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UNCLE COLLIS ISSUES ORDERS

TO BEGIN WORK ON THE GREAT DRY DOCK... WILL ATTRACT ATTENTION AT OMAHA

The Largest Concern on the Continent

to Be Built Without Subsidy From the Government

CINCINNATI, March 13.—A special to the Commercial-Tribune from Newport News, Va., says:

Charles P. Huntington, principal owner of the Newport News Ship Building and Dry Dock company, has given instructions to commence work on the mammoth dry dock at once.

This determination on the multimillionaire's part is the result of a conference held in Washington last week between his lieutenant, Calvin B. Orcutt, president of the shipbuilding company, and Secretary Long.

Mr. Huntington will accept no subsidy from the government. He will furnish the \$1,000,000, or more if necessary, to build the dock and to keep it close touch with his aides from San Francisco, whence he will go in a few days.

The dock will be, when completed, 900 feet in length and ninety in breadth. It will be constructed after the most modern ideas and will be capable of receiving two of the largest battleships at one time.

It is understood that 260 men will be employed at once to push the work to completion. All of the necessary soundings have been made and the material will be ordered at once.

The site for the new basin will be directly north of the present dock, which is now the largest in American waters, although lacking a few feet in being the largest.

The new dock will be the largest on the continent.

ON THE WHEEL

Two Good Races Run Against the Wind

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—The team pursuit bicycle race at Elmhurst today between members of the Acme and Reliance clubs of Oakland was won by the Reliance men.

The distance was five miles and the best time 13:30. A strong wind was blowing.

The Olympic club wheelmen ran a ten-mile sealed handicap over the San Leandro triangle today. E. J. Stanley of Reno, Nev., hung on to Wink and Fuller, both scratch men, for ten miles, to be beaten out three seconds in the final sprint.

Stanley, however, had been allowed a secret handicap of ten seconds, which made his time seven seconds faster than that of the scratch men, and gave him first prize.

Considering the fact that a strong wind prevailed the time made by Fuller, 23:00, was an excellent performance, the record for the course being 27:45, made by Zeigler three years ago.

Coney Island Stakes

NEW YORK, March 13.—The following stakes of the Coney Island Jockey club are announced to close on Tuesday: Coney Island Grand National steeplechase, \$750 added, handicap steeplechase for 4-year-olds and upward, full steeplechase course, about two and one-half miles; Bay hurdle race, \$750 added, handicap for 4-year-olds and upward, two miles, over eight hurdles, on the turf; the Rosebud, \$750 added, for fillies, 2-year-olds, four and a half furlongs.

Found Floating

ACOMA, Wash., March 13.—The body of Charles Peterson, mate of the schooner North, who has been missing two months, was found floating in the sound today. Peterson has a daughter living in San Francisco.

A Purse For Fugs

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 13.—The New Haven Athletic club has offered a purse of \$200 for a twenty-pound catfish.

NO PROGRAMS

Laid Down For Congress to Follow

THE HAWAIIAN TREATY

Waits for some one to make a motion

VIRGINIA'S CONTEST CASES

Will Receive Attention in the House Unless the Spanish Affairs Needs Legislative Action

Associated Press Special Wire

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—There is no prepared program for the senate this week. If Senator Bacon is prepared to speak on the Hawaiian annexation treaty it will be taken up promptly, as, indeed, it will be if any senator is prepared to go on with the debate.

It is not expected, however, that there will be much further discussion of this subject in executive session, and it is the intention of Senator Davis, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, at a very early day to move to lay Senator Davis' plebiscite motion on the table.

It is on this movement that the managers of the treaty hope to secure a test vote, and Senator Davis said today that he was hopeful that this vote might be reached during the present week.

Senator Pettigrew is anxious and hopes to get his 5 per cent land bill before the senate early in the week, and Senator Vest will make an effort to secure consideration of the census bill.

