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THE WEYLER CUBAN POLICY.

The Captain General Proposes a "No Quarter" Campaign Against Insurgents.

PRISONERS WILL BE SHOT.

All Inhabitants of Certain Provinces Must Identify Themselves Within Eight Days or Get Into Serious Trouble.

HAVANA, Feb. 18.—Captain General Weyler yesterday issued a series of proclamations, in which he still further defines his proposed policy toward the insurgents and their sympathizers. The first reads as follows:

Article 1.—All inhabitants of the districts of Sancti Spiritus and the provinces of Pinar del Rio and Santiago de Cuba will have to concentrate in places which are the headquarters of a division, a brigade, or a column of a troop, and will be compelled to be provided with documentary proof of identity within eight days of the publication of this proclamation in the municipalities.

Article 2.—To travel in the country in the routes covered by the columns in operation, it is absolutely indispensable to have a pass from the mayor, commandants or chiefs of detachments.

Article 3.—All owners of commercial establishments in the country districts will vacate them, and the chiefs of columns will take such measures as the success of their operations dictate regarding such places, which, while useless to the country's wealth, serve the enemy as hiding places in the woods and in the interior.

Article 4.—All persons harboring heresy become an ill and traitor.

In the second proclamation, after formally assuming the captain generalship of the army, he continues:

Prisoners caught in action will be subjected to the summary trial without any other investigation, except that indispensable for the objects of the trial.

I make known, that, taking advantage of the ordinary liberality of communication between the district capitals and the rest of the provinces, which convey news and rumors, and some persons more daring still have taken advantage of this to draw the divided and ignorant to the rebel ranks.

I make known and command that all such cases are subject to military laws, other than those specified by law.

Shooting Prisoners.

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 18.—Advices from Havana by the steamship Olivette indicate that Gen. Weyler has already begun the butcheries which the Cubans have predicted would mark his reign in Cuba. According to these advices the wildest excitement prevails in Havana. Since his arrival Weyler has been going over the list of the suspects confined in the Cabanas and placing a black mark against those whom he considers most dangerous. Recently he completed the task and sent the names of 30 suspects to the commandant of the Cabanas, with orders that they be immediately executed. The prisoners were brought into the prison yard, ten at a time, placed with their backs against the wall and shot. The second and third batches had to pass by the bloody corpses of their companions previously executed. Five of the men claimed to be naturalized American citizens. Gen. Weyler, when questioned about the shooting of the suspects, said he had nothing to give out in regard to it. It is reported that Gomez has learned of the butchery and has notified Weyler if Cubans in the city are shot he will retaliate by shooting Spaniards in the interior of the island.

GIRLS BURNED TO DEATH.

Horrible Disaster—Fire in a Trolley Factory.

TROY, N. Y., Feb. 15.—A small boy carelessly throwing a match into a pile of oily waste in Stehmer's factory to-night was the origin of a fire that consumed thousands of dollars worth of property and caused the destruction of three lives.

Within 20 minutes after the fire started there were three dead women laid upon the floor of an adjoining store, and at least a dozen maimed and burned girls and women taken to the hospital on their homes.

Of the 30 girls and women in the building, it was presumed that at least half a dozen were in the ruins, but an investigation proved the fatalities were limited to the three.

Three policemen who were assisting a man fast in the ruins were buried with the unfortunate under a mass of falling brick, and while badly hurt, all may live.

The loss is estimated at \$300,000, and 500 people are thrown out of employment.

Still After Secretary Morton.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The attack on Secretary Morton for his refusal to expend the appropriation for seeds in the present agricultural appropriation was transferred from the senate to the house yesterday and furnished the feature of the proceedings in the lower house. Some very harsh things were said and applauded especially by Mr. Boatner, who referred to Mr. Morton contemptuously as "that individual" and not a voice was raised in his defense.

Back Up William.

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—The Transvaal imbroglio has been the absorbing topic of interest here during the past week and the government declaration of its attitude in the reichstag on Thursday, evoked, as was intended, an inspiring patriotic demonstration on all sides of the house. The policy of the foreign office, though distinctly displeasing to England, has been unanimously endorsed by the leaders of all factions of the conservative party.

