

CUBAN BIRTHDAY DINNER.

ELIHU ROOT CHEERED AS NEW REPUBLIC'S BENEFACTOR.

He says the island is our outpost for defense of the Canal—President Conveys a Hint to Turbulent Islands—Palma's Thanks.

The Republic of Cuba was two years old yesterday and a distinguished company of the new nation's well-wishers dined together last night to celebrate the anniversary.

The Hon. Elihu Root, ex-Secretary of War, presided at the dinner and the committee in charge evidently could not have chosen any toastmaster who would have been more acceptable to the 400 Americans and Latin Americans who participated in the festivities.

When Senator Platt of Connecticut said that reconstructed Cuba owes more to Elihu Root than to any other man, the cheers for the ex-Secretary of War were as long and as hearty as those called forth by every reference to T. Estrada Palma, the President of the new Republic.

The single star and the broad stripes of Cuba were blended with the many stars and stripes of the United States in the flag decorations of the banquet room. Tropical fruits, brought from Cuba for the occasion, were in abundance on every table and for each guest there was a souvenir Cuban flag.

Those who sat at the guest table with Mr. Root were:

Sir William C. Van Horne, Octavio A. Zayas, Gen. Tasker N. Bliss, Senator Orville B. Platt, Dr. J. R. Alvarez, Mr. Mooney, Charles W. Fornes, Gen. H. C. Corbin, Ignacio M. Varona and President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University.

Toasts were drunk, with the entire company standing, to President Roosevelt of the United States and President Palma of Cuba. Mr. Root then read letters from the Chief Magistrate of the two republics.

President Roosevelt's letter, which was addressed personally to Mr. Root, was as follows:

Through you I wish to send my heartiest greetings to those gathered to celebrate the second anniversary of the independence of Cuba. I wish it were possible to be present with you in person. I rejoice in what Cuba has done, and especially in the way in which for the last two years she has been carrying out her desire and ability to accept in a serious spirit the responsibilities of self-government.

It is not true that the United States has any land hunger or entertains any projects as regards other nations which are inimical to their welfare.

All that we desire is to see all neighboring countries stable, orderly and prosperous. Any country whose people conduct themselves in a peaceful and helpful way toward the United States is welcome to its friendship.

My great desire is to strengthen the feeling of friendship and relations between the United States and the Republic of Cuba, which we need, we can more readily develop the natural resources of the island and renew energy, secure the prosperity of our privileged country, fortifying thereby the common welfare and stability of our republic.

A cablegram of congratulation was read from the dinner at President Palma's residence, and there was a laugh here and there about the room, which caused Mr. Root to remark: "Some of you seem to be a little out of the room to-night direct from this room to the President's palace at Havana."

Letters from the Secretary of War Taft, Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and Senator Proctor were read by J. M. Ceballos chairman of the committee.

In his address Mr. Root said first that the cause of nearly all strife and controversy in this world is that the people of different nations don't know and understand each other. He went on:

During the long night when Cuban liberty was struggling up to the light, thousands of our sons and daughters were in the hands of the United States, thousands of Americans learned to know and understand the people of Cuba through intimate contact. I should be false to my duty here tonight if I did not bear personal testimony to the admirable conduct of the Cuban people, to their respect for their law, their love of order and their devotion to the welfare of their land.

Concerning international relations between Cuba and the United States Mr. Root said in part:

Commercial interests demand that trade between the two countries be as free as possible and profitable to both. It cannot be profitable to one and not to the other. So far as the United States is concerned, Cuba must always be an outpost of attack or defense for the United States. If Cuba has a friendly relation with the United States, she will be an outpost of peace and good will.

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Speeches were made in Spanish by the Hon. Jose Pardo of the Senate and the Hon. Antonio M. de Lima, and by Rodolfo de Sedano.

Mr. Root paid a high compliment to Gen. Tasker N. Bliss, ex-Secretary of War, for his reciprocity treaty with Cuba.

