

CUBA'S FATE WILL SOON BE KNOWN

President McKinley to Act Within Six Weeks.

ISLAND WAR MUST BE ENDED.

Spain Has but Another Month in Which to Institute Reforms.

LITTLE CONFIDENCE IN HER PROMISES.

Friends of the Insurgents in Congress Will Move for Their Recognition.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—The Inter Ocean's correspondent at Washington telegraphs: It is understood that President McKinley expects to be able to judge from developments in Cuba before December 1 whether the Liberal administration is likely to bring the war to an end and inaugurate reforms that will be acceptable to a majority of Cubans.

Those Congressmen who have heretofore interested themselves in the subject and advocated interference in Cuba will also watch with great earnestness developments on the island during the next month or six weeks. There is little confidence felt by them in Spain's promised reforms.

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Senor Moret counts upon the support not only of autonomists in Cuba and their representative lives in Spain but also of autonomists resident elsewhere in Europe.

FIELDING RECORD OF STAR LEAGUE PLAYERS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—President Nick Young of the National Baseball League to-day made public the fielding record of players who took part in fifteen or more championship games during the season of 1897.

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will approve of our defense of our international rights.

The Spanish naval forces in the Caribbean Sea will be strengthened on the pretext of a necessity of increased vigilance on the Cuban coast.

DISCOVERED AT OXYMRCHUS.

Dr. Coburn Tells of the Finding of an Entire Page of the New Testament by Dr. Petrie.

DENVER, Oct. 24.—Rev. Dr. Coburn startled the congregation of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church to-night by declaring that for the first time he was prepared to tell of the discovery of an entire page of the New Testament at Oxmyrnchus by Dr. Petrie.

The speaker did not want this find to be confounded with that of the papyrus scraps containing the writings of Christ.

The leaf contained nearly the whole of the first chapter of Matthew, and was almost identical in lines with the Greek Testament of Dr. Coburn three weeks ago when he left Dr. Petrie, by reason of the fact that Dr. Coburn is secretary of the society that had undertaken the researches.

The speaker delivered an eloquent sermon based on the find, proving conclusively that the early Christians had the same views and beliefs as those of the modern church.

Among the verses which are authenticated by the find the following were cited: "Jesus said except you fast to the world ye shall not see the kingdom of God."

"Except you Sabbathize the Sabbath you shall not see the father."

"Again Jesus said: 'I went into the midst of the world and in the flesh was I seen of them, and I found all men drunk and none found I abhor among them, and my soul grieved over the sons of man.'"

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AN AVENGER IS ACQUITTED

Dr. A. L. Berger's Slayer Found Not Guilty by the Jury.

John Schlegel Upheld for the Killing of His Wife's Assailant.

Close of a Most Sensational Case at Kansas City by a Verdict Returned on Sunday.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 24.—John Schlegel, who one afternoon in July last, in the center of the city, shot and killed Dr. A. L. Berger, one of the most prominent local men in his profession, was acquitted at noon to-day.

Notwithstanding it was Sunday the courtroom was crowded when the jury returned its finding, and the spectators raved to their feelings by shouts and applause.

The case has been on before Judge Wolford in the Criminal Court for the past week, and crowds have thronged the courtroom daily.

John Schlegel is a German grocer whose wife and two children had been attended by Dr. Berger as their physician for years.

Last November Mrs. Schlegel told her husband that Berger had criminally assaulted her while she was in his office.

Schlegel made many threats on the doctor's life, and at noon on July 8 started out with a six-shooter, bent on avenging the wrong alleged to have been done his family.

Schlegel came across Berger at Twelfth and Walnut streets, one of the busiest corners in the city.

Without warning, and in an incoherent breath, Schlegel approached the doctor from behind and fired a shot into his body.

The doctor, recognizing his assailant, made for a nearby door. He never reached it, for a second bullet from Schlegel's revolver brought him to the ground.

Dr. Berger died on the way to the hospital without having uttered more than two or three unintelligible words.

The announcement of his murder created the profoundest sensation. After committing the crime Schlegel stood unmoved, the smoking revolver in his hand, and awaited arrest.

He was told that the doctor might live, and his only remark was, "I am sorry I did not shoot him dead."