Notice.

The following lands were rented for 1896. Southeast 2-4-37, northwest 25-9-41, northwest 24-4-39, southeast 5-10-40, northwest 20-7-31, northeast 4-9-38. If you desire to renew for 1896 you can do so now. All unpaid rent must be paid at once. M. BOSWORTH, Agent for Receiver, American Investment Co.

TILLMAN STILL IN THE RING.

The South Carolina Senator Sends a Challenge to His Critics.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Senator Tillman's great speech of January 23 has brought him into prominence that is equalled by few senators who have served years to his weeks. His mail is larger than that of any other member of congress. He has received over 10,000 letters congratulating him on his speech and nearly every letter asks for a copy of it, many of them contain money to pay for the speech, and applications are daily received for special orders running up in the thousands. Mr. Tillman has issued a statement from which the following is extracted:

My uniform rule has been to treat criticism with silence. I break that rule now for a purpose, and that is to challenge those who have found so much to censure in my recent speech in the senate to a trial before a jury of their peers, in which I can have at least a show of justice, if my language was unparliamentary.

It is to be the fate of this great republic to sink to the level of Rome when the patrician guards were wont to put the emperorship to the highest bidder; if congress is to become or remain the cowardly tool and purchasable agent of the wealthy if the federal judiciary are to undermine and destroy the constitution as foretold by Jefferson; if our liberties are to be lost through supine ignorance and reality, I, as a senator on the watchtower, holding a sacred trust, cannot be charged with having assisted my country to its degradation by not giving a note of warning.

and indeed, why did no senator call me to order? If the charges were untrue, why has no senator answered them? And why do my newspaper critics not even attempt to answer them? What other senators have whooped among themselves I have spoken aloud and in plain words. What a majority of the people of the country have thought and felt, I have uttered. This is the aim of my utterance, and the hiding editors and reporters who now decry the sacred freedom of the press to so despicable a level may flatter themselves that they create and control public opinion, but the thousands of letters that have poured in on me from every quarter of the union, mostly from the north, and from men engaged in every pursuit of life, have given me assurance that the scales are falling from the eyes of the people.

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AFTER DRAMATIC PIRATES.

A Bill Wanted Enacted to Protect Copyrighted Plays.

ON THE DIVORCE INDUSTRY.

The House Judiciary Committee Wants to Make a Year's Residence a Prerequisite for One in the Territories—The Army.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A joint commission representing the Theatrical Managers and Dramatists' association arrived in Washington yesterday and will appear before the house committee on patents and will urge favorable action on the bill introduced by Representative Cummings to prevent the piracy of copyrighted plays. The Cummings bill prohibits the piracy of copyrighted plays and musical compositions, and makes their willful production for profit punishable by imprisonment. A measure similar in character was introduced in the last congress but met with some opposition on the ground that it would subject to imprisonment amateurs who might produce copyrighted compositions without intention to defraud and in ignorance of the fact that they were violating the law. The present bill is so drawn as to exempt all such persons and make the penalty applicable to such persons who pirate plays for profit.

The Territorial Divorce Industry.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Two important pieces of territorial and state legislation have been decided upon by the house judiciary committee. One of them contemplates restricting the ready divorce industry of making one year's residence a prerequisite for any divorce in the territories. This bill was prepared by Fred H. Gillette, of Springfield, Mass. The other measure was recommended by the adjutant-general of the army, and vests jurisdiction in United States courts to try any offenses committed in any place, jurisdiction over which has been retained by the United States or decided to it by a state or which has been purchased with the consent of a state for the erection of a fort, magazine, dock yard or other needful building, the punishment of which offense is not provided for by any law of the United States.

The Army Up to the Maximum.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The new recruiting system for the army, aided by the hard times of the last few years, has resulted in bringing the enlisted strength up to its maximum, and a few days ago orders were issued by the adjutant-general, who is in charge of the work, instructing the recruiting officers accordingly. Several of the minor stations, where men have enlisted have closed temporarily, and the officers on the detail have been given other duties. Recruits have been coming in rapidly for some months, and they are a good class of men, most of whom have been out of employment and have taken the army in preference to any uncertainty regarding their board and lodging.

