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UNCLE SAM MADE A GOOD BARGAIN

Secretary Seward Offered \$57,000,000 For Danish West Indies in 1867.

DENMARK ASKED \$157,000,000

Written Statement of Committee on Foreign Relations on Trade With the Islands.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The recent favorable report by the senate committee on foreign relations on the treaty for the cession of the Danish West Indies was accompanied by a written statement by the committee to the senate. This report holds that during 1860 the islands exported to the United States sugar, molasses and distilled spirits amounting to \$563,945, and that during the same period the imports sent from the United States amounted to \$624,524.

The annexation of the islands was sought by the United States years ago, and as far back as 1867, Denmark declined to sell the islands for \$57,000,000, but made a proposition to part with them for \$157,000,000. Secretary Seward offered \$57,000,000, which was declined. He afterwards agreed to pay that amount for the islands of St. Thomas and St. John, but the trade fell through because of complications which arose.

TO MEET ON FIELD OF HONOR. General Eagan and Colonel Willis May Fight a Duel.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 7.—Owing to a misunderstanding in Guaymas, Mex., three Americans became involved in a quarrel that is said to have led to a challenge to meet upon the field of honor. One was General Charles P. Eagan, of embalmed beef prominence, the other, Colonel Willis P. Harlow, of Los Angeles, an attorney with a national reputation.

Eagan, who has been representing W. C. Green in his legal contest regarding the Cobro Grande copper mines of Mexico, met Harlow at the hotel. The two, so the story goes, had a warm dispute. Later, it is alleged, Harlow penned a challenge that was handed Eagan. Developments are awaited by the American colony upon the return of Harlow, who is reported in conference with Greene at Cananea.

BARBER'S PECULIAR AILMENT. Throat and Bronchial Tubes Found Full of Short Hairs.

WARASH, Ind., Feb. 7.—Andrew Teeter, a barber at Waron, 20 miles northwest of this city, is at death's door from a peculiar cause. He has followed his trade for years, and some time ago his lungs became affected. A specialist brought from Wisconsin made an examination and found the patient's throat and bronchial tubes full of short hairs, imbedded in the membrane.

It is thought the hairs were inhaled while Teeter clipped hair, and the irritation brought on tuberculosis. His death is a matter of only a few days.

EXTRACTING GOLD FROM ORE. Salem Man's Process Extracts Three Times Amount of Smelter.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—Wm. L. Long claims he has discovered a new process for extracting gold from ore, cheaper than the old methods, and producing three times the amount of gold that can be secured by a smelter. His claim is similar to that of Professor Wynn, who recently died in Denver after making a similar discovery. Long's last experiment was made with tailings from the Ashland smelter. Then he extracted 45 cents from 10 pounds of tailings, or at the rate of \$90 to the ton after the smelter had secured \$40 per ton from the same ore.

PRISONER'S BRIEF RESPECTS. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—G. Arthur Hill, a Washington clerk, pardoned by President Roosevelt from Washington prison on the plea that he was dying from consumption and afterwards brought to this city, charged with petty larceny, was today sentenced to six months in the penitentiary.

BOYCOTTED THE MINISTER. Congregation Objected to His Riding on Street Car During Strike.

BRAZIL, Ind., Feb. 7.—A unique boycott is reported from Cleveland just

west of here. The minister, who is holding revival meetings at the principal church there, made a trip to this city on the street car and as a consequence there has been slight attendance at the revival and the meetings will probably close. His congregation is principally laborers and their families and they are in sympathy with the street car strikers. The strikers have issued a call for a mass meeting to be held on the 12th, when, it is expected, they will organize a co-operative general merchandise store in retaliation for the action taken by the Merchants' Association, which recently passed resolutions offering boycotts.