An angry crowd came near wreaking vengeance on the murderer before he reached the jail.

Dr. Berger was the son of Dr. Adolph Berger of Lebanon, Ill., who was one of the German patriots that sought refuge in this country years ago, and one of the faculty of the Kansas City Medical College.

One of the most sensational phases of the trial was the production of a letter which Schlegel, before the killing, had sent to County Prosecutor Frank M. Lowe, suggesting financial compromise with Berger.

CROKER'S WEALTH FLEETING.

Tammany's Dictator Said to Be Losing the Fortune He Acquired in New York Politics.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A neat declaration of Henry George to make Richard Croker take ship if he is elected Mayor and that Croker got his fortune dishonestly, a cablegram from London to the World says that Tammany's dictator has been spending at the rate of \$200,000 a year on the English turf to maintain his racing establishment.

Through his experience on racecourses were a long string of losses, he continued to spend money like a madman.

In the light of the fact just brought out here that in 1887, Croker was paying \$25 a month rent for his family of six, had no money and owed some \$200, according to his own story, and therefore desired the political position of fire commissioner, which he got, has aroused great indignation among those who know the accumulation of Croker's great fortune.

In 1896 Croker's string was increased to twenty-one animals, showing he was in no way dismayed by the immense losses of the preceding season.

His stable then included Santa Anita, Sir E. Cross, American, Eau Gallie, Montauk, Nora, Nashville, Albany, Georgiana, New Hampshire, Princeton, Susan, Westchester, Harvard, Antietam, Nantucket, Charter Oak, Lafayette, Lexington, Manhattan and Red Banner.

At one time he had between twenty-five and thirty stablemen and boys employed at Letcombe, and some fifteen others about his house.

Ward, who is Supreme Court clerk, will try again, and if McDermey's Bryan paper doesn't come out too strong for him he will probably win.

DARK OUTLOOK FOR SAUNDERS

Letters Incriminating the Ex-Collector of Customs.

Tell of Payments of Money to Him for the Landing of Chinese.

Question as to Whether They Are Genuine Remains to Be Decided.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 24.—Now that Judge Hanford has dismissed the treasury officials charged by the alleged smuggler, Yee Gee, with robbery, it is promised that the investigation of the alleged smuggling ring will continue.

The treasury officials say that notwithstanding the charges made against Hook Toy of Victoria that he wrote the letters which reached the Treasury Department, and which purport to have been written by Yee Gee, the latter is undoubtedly guilty of smuggling.

Secretary Gage, it is stated, has been satisfied by Special Treasury Agent Whitehead that a great smuggling ring existed, that its members carried on a wholesale business and that in the end evidence to convict the ring will come to light.

Therefore, Gage will throw the entire strength of the Treasury Department to Whitehead's assistance. Whitehead is expected to arrive here in a few days from Washington City.

At Saturday's hearing in the habeas corpus proceedings brought about by Agent Lewis and Dr. Gardner several letters came to light which the Government officers tried to suppress.

At least two of them deal with ex-Collector Saunders. These letters are in possession of the Government officials.

In a letter dated Port Townsend, June 10 last, purporting to have been written by Yee Gee and addressed to Hip Lung & Co. of San Francisco, the request is made that a remittance of \$2700 be forwarded on account of merchants' certificates at \$50 each.

Another letter is addressed to Lee Sen Chow of Vancouver, B. C., in which Gage says: "I hear that when the Empress arrived at Victoria there was smallpox aboard, and our countrymen were held in quarantine."

I have undertaken to land forty of her passengers on this trip on merchants' certificates. When they land kindly notify me, Mr. Hook Yee, in care of Yee Shing, Port Townsend, so that I can go to Collector Saunders and ask him to call up the cases which I have undertaken to land first. I will do the interpreting, and of course there will be no great trouble. Our company has altogether piloted 815 Chinese on merchants' papers and native-born papers.

After deducting \$50 on each paper for Collector Saunders, \$20 for the attorney and \$5 each for witnesses, or about \$80 altogether, this nets us about \$6400. Later on the Collector's term will be up and I will go to China to enjoy the profits."

"Another letter purporting to have been written by Yee Gee is dated June 15 last. In it he says: "We now owe Collector Saunders \$12,000. We are not able to pay Saunders, deponent. We have \$5000 on deposit with Yee Shing, so that we have to raise \$7000 before we can settle the account."

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OCEAN DISASTER BARELY AVERTED

British Ship Falls of Clyde Almost Run Down by a Collier.

Less Than Two Feet Separates the Vessels as They Pass During a Storm.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

ASTORIA, Oct. 24.—Captain Anderson of the four-masted British ship Falls of Clyde, which arrived to-day, tells of a very narrow escape of his vessel from disaster in Friday's gale.

"It was 9:35 in the evening of Friday," he said to THE CALL correspondent to-day, "when I saw looming up in the darkness about a mile and a quarter distant, and southbound, what appeared to be a large steamer. Captain Woods was my pilot and I was walking the deck with a blue light in my pocket, for it was a nasty night and I had sighted other ships in the vicinity. We made ordinary signals, but the steamer paid no attention to us. I did not like to burn my blue light, for I had been compelled to use a good many in Shanghai and was short."

"Near the ships were coming together and it was impossible in the storm and with the wind where it was for us to do more than what we did to get out of the steamer's track. A collision with all its horrors seemed inevitable. The steamer kept steadily on her course. In a moment more the light sang out to me: "'Light your blue light, captain! For God's sake, burn your blue light! She is one of those big colliers and will run us down!'"

"I fired my blue light and held it aloft while we held our breath and sent a prayer out into the storm that the steamer's officers would see us and change their course. In what seemed only a second the big collier was past us on our starboard side and not two feet from us, almost raking our side fore and aft. A sigh of relief went up from all on board when she disappeared in the darkness. We hailed her in reply, but did not receive a whisper or signal in reply. We could not make out her name, but I hope some day to meet her skipper."

Why Beauty Fades

Women, through ignorance, accept periodical pain as a matter of course and do not look for aid.

[A TALK WITH MRS. PINKHAM.]

Nearly thirty years of woman's life is a struggle with menstruation. From the dawn of womanhood to the calm of middle life, the monthly period is the pivot on which the female existence swings.

Tradition handed down from generation to generation has made some women believe that this constantly recurring event must be accompanied by great pain and real sickness.

While it is very true that a certain amount of discomfort is unavoidable, those prostrating headaches or dull, wearing pains, and in some cases excruciating agony, are for the most part unnecessary and cruel.

The relief from painful menses, resulting from the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, has been proven conclusively by the testimony of thousands of women.

It goes straight to the root of the trouble and relieves quickly and permanently.

Nature has not intended that women should suffer so, and it is a pity to see beautiful young women fade early in life because of needless pain.

Mrs. GEORGE NEUBOSS of Crittenden, Erie County, N. Y., says: There is no need for women to suffer if they will only take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I suffered for years with painful menstruation, thinking there was no remedy for it; but, after reading your little pamphlet, I thought I would give your medicine a trial, and it is wonderful how quickly it relieved me.

I recommend it for all women who suffer with painful menstruation.

Here are letters from two other grateful hearts:

From the time my courses commenced, every time they came I would suffer terrible pain. I got so bad that I would be taken with fits and would fall. I was treated in two hospitals in New York and in Middletown. Every month I was out of my mind. I thought I would try your Vegetable Compound; and after using one bottle, I found it was helping me. I continued its use, and now it is a great surprise to all who know me to see me so well. I wish to thank you for the great relief I obtained from taking your Vegetable Compound, and would recommend it to all suffering women.—Miss HELNA HAESCHE, 244 Atwater St., New Haven, Conn.

I am a girl that has to work for my living, and am obliged to be on my feet a great deal. I was troubled with my menses being irregular and painful, but by following your kind advice I have found relief. I shall never regret the money I spent for your medicine. I highly recommend your Vegetable Compound for irregular and painful menstruation.—Miss LAURA GRUBER, 219 Fourth Ave., Leavenworth, Kan.

If there is any further advice you would like to have on this subject, you are privileged to write freely to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass. Her answer will be free and prompt. Remember you address a woman, not a man. This fact is important.

ERRED AT HIS POST OF DUTY

Fatal Accident in the Railway Yards at