Mrs. Chanler Marries a Prince.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Feb. 19.—Amelie Rives Chanler and Prince Pierre Troubetzkoy, a Russian nobleman, were married yesterday afternoon at "Castle Hill," the home of Col. Alfred Rives, father of the authoress. Paul L. Menzel, D. D., of Richmond, a Lutheran clergyman, performed the ceremony.

Kansas G. A. R. Membership.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 19.—A roster of all Grand Army posts in Kansas has been completed, showing a total membership of 14,861, which is a loss during the year of 461.

Lumbermen Killed.

SEBENY, Mich., Feb. 19.—Four men were killed and seven others seriously injured at McKain's lumber camp north of here to-day by a steam log handler becoming uncontrollable.

America Has Sent \$70,000 to Russia.

BOSTON, Feb. 19.—The total amount received and forwarded to Turkey for relief work thus far by Frank H. Wiggin, assistant treasurer of the American board, is \$70,000.

A Big Strike Threatened.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Manufacturers of clothing believe that the biggest strike of garment makers that Chicago has ever known is at hand, and a long and bitter struggle is predicted.

The Wall Paper Trust May Dissolve.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Feb. 19.—It is said here that there is a movement among large preferred stockholders in the United States Wall Paper trust to dissolve that corporation, because of its failure to pass any dividends since last April on \$18,000,000 of preferred stock.

An Earthquake in Santiago.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Feb. 19.—An earthquake shock, which was preceded by deep rumblings and alarming noises, has been experienced here. The inhabitants were terror-stricken until the noise ceased.

Confederates' Pensions.

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 19.—The state of Mississippi has begun its annual distribution of pensions to old confederates and their widows. The sum of \$22 is paid to each old soldier annually.

WEATHER FORECAST.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 19.—Forecast will show a fair to cloudy day. For Missouri—Fair, warmer in southern portion; northwest winds. For Kansas—Generally fair; variable winds.

The Masonic grand lodge of Kansas convened in special session at Wichita Wednesday.

PUBLIC SCHOOL LANDS.

Secretary Smith Points Out to the House Committee Certain Alleged Defects in the Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The secretary of the interior has sent to the house committee on public lands his views on the bill to equalize the several states of the union in the grant of lands for public school purposes. He says California has received as its portion 6,719,524 acres, and it would require 200,000,000 to equalize grants to other states in proportion to what California has received. The aggregate number of acres on hand to be granted for school purposes is 27,621,736. Under the provisions of the bill, the secretary states that Missouri would receive only 1,462,139 acres, a shortage of 37,000 acres. These discrepancies, the secretary says, indicate that the committee should revise the schedule of the bill.

MISSOURI ROYAL ARCADE.

The Grand Council, in session at St. Louis, chooses Officers for the ensuing year.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 19.—The grand council of the Missouri Royal Arcanum met here yesterday in 13th annual session, with 70 representatives present. Reports showed an increase of 700 in membership in Missouri during the last year. It was decided to hold the next council here in February, 1897. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Grand regent, Jere Halldeman; grand vice regent, Ford Smith; grand orator, William Morgan; past grand regent, P. R. Pillerstaff; grand secretary, Charles B. Cox; grand treasurer, A. S. Robinson, Jr.; grand chaplain, R. C. Parlett; representatives to the supreme council, A. S. Robinson, Jr. and Jere Halldeman; alternates, Frank Thomas and Ford Smith.

AGAINST BOLLING.

Editors Think a Man Should Not Enter a Convention Unless He Intends to Abide by Its Decisions.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 19.—Senator Tillman's declaration that the South Carolina delegates will go to Chicago with the deliberate intention of bolting unless their currency plank is adopted caused the Republic to address telegraphic inquiries to the editors of democratic papers throughout Missouri asking whether, in their opinion, a delegate entering a convention is in honor bound to support the nominees. The democratic editors of Missouri answer with practical unanimity that any man who does not intend to abide by the decisions of a convention cannot honorably enter it.

A WEALTHY MAN MURDERED.