ARRESTED FOR SMUGGLING. San Francisco Customs Officials Seize Trunk Full of Opium.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—The customs house officials here have arrested Frank D. Burton on a charge of smuggling. With him was captured a trunk containing seventy-five pounds of opium, valued at \$1200, which had been shipped from Tacoma to Oakland. The authorities believe that Burton is connected with a gang that for some time has been successfully smuggling opium across the Canadian border.

On Saturday Collector Stratton received a telegram from Collector Patterson at Portland telling him that a trunk that had been checked at Tacoma as ordinary baggage for Oakland had been seized there and in it were 150 tins of opium. Collector Patterson was asked to take all the opium out of the trunk except one tin and forward the trunk as though it had not been intercepted. This was done and Burton was caught in the act of opening the trunk. He claims to have recently arrived from the Klondike and says he got the trunk for a friend. The duty on the opium seized would amount to \$450.

TURNED TO NEW USE. Madison Square Garden Leased by Woman's League.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Madison Square Garden has been leased for the month of May by the Professional Woman's League. Everything in which are professionally engaged or personally interested will be exhibited during that time. The exhibits, it is promised, will range from the newest variety of baby incubator to a steam yacht, designed and equipped by a woman, to suit the tastes of women. Departments will be devoted to woman designers, goldsmiths, blacksmiths, barbers, trained nurses, school teachers, dentists, doctors and to every other profession or business into which the fair sex has entered.

The exposition will show how to finish, care for and grace a home, also how to earn one.

WILL HONOR LINCOLN'S MEMORY. Prince Henry to Place Wreath on Grave of Martyred President.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Prince Henry, of Prussia, has expressed a desire to honor the memory of President Lincoln during his stay in Chicago by formally placing a wreath on the monument of the martyred president. Plans will be made to have the event take place amid imposing ceremonies in Lincoln Park.

MINING MEN INTERESTED. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Mining organizations in the West are manifesting much interest in the bill introduced by Representative Wood, of California, creating a department of mining under a cabinet officer. Large gatherings of mining interests held at Cripple Creek, Col., and Boise, Idaho, have urged the adoption of the measure. The California Mining Association also is interested.

MAIL CONTRACT AWARDED. SEATTLE, Feb. 7.—A four years' contract for the transportation of the mails over the Juneau-Unalaska route has been awarded to the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company. In the notice of award, received today, it was stated that the navigation company would receive \$20,280 annually for the service.

PHILIPPINE OFFICER RETIRED. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Captain Matthew A. Batson, One Hundred and efficient service in the Philippines in Fifty-sixth cavalry, who performed command of the Maccabee scouts, has been retired in consequence of wounds received in the abdomen.

TO RESTRICT POLYGAMY. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—A movement for strong federal restriction of polygamy by means of an amendment to the constitution has taken form in the house. The committee on judiciary today fixed February 25th for passing on the subject.

PRICE OF SILVER. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Silver, 55 1/2.

JUDICIARY BILL PASSED IN HOUSE

The Measure Carries \$503,731 in Excess of the Last Appropriation.

QUIET DAY IN THE SENATE

Turner, of Washington, Delivers Prepared Speech on Philippine Question—Pension Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The house today passed the legislative, executive and judiciary bill, the second of the regular supply bills. As passed it carried \$5,171,969, which is \$503,731 in excess of that of the current appropriation.

Only two amendments of importance were adopted. One provides for a commission to redistrict the legislative districts of Oklahoma, and the other authorizes the president in his discretion to convert into the civil service temporarily the clerical force employed on account of the war with Spain. By the terms of the amendment, the president must place all or none of them under the civil service.

QUIET DAY IN THE SENATE. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The Philippine tariff bill was taken up early in the senate today. The session was notably quiet. Turner, of Washington, delivered a prepared speech on the general Philippine question, and had not concluded when the bill was laid aside for the day. After the adoption of only minor amendments the pension appropriation bill was passed.

STAND AGAINST BUNDESRATH. German Central Bureau Favors Importation of Meats Preserved in Borax.