Gen. Bliss answered this question, "What, after all, does this anniversary mean?" He said:

It means that a free Cuba is not a revolutionary Cuba. Her conception of the independence of individual liberty has not been dimmed. All honor to Palma. It is not the end of pestilence and famine that we wish to see in Cuba, but the end of the pestilence of ignorance and the end of the pestilence of hereditary.

Sir William Van Horne spoke very briefly. He ended his talk with a wall of compliments to Mr. Root as a man of splendid conception and clear brain, to whom Cuba owes much.

DE PEYSTER GEMS RECOVERED.

The Gang That Hobbed the Old Mansion Monday Night Arrested in Albany.

ALBANY, May 20.—Family heirlooms and old jewelry to the value of several thousand dollars were stolen from the De Peyster home in Tivoli on Monday night.

The De Peyster house is closed up, the old General De Peyster's mansion, in New York. The jewelry was recovered following the arrest by the police yesterday of a "growing gang" after complaint had been made at the police station.

Part of the jewelry was found on the leader of the gang, Charles King. A search of the house the hobs frequented and the pawnshops led to the discovery of other stolen articles, and they were identified to-night by the Chief of Police of Tivoli. He also identified King and William Johnson, who has a club foot, as having been in Tivoli Monday night with a third party.

The Chief says he saw the three men near the De Peyster mansion at about 11 o'clock on Monday night. James Murphy of Hudson is one of the eight members of the "growing gang" arrested.

The stolen articles consist of bracelets, necklaces, pins, brooches and rings, some of which are stamped with the De Peyster family names and carry the family monogram.

The most noticeable are two solid gold bracelets with cameo portrait of Gen. De Peyster and his wife, another bracelet of the same design surrounded by pearls and a Florentine mosaic necklace. The latter had been discarded by the thieves as valueless and thrown into the yard of the house.

Within the last few years the De Peyster house has been robbed twice. The last time jewelry and articles to the value of \$27,000 being taken. None of the stolen jewelry came from the Livingston tomb, near Hudson, which was broken into last month.

The Chief of Police of Tivoli says no jewelry has been taken since the robbery of the Livingston family, with the sole purpose in view of not inviting such depredations.

"CADET" CASE IN TENDERLOIN.

Jerome's Aid Asked to Rescue a Girl—His Men Arrive Too Late.

Paul Garfinkel, a stove dealer living at 153 East 113th street, went to District Attorney Jerome's house, in Rutgers street, last night and asked for help in getting his fifteen-year-old niece, Katie, from a house in West Thirty-second street.

Garfinkel told Assistant District Attorney Sanford that the girl was kidnapped by a stranger man two weeks ago and that he had only learned her whereabouts yesterday. County Detectives Reardon and O'Shea were sent with Garfinkel to get the girl.

With the help of Policeman Colyer of the Tenderloin station they searched the house without result. They finally learned from two women in the place that the girl had been taken away about 10 o'clock in the afternoon by a young man.

Sadie Wolf, who runs the place, after some questioning admitted that the girl had been there, but insisted that she had been told that the girl was over 18.

The two women said that they and others had protested at the house, but had been allowed to go, but that the Wolf woman had taken away her clothing.

On the next day the Governor's committee did not act like former State committee. None had been directed to take the Governor-Chairman, but it wasn't a warm body by any means.

Governor-Chairman Odell does not want to nominate Mr. Root as Governor. He believes that either Cornelius N. Bliss or Chauncey M. Depew would be equally good candidates, and that the nomination of Mr. Root would be a disservice to the State.

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ODELL GOING TO EUROPE.

HEARS DISTRESSING NEWS THAT THE PARTY WANTS ROOT

And Confronts the More Distressing Situation That Cortelyou May Be the State's National Committee Man—Where'd the Governor-Chairman Be Then?

Governor-Chairman Odell, after a busy day at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday, returned to Albany in the evening, leaving word that he will sail for Europe on Tuesday and return in time to attend the Republican national convention at Chicago on June 21.

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BRENNAN LEAVES McCARREN.

Goos to Headquarters and Tells Him So—McCarrren Merely Nods His Head.