An Otago Farmer (Greatly Assonated) While Alone at His Home in Kansas.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Feb. 19.—J. T. Lamborn, a wealthy farmer, was murdered Monday night in his home at Fall Leaf, a station northeast of this city. The murderer literally chopped the old man to pieces with an ax during the absence of his son and daughter and while he was alone. One arm and one leg had been broken and his breast was crushed in two places. As nothing was stolen from the house the motive of the murderer is unknown. Lamborn was 34 years of age and very wealthy. He was a widower.

THE STATEHOOD BILLS.

The House Committee Reconsiders Its Former Vote Against Arizona and New Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The house committee on territories voted to-day to reconsider its former vote against the Arizona and New Mexico statehood bills. This leaves them still before the committee.

The house passed the bill to extend for five years the time within which suits may be brought to annul patents issued under railroad, Mexican or other special grants.

Numerous private pension bills were also passed.

Prof. Buchanan Appoints Assistants.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 19.—Prof. John T. Buchanan, manager of the National Education association, has appointed the following assistant managers for Missouri: Superintendent J. U. White, of Jefferson City; George P. Murphy, of St. Louis; D. A. McMillan, of Mexico; George V. Buchanan, of Sedalia; J. M. White, of Carthage; R. B. D. Simonsen, of Hannibal; and Prof. Louis Thiellmann, of Appleton City; C. E. Miller, of St. Joseph; W. D. Dobson, of Kirksville.

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WILL GET TOGETHER TO-DAY.

Pis and Maher Quit Training and Ready for the Contest.

THE NEW YORK DOG SHOW.

The Annual Exhibition of the Westminster Kennel Club Opens in Madison Square Garden for Four Days with 1,610 Entries.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 19.—Bat Masterson, who stands as close to secretive Dan Stuart as any outsider now in the city, said at nine o'clock this morning that barring Fitzsimmons being eluded up by his lion, which beast has been getting decidedly unruly of late, or Maher's breaking an arm or leg, the big fight will be on or over within 48 hours of the time he spoke.

Secretary Wheelock opened up the office two hours earlier than usual to-day, and the stacks of tickets were once more brought out of the safe and piled up on the counter inside the wire railing ready to be exchanged for American coin or notes at par, or Mexican dollars at 25 per cent. discount. The outlook, however, is against the probability of a rush for the pateboards and the promoters do not expect to take more than 300 people, exclusive of the principals and their attendants, to the ringside.

Both Fitzsimmons and Maher will quit training after the usual programme this afternoon, contenting themselves to-morrow with a walk of a few miles and a rubbing down. Even the warmest admirers of Peter Maher admit that the Corralman will never be in better condition to stand hard punching and plenty of it. Whether it is because those of the sports who were well provided with rolls have turned disgusted to their homes, or because of doubts regarding the ultimate probability of the men facing each other, or again because of the falling off of interest in the affair the facts remain that betting is absolutely dead.

New York's Annual Dog Show.

New York, Feb. 19.—The 20th annual bench show of the Westminster Kennel club opened in Madison square garden to-day and will continue until Saturday night. The rules of the American Kennel club prohibit the confining of the dogs for more than four days, and the management decided to open the show this year one day later than usual in order to take advantage of Washington's birthday, when a large attendance is expected. It was generally supposed that there would be a very considerable falling off in the entries this year on account of the poisoning of King Charles and Japanese spaniels at last year's show. Superintendent Mortimer and all the other gentlemen interested in the exhibition are greatly surprised that this year's entries far exceed those of previous years. The total number of entries is 1,610.

FOR MCKINLEY ASHOW.

Many Nebraska Republicans Do Not Take Kindly to Manderson's Aspiration.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 19.—Despite the announced candidacy of ex-Senator Manderson as a presidential possibility, republicans from many of the sections of the state met here last night and putting aside the favored son idea, expressed in no uncertain way their preference for Maj. McKinley. The Funke opera house was crowded when ex-Gov. Thayer called the house to order. He read numerous petitions from all over the state, asking that a McKinley delegation be sent to St. Louis and expressed his own satisfaction at this sentiment. Senator Thurston made the principal speech and was followed by John L. Webster and John C. Cowin, of Omaha, C. H. Gere, editor of the Lincoln Journal and others. The plan for organizing McKinley clubs was favored.