There is also a possibility that the census bill may be passed for consideration. An entirely new census bill probably will be offered, providing for the establishment of the census machinery instead of preliminary amendments for it, as the bill first prepared did.

The managers of the treaty are hopeful of being able to report the sundry civil bill during the week, and if it should be successful this measure will be pressed upon the attention of the senate to the exclusion of everything else.

IN THE HOUSE

The program of the house this week as reported would be completely changed if any movement is made in connection with the Spanish crisis involving legislative action.

But as at present arranged, it includes simply the consideration of the postal appropriation bill and the Virginia contest case, and the house will probably give the post office bill first priority.

The Virginia contest case, which was reported by the committee on Tuesday, may be reached at the tail end of the week. There will be a conflict for precedence between the election case and the post office bill, Chairman of the committee on the post office, Mr. Swanson, from the Danville, Va., district.

Chairman Walker insists that the contested election case, being a question of the highest privilege, should have precedence under the rules, but the house will probably give the post office bill first priority.

The Democrats intend to contest the election case bitterly, as upon the decision in this case they believe will depend the fate of the other two cases from Virginia, another of which was reported against the sitting member. It is expected that the report of the committee will be against Mr. Swanson, from the Danville, Va., district.

ARIZONA EDITORS

Favor Free Cuba and Elect Their New Officers

TUCSON, Ariz., March 13.—The Arizona Press association, in session, unanimously adopted the following, offered by L. C. Hughes: "Resolved, That in view of all the facts, the press of Arizona believe the time has come for our government to recognize the belligerency of Cuba. We commend the prudence and wisdom of the national administration in the course being pursued with reference to the terrible calamity in the destruction of the cruiser Maine and her gallant crew; and that the press of Arizona will loyally sustain President McKinley in any measure he may adopt to maintain the honor, dignity and rights of our republic, both at home and abroad."

It also adopted a resolution urging congress to make an appropriation for the construction of the Butte reservoir to provide water for the reclamation of the lands of the Maricopa, Pima and Papago Indians, thus enabling them to become self-sustaining, and progress to a higher state of civilization.

A. T. Bird of Oasis was elected president, and Charles W. Pugh secretary of the association.

ARMY ATHLETES

New York Filling Up With Tournament Performers

NEW YORK, March 13.—The troops who will take part in the Military Athletic league tournament at Madison Square garden this week began to arrive today. Early in the afternoon the Second battery, Capt. Davis E. Wilson commanding, reached the garden. About 4 o'clock Troop 6, under command of Capt. C. B. Cleighon, met and escorted the Sixth United States cavalry of Fort Myer, Va., to the garden. The scene outside the building resembled a parade day.

The officers in command of the Sixth cavalry are Capt. B. H. Selbert, First Lieut. Gallagher, Second Lieutenants Nisson and Short.

There are sixty-four men in the company and the special train upon which they arrived was made up of passenger coaches and eight cars, containing the horses.

The Sixth cavalry and Fifth United States artillery, the light battery D, will be quartered in the garden.

New Mexico Pioneers

SANTA FE, N. M., March 13.—The Pioneers' society of New Mexico has decided to celebrate with appropriate ceremonies the 20th anniversary of the permanent settlement of this territory by the Spaniards on July 12th at San Gabriel, now Chamita station, forty miles north of Santa Fe. The Historical society will also take part, and the intention is to make the event a memorable one in the history of the southwest. The Governor, L. B.

SCENES OF AWFUL SUFFERING

FOUND IN THE HOMES, THE STREETS AND HOSPITALS OF CUBA

Senator Gallinger Writes of His Personal Investigation of the Hideous Results of the Methods Adopted by Spain in Dealing With Innocent Women and Children in Cuba

MATANZAS, March 12, via Key West, March 13.—(Special to The Herald.) "Who enters here leaves hope behind," might well have been the motto adopted by the Cuban reconcentrados when they were driven from the fields and herded like sheep in the cities and towns of this fertile land.