Senator Patrick Henry McCarrren got a bad jolt yesterday in his fight to maintain his leadership over the Democratic organization in Brooklyn. Deputy Fire Commissioner William Brennan, the leader in the Thirtieth Assembly district, deserted McCarrren's standard and joined the combination which is determined if possible to put an end to the McCarrren régime at the August primaries, if not before.

The news of the latest mischance to McCarrren was conveyed to the Senator by Mr. Brennan himself when Brennan, the leader in the Thirtieth Assembly district, deserted McCarrren's standard and joined the combination which is determined if possible to put an end to the McCarrren régime at the August primaries, if not before.

McCarrren, although evidently surprised by the defection of one of his most trusted lieutenants, merely nodded his head and declined to make any statement.

Deputy Fire Commissioner Doyle, Bird S. Coler, Thomas H. Farrell and other members of the party were present at the meeting and were asked to direct the hostilities against McCarrren and distribute the patronage.

The meeting was held at the headquarters of the party in the Temple Bar Building. There was a consensus of opinion among the committee that the political proposition was a bad one and that the party should not be divided.

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numerous social gatherings at which congratulations abound.

The check to Gen. Kuroki's advance, the reopening of Port Arthur and the emergence of the Russian torpedo boats add to the satisfaction over Admiral Togo's mishaps. The buoyant optimism goes in some quarters to the extreme of professing to believe that Japan is done for, and one hears again the talk that was prevalent in the early days of finishing the war in Tokio.

The officials are, noticeably relieved, and though they suitably express sincere regret for the loss of the gallant sailors, who abundantly proved their courage, they join in the general round of congratulations.

The Nevsky Prospekt and other fashionable streets are crowded with carriages conveying smiling dignitaries and aristocrats driving to exchange felicitations with the Ministers and Grand Dukes. Never since the war began has St. Petersburg looked so cheerful.

It is announced that the Japanese attack at Ker Bay on May 14 failed. The engagement at Sanhvilu on May 16 seriously checked the advance of the Japanese, who lost heavily. The report that the Russians led 2,000 men in the fighting south of Haicheng is denied.

JAPANESE CHECK.

Kuroki's Advance Guard Driven Back to Fengwangcheng.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. NEWCHANG, May 20.—The report of the retirement of the Japanese upon Fengwangcheng is officially confirmed. They retired before a superior force, with considerable losses on both sides.

On Monday 20,000 Japanese came upon 32,000 Russians in a strong position fifty miles west of Fengwangcheng. The Japanese retreated rapidly. It was not a pitched battle, but there was considerable loss in skirmishes.

Further messages, despite their vagueness, suggest that the Japanese First Army has received a severe check.

The movement seems to have been a reconnaissance on a considerable scale by the Japanese. It is reported that the pursuit by the Russians was checked when the Japanese who had been making the reconnaissance rejoined the main body.

This news appears to account for the withdrawal of some unknown point of the warships and transports which were recently off Towner Hill, near Newchwang.

The Russians are showing renewed activity here and are apparently prepared to defend the town.

LANDING AT TAKUSHAN.

Japanese Rout a Russian Force After Half Hour Battle.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. TOKIO, May 20.—It is officially reported that infantry from the Second Army, under the command of Major General T. Takushan, routed a force of Russian infantry, after thirty minutes of fighting, losing a Sub-Lieutenant and four men killed and eight wounded. The Russians lost one officer and forty men killed and wounded.

The Japanese troops were landing at Takushan yesterday. They consider the division, covered by a hot fire from the fleet, landed in Tallenwan Bay on Tuesday and marched into the interior.

China has notified Japan that cotton is not contraband of war.

The Germans at Peking are negotiating with the view of increasing the number of German guards on the Shantung railway. The Government is favorable to the proposition.

It is reported from Kinchow that the Russians have destroyed the railway between Newchwang and Tishikow.

Chinese bandits have murdered a missionary at Kinchow. They consider it small retribution considering the magnitude of the Japanese successes thus far.

