was willing to give her.

HOLLAND BOAT READY TO LAUNCH ON JULY 22. WASHINGTON, July 15.—The Holland Torpedo Boat, which was notified the Navy Department that the submarine boat Adder will be launched at the Crescent Shipyard, Elizabethport, N. J., on July 22, at 12:30 o'clock, has been ordered to be ready for launch on that date. The boat is a 100-ton torpedo boat, and is the first of a class of boats built for the Government.

Gen. Wood Continues to Improve. WASHINGTON, July 15.—In a telegram dated Havana, July 13, Capt. Scott, Adjutant-General of the Department of Cuba, says: "Continued improvement in Gen. Wood's condition. Temperature 98 and fraction. Now considered out of danger."

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS. WASHINGTON, July 15.—The following orders have been issued: First Lieut. Conrad E. Koser, assistant surgeon, recently appointed, to Washington barracks for temporary duty. E. Leuthner H. Cooke, tenth infantry, from recruiting duty at Pittsburg, to join his regiment at Fort Grease. First Lieut. W. C. Valentine, nineteenth infantry, to Philadelphia for duty as adjutant. Second Lieut. J. M. Reeves, from the Second Infantry to the Artillery Corps and assigned to the Twenty-eighth Company, Coast Artillery.

MOVEMENTS OF NAVAL VESSELS. WASHINGTON, July 15.—The cruiser Newark has arrived at Boston, where she will be repaired; the training ship Lancaster at Gardiner's Bay, the dispatch boat Dolphin at Portland, the gunboat Yankton at San Juan, the cruiser Albatross at the gunboat station at Norfolk, the dispatch boat Dolphin at Portland, the gunboat Yankton at San Juan, the cruiser Albatross at the gunboat station at Norfolk, the dispatch boat Dolphin at Portland, the gunboat Yankton at San Juan, the cruiser Albatross at the gunboat station at Norfolk.

THE NEW POWER! EAT IT! A large illustration of a hand holding a lit match, with the words 'THE NEW POWER!' and 'EAT IT!' written in large, bold letters.

CONTRACTS CLAIM IN KIANGSI. NOT YET AGREED AT PEKING. MINISTERS HAVING DIFFICULTY OVER DIVISION OF INDEMNITY. Total Claims Now Exceed What China Has Promised to Pay—Question May Be Referred to The Hague Tribunal—American Treaties Suggested by the Consular Court at Tientsin. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. From THE SUN Correspondent at Peking. PEKING, July 15.—There was a short meeting of the Ministers to-day. They are still discussing the security that China must give for the payment of the indemnity. There is difficulty over the division of the claims of the different Governments. The total claims exceed the \$50,000,000 which China has agreed to pay. Notwithstanding the elaborate rules of the sub-committee which reckoned the claims, uniformity was not observed, and the Ministers themselves are unable to compel uniformity. The advisability of referring the question to The Hague tribunal is being considered. The Governments which are demanding excessive amounts do not favor this idea, but there does not appear to be any other method of reaching a final settlement. The question has been indefinitely postponed. The Ministers have informed the Chinese Plenipotentiaries that they will reject their demand that the indemnity be paid in fifty years, and will make the time forty years, or less, as the Chinese prefer. There is fear that China will find it difficult to pay the annual installments and will default, thereby causing renewed complications. This action has been reported to some of the Governments. The Chinese apparently desire to pay their indebtedness as quickly as possible, but they hardly realize the troubles ahead of them when additional taxation for the support of the Government is demanded. The Chinese, though anti-foreign, are far from loyal to the present Manchu régime. The Consular Court at Tientsin has sentenced to four years' imprisonment three armed Americans who were detected committing robberies in a city east of Peking. The other men who participated in the robberies are awaiting trial by a British court.

CAPITAL SENTENCES REDUCED. Influence of the United States in Mitigating Punishments in China. WASHINGTON, July 15.—The State Department has received information from China which shows the wisdom of the President's instructions to our representatives there to use all his influence in the direction of moderation and humanity in the punishment of Chinese offenders accused of crimes. Under the influence of these representations of the United States the list of capital sentences was reduced from ten to four and mitigation of other sentences was obtained. It is now clear that some of those against whom capital punishment was demanded have been proved to be entirely innocent of the charges made against them, and in many other cases proof has been adduced that the offences with which they were charged were not nearly so grave as was at first supposed by the foreign representatives at Peking.

PRINCE CHUN AT SHANGHAI. Emperor's Brother Stops There on His Way to Germany. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. From THE SUN Correspondent at Shanghai. SHANGHAI, July 15.—Prince Chun, brother of the Emperor, who is going to Germany on a special mission to express regret for the murder of Baron von Ketteler, arrived here to-day. He will not land until to-morrow on the steamer that brought him from the north. The Chinese merchants have arranged elaborate street decorations in his honor. Prince Chun, who is only 19 years old, is said to be of a kindly disposition, but with no special strength of character. TO DECLARE NEWCHANG RUSSIAN. Civil Administration of That Manchuria Town Prepares a Proclamation. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, July 15.—A despatch to the Morning Post from Newchwang says that the Russian Civil Administrator of that place has prepared a proclamation declaring Newchwang to be Russian, and desiring that all houses will be taxed 60 cents a month and that all Chinese must pay a poll tax of \$1.50. The proclamation will be issued on receipt of an official document from Peking.

WEEKLY FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW. For the District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland, partly cloudy and warmer to-day; fair to-morrow; light south winds. For eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and eastern New York, continued warm and generally fair to-day and probably to-morrow; light south winds. For New England, fair and continued warm to-day; some light showers and some drizzle in Maine; a shower mostly fresh; generally fair to-morrow. For western New York, partly cloudy to-day; possibly thunder showers in west portion; fair to-morrow; light east to south winds.

The Smart Set SMOKE THE SATURNETTE EGYPTIAN CIGARETTE. THE BEST YET. Reduced from 25c. to 20c. on account of reduction in war tax. CORK, GOLD AND PLAIN TIP. An advertisement for 'The Smart Set' Egyptian Cigarettes, featuring a large illustration of a cigarette and the brand name 'SATURNETTE' in large, bold letters.