MISS BARTON SUCCESSFUL.

The Turkish Ruler Gives His Consent to Her Armenian Relief Project.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A cable dispatch received at the state department from Alexander W. Terrell, United States minister to Turkey, contained the intelligence that the efforts of the American Red Cross society, to obtain permission of the Turkish government to distribute relief to the suffering Armenians had been successful. It appears from Mr. Terrell's dispatch that Miss Barton had been presented to the porte by the minister and had received renewed assurances of full protection and aid for her agents in dispensing charity. Her assistants, says Mr. Terrell, go at once to the interior. Miss Barton's headquarters will be at Paris.

CRUSHED DEATH A PRINTER'S PROS.

HAMILTON, Mo., Feb. 19.—Three men were seriously injured here this afternoon. A heavy job press was being taken up a flight of stairs to the News-Graphic office. When near the top of the stairs the press slipped, falling to the bottom, crushing beneath it J. D. Van Volkenburg, Herbert Eldridge and William Hauber. It is thought all will recover.

Placed Down by a Fallen Tree.

OSCEOLA, Mo., Feb. 19.—Two children of Dennis Siles, of Doyal township, attempted to cut down a tree, which fell upon them. One of the boys will suffer the loss of an arm, if nothing more serious. They were pinned to the ground for several hours with the tree upon them.

OFFICIAL BARRHARTY.

Eleven Young Men Arrested as Tramps and Tortured by Guards.

OCALA, Fla., Feb. 19.—After ten days of torture at a convict camp, whether they had been sent as tramps, 11 young men were released yesterday on writs of habeas corpus issued by Circuit Judge Hooker. Two weeks ago the party reached Ocala. They were well dressed, and said they were walking to see the country better, and to hunt and fish at will. They had a lot of novelties for sale. They did not ask aid, but the day after their arrival they were arrested. Justice Clary sent them to the convict farm as tramps. At the ranch they were barbarously treated. They were chained to negroes and given impossible tasks. Every night, upon reporting the tasks unperformed, they were stripped, tied across logs and whipped till the blood gushed, and one night, the coldest of the winter, the guards drove them into a pond, shouting: "You have been wanting a bath, now get it." Twice a day they were given bread, but no meat. At Judge Hooker's request they bared their backs, which were found raw and quivering. Five of them may not recover. In discharging the young men Judge Hooker said their arrest, sentence and treatment disgraced civilization, and every one concerned in it should be severely punished. The habeas corpus proceedings were brought by Ocala citizens.

YOUNG MISSOURI VETERANS.

The Annual Encampment at Cameron Closed—Manley Wren for Commander.

CAMERON, Mo., Feb. 19.—The annual encampment of the Missouri division, Sons of Veterans and Ladies' Aid society, closed yesterday evening after a two days' session. The Sons of Veterans' election resulted as follows: Manley Wren, Bethany, division commander; M. W. Baser, Union, senior vice commander; A. V. Cashion, Perryville, junior vice commander. The following were elected as division officers of the Ladies' Aid society: Mrs. M. Gardel, St. Louis, president; Miss Daisy Eakin, Cameron, vice president; Miss Emma Allett, St. Louis, secretary; Miss Minnie Nichols, St. Louis, treasurer; Miss Ida Cashion, Perryville, chairman of division council. The place of holding the next encampment was left to the division council, with the recommendation that it be held at the same time and place as the department encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

50 TIME TO FALTER.

Rev. Wm. Ergey Kansas Temperance Advocate to Vigorous Action.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 19.—Rev. Richard Waker, president of the state temperance union, has published another circular letter to the temperance people of the state. Among other things he says relative to the state convention of the union, to be held March 3 and 4:

The convention has been called to meet in advance of the political gathering in the hope that its numbers and character will impress the political managers with the importance of recognizing the temperance sentiment in their efforts to secure the votes of a majority of the citizens of Kansas. There can be no question but the coming campaign will have a powerful