BERLIN, Feb. 7.—The central bureau for the preparation of commercial treaties have made a strong stand against the reported intention of the bundsrath to exclude from Germany meats preserved in borax. "If American meats preserved in borax be prohibited," affirms the bureau, "it will be a great hardship on the poor, because meats otherwise preserved are liable to spoil during custom house examinations."

NEEDS OF ARMY POSTS

MANY FORTS WILL BE ENLARGED.

General Otis Submits Report to Army Board at Washington.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Major-General Otis, commander of the department of the lakes, has returned from Washington, where he was in attendance on the sessions of the board called by the secretary of war to consider the needs of the different posts. This was the second session of the board, the first in December having been adjourned in order to enable the department commanders to report on the needs of their respective departments, particularly the department of California. The second session lasted only four days.

As to the recommendations of the board, General Otis said it would not be proper to speak in advance of the report of the secretary of war. It is understood, however, says the Chronicle, "that the barracks at Fort Sheridan will be enlarged and made modern in every respect.

"Since the United States became a world power and troops are required for work abroad, the posts throughout the country have been found too small for the accommodation of the regiments and batteries recruited to fighting strength. In addition to Fort Sheridan many other army posts will be enlarged.

"That the work at the fort will be undertaken at once is assured. According to orders from the headquarters the troops now quartered at the fort will leave shortly for the Philippines. Their places will not be taken until the soldiers ordered from the far East have returned. In the interim the carpenters and masons will have almost undisputed possession of the place.

"The movement of troops is at present the business of most pressing importance in this department," said the

PRESIDENT'S SON ILL OF PNEUMONIA

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Reported Last Night as Resting Comfortably.

PRESIDENT'S PLANS CHANGED

The Trip to Charleston to Visit the Exposition May Have to Be Abandoned Altogether.

GROTON, Mass., Feb. 7.—The condition of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., son of President Roosevelt and a student at Groton school, who is ill of pneumonia, was reported tonight as being as comfortable as could be expected.

Those in attendance at the lad's bedside refused to give any thing more definite. Mrs. Roosevelt will arrive here tomorrow morning.

PRESIDENT'S PLANS CHANGED. Trip to Charleston Exposition May Be Abandoned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The illness of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., has changed greatly the plans of the president for his trip to Charleston to visit the exposition there. The trip possibly may have to be abandoned altogether, but the present purpose is to make a flying trip to the exposition and to return immediately after the most important functions in which it has been arranged for the presidential party to participate.

MRS. DAVIS OLD HOME. JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 7.—It is officially announced that Mrs. Jefferson Davis will come to Jackson to greet the last legislature that will assemble in the history of the capital. It is understood that the Gulf coast will be old home on the Gulf coast, will be purchased by the state and converted into a home for indigent Confederates.

JESUITS FORBIDDEN TO PREACH. PARIS, Feb. 7.—The cardinal archbishop of Paris has decided that no Jesuit shall be permitted to preach during the Lenten season in any church in the capital. The action is the result of measures taken by the government to prosecute members of the prescribed orders who violate the law of suppression of unauthorized members.

DISCUSSING CREED REVISION. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—The committee on creed revision of the Presbyterian church devoted both sessions today to the consideration of the statement of doctrine. Quite an exhaustive discussion was had over points that should be included in the statement.

TWO CHILDREN CREMATED. PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 7.—This morning the farm house of William Robertson was destroyed by fire and four of Robertson's children perished. Joseph, the oldest, aged 10, and the youngest, aged 4, were cremated.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER. OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 7.—Today Charley Tom and Mary Tom, his wife, were acquitted of the charge of murdering George Williams. The parties are all Indians, and the killing occurred January 11, during a drunken row.

RAILROAD FOR SALE. KANSAS CITY, Feb. 7.—The Star says: The Mexican Central railway, extending from El Paso, Tex., to the City of Mexico, is reported to be in the market and the Santa Fe and Rock Island railroads are said to be rivals in the race for its possession.

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