Weyer devised a scheme of human suffering and sorrow that puts Dante's "Inferno" into the shade, and that converted a contented, prosperous people into a herd of suffering, starving unfortunates.

A day at Matanzas is one never to be forgotten. The city nestles by the bay, as it did before it was smitten by famine, and when commerce and trade made it one of the most important points of Cuba.

Today the bay was deserted. Burning canefields not far from the railroad indicated that the insurgents were busy. Indeed, only a few evenings ago an insurgent force captured a large herd of horses and cattle but a few miles from Matanzas, while the Dauntless discharged her last cargo of insurgent material literally in the harbor of that city.

All along the route were wretched people in rags, but not until Matanzas was reached was the full extent of existing suffering realized. The railroad station was crowded with beggars, many of them nearing their graves as the consequence of starvation and resulting disease.

Men, women and children jostled and crowded each other, begging for help. Some children were entirely nude, while most of them were covered only in part with ragged and dirty clothing. The same condition of things was seen on the streets, and the hotel lobby exhibited other scenes of similar destitution.

Returning from places of public resort, the party visited three hospitals, named, respectively, Providencia, Caridad and San Carlos, and here were fresh evidences of the ravages that starvation is working. Some members of the Red Cross society had visited the hospitals two weeks ago, but they were terrified to discover that almost every one of the inmates had died and, to some extent, others had taken their places.

Here poverty, sorrow and suffering were depicted in their worst forms. Children, gaunt in face, but with abdomen and limbs swollen almost to the point of bursting; women in the last stages of emaciation, and men rapidly drifting to death were on every hand.

If there was food in these hospitals, I did not discover it; neither were there signs of medicine, nor of proper nursing or care. As the people lay there, suffering the pangs of hunger, an abundance of food was at the railway station, sent there by Miss Barton more than a week ago, but which, through some mistake, had not been distributed, and the Fern and one other vessel were lying in the bay loaded down with contributions from the government and people of the United States.

For most of these unfortunates death is the only relief. No food will allay acute suffering from hunger, and medicine may palliate for a time a certain degree of suffering, but starvation has done its work, and the grave will claim most of them in the near future.

From the hospitals I went to the huts on the outskirts of the city occupied by families of the reconcentrados, and here again is material for the artist and novelist. In huts of one room, thatched with palm leaves, are families of eight or ten people, eking out a miserable existence. They were driven out of their homes when the plan was adopted to exterminate the Cuban race by starvation.

In this sketch I have not attempted to picture the extreme horrors of the situation, but rather to give a plain, unvarnished statement of what I saw at every turn. The death rate here, as elsewhere on the island, has been enormous. In Matanzas alone 1200 died in November, 1200 in December, 700 in January, and 500 in February. The death rate is decreasing simply because the material (the reconcentrados) is becoming less. Estimating the population at 50,000, a death rate of, say, 20 in the thousand would give 1000 deaths in a year, but here we have 4000 deaths in four months, or twelve times that of the normal death rate, and the saddest thing of it all is that the excess above the average death rate shows the number of deaths from starvation and from nothing else.

On the cars I was told that in San Cristobal one coach, used as a hearse, had carried to the cemetery 800 dead in twenty-six days, while many uncoffined dead were disposed of. In another little town not far from Matanzas, according to the testimony of the mayor, every dog and cat in the town has been eaten, and utter desolation confronts the place unless relief comes soon.

Miss Barton says that this is a worse famine than that of Armenia or of India. The Indian famine came because of crop failures, and in Armenia it was the result of religious fanaticism, but in Cuba it is famine with fertile land on every side, ready to produce an abundance of food in response to the efforts of human labor. That labor has been withheld in accordance with a program laid down by a heartless military ruler, and now the lands are uncultivated and the people are starving.

Fortunately, our country is aroused to the necessity of the case, but is it not a reproach to the civilization of the closing years of the nineteenth century that on this western continent such a condition of things is allowed to exist? Religion and humanity alike demand that it shall cease, and cease it should, even though the glitter and glamor of the military shall vanish, or a decreasing and disolute throne shall pass away, never to return.

J. H. GALLINGER.

THE COURT REPORT

And the Course of Procedure Marked Out

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 14.—The Globe's Washington special says: The president and his cabinet know, officially, the result of the Maine inquiry.

They are prepared to act. They have canvassed the course of events, so far as they can foresee them and have formulated a policy to meet the emergency. Along its lines the administration expects to move unless it is swept off its feet by a wave of popular dissatisfaction.

The Globe special correspondent is able to report that the cabinet events as viewed by the president and his cabinet. It can be outlined thus: First—The board of inquiry will report this week that the explosion was external.

Second—The president will immediately through Minister Woodford, demand from Spain an indemnification of \$10,000,000.

Third—Spain is expected to reply, expressing her willingness to pay if she is responsible, but maintaining that her own investigation shows that the explosion was internal and purely accidental. She will, therefore, suggest reference to an international board of arbitration.

Fourth—In such an event the administration would be disposed to comply with the suggestion, unless there is an emote in Havana or an irresistible demand for war sweeps through congress.

Fifth—If congress acquiesces in the suggestion, the attempt will be made to adjourn and leave the whole matter in the president's hands.

Sixth—It is expected that a large majority of congressmen will claim that such a matter of honor cannot be arbitrated. It is further expected that the leaders of both houses, including Senator Davis of Minnesota, will favor arbitration.

A Rough Passage

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—The steamship China, which arrived today, experienced very rough weather between Honolulu and this city. One of her boats was broken, another washed away, and no part of the vessel was beyond the reach of the angry waves. Among her passengers were two prominent Chinese, Tien Kee, president of the Sam Yip society, and Leong Hahan, who is on his way to Havana to act as interpreter to the Chinese consul at Havana.

A River Steamer Burned

ST. LOUIS, March 13.—The Mississippi river excursion steamer Grand Republic burned to the water's edge today near South St. Louis. Nothing was saved, and Captain W. E. Thorogood, his wife and two children and the watchman had a narrow escape.

Cassall Acquitted

JACKSON, Cal., March 13.—The trial of Louis Cassall for the murder of Fred Grover in June last November terminated today in a verdict of acquittal. The case lasted six days and the jury was out twelve hours before agreeing. On the night of the homicide, Cassall, who was employed as bartender, closed the saloon, taking the saloon woman with him. Grover, no doubt in a joking mood, approached Cassall in a demonstrative manner. Cassall, thinking that robbery was intended, fired, killing Grover instantly. The two men were on the best of terms. No motive other than that stated was ascribed for the shooting. The verdict is generally approved.

The Martin Verdict

NEW YORK, March 13.—At the Central Labor union meeting today a strong protest, in the form of resolutions, was entered against the acquittal of Sheriff Martin in his dispute with William F.

QUIET SUNDAY

Spent by Officials at the Capital

NO NEW INFORMATION

IS RECEIVED FROM THE MAINE COURT OF INQUIRY

NO CESSATION OF ACTIVITY

The Board on Auxiliary Cruisers Finds a Fleet of Vessels Adapted to War Purposes

Associated Press Special Wire

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Today, unlike last Sunday, when the published statements of the desire for the recall of General Lee and the protest of the Spanish government against sending war vessels with relief supplies to Cuba caused much excitement among official circles, was comparatively quiet. There had been no information bearing on the doings of the court of inquiry on the Maine explosion received during the day, nor any other dispatches calculated to cause conferences between the heads of the war department.

There were several experts of the war department, ordnance officers, at their desks for a short time during the morning to attend to some pressing matters, while at the navy department the board on auxiliary cruisers held a final meeting preparatory to departure of the special board to New York.

Secretary Long was at the navy department for a short time. He stated late in the afternoon that there was no news of any nature for the press, and added in response to a specific inquiry that nothing had been received from the court of inquiry.

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