However, there are indications of a belief that somebody has blundered or failed in watchfulness. Some of the newspapers add to their earnest comments the hope that the disasters will lead to increased prudence and care.

There is a recognition of the fact that the lost ships cannot be replaced during the war. The public mourning is general. Flags everywhere are half-masted, and many of the theatres are closed. It is recalled that the public sympathy when Admiral Makaroff was lost was similarly, if less generally, shown.

KINCHOW BOMBARDED.

Admiral Togo Hammers at Russian Buildings and Trains.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Japanese legation has received the following despatch from Tokio:

"Rear Admiral Togo Masamamichi reports that the fleet under his command, consisting of three cruisers, three gunboats and the torpedo boat flotilla, after successfully repelling the Russian torpedo boat destroyer which emerged from Port Arthur when the disaster to the Hatsuse occurred, and rescuing her drowning crew, proceeded on May 15 to the Gulf of Pechili and reconnoitered along Kaichow promontory. On the 16th inst. the fleet discovered a body of the Russian troops ashore, who fled when fired upon. On the 17th the fleet captured Kinchow and bombarded the enemy's railway buildings and bridge and military trains."

RESCUED FROM THE HATSUSE.

Rear Admiral Nashiba and Capt. Nakao Among Those Saved.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. TOKIO, May 20.—In a supplementary report on the naval disasters off Port Arthur last Sunday, Admiral Togo says that Rear Admiral Nashiba and Capt. Nakao, commander of the Hatsuse, were among those saved from the battleship after it was blown up.

Among the lost on the Hatsuse were Commander Takamoto, Viscount Nin Arimori, five second Lieutenants, five engineers, two sergeants, six midshipmen, four engineer cadets and ten warrant officers. The exact number of men lost is unknown.

With the Yoshino were lost Capt. Sasaki, Commander Hirowater, three first and five second Lieutenants, five midshipmen, a

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paymaster and a surgeon, three cadets and eight boatwails.

WITHELD FROM HAICHENG. Japanese Also Falling Back in the Newchwang District.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BEIJING, May 20.—A despatch to the Tagblatt from Harbin says that the Japanese have retired from before Haicheng, which is east of Newchwang.

A despatch from Harbin to the Lokal Anzeiger says that a big battle is expected near Haicheng. It adds that Admiral Skrydloff and M. Besobronoff have arrived at Harbin en route to Vladivostok.

Newchwang, May 19.—A field battery arrived here to-day. The Russians say that they will soon have 3,000 men here. The Japanese control the railway south of Wafangtien. The Russians have a few scouts between Newchwang and Wafangtien. Almost all the telegraph lines are down, but the military telegraph between here and Port Arthur is still working. It is stated, however, that the Japanese are tapping it.

TORPEDO BOATS ACTIVE.

Russian Fleet Again Operating Outside Port Arthur.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 21.—A despatch to the Daily News from Tientsin says that the Russian torpedo boat fleet is active outside of Port Arthur, which is not now blocked. Five Japanese transports bound for Tallenwan Bay have returned to Moji. The shipping companies have warned their captain that Russian contact mines have been distributed as far as the Shantung promontory.

Merchants fear that trade with North China will be imperilled by the activity of the Russian torpedo boat fleet. The Russians are jubilant over the dashing conduct of their torpedo boats.

GREEN PLAGUE IN RUSSIAN ARMY.

New Disease Spreads Among the Troops Quartered at Mukden.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, May 20.—A new disease called the green plague has broken out among the Russians quartered in Chinese houses in Mukden. The eyesight is first affected, after which green spots appear on the body. The disease is highly contagious.

A majority of the cases are fatal. The doctors are baffled. The Chinese seem to be immune.

SKRYDLOFF GOES TO VLADIVOSTOK.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 20.—A despatch to the Central News from Harbin says that Admiral Skrydloff has left there for Vladivostok. The correspondent adds that the five cruisers and fifteen destroyers of the Vladivostok squadron will probably make for Port Arthur.

Denies that the Bogatry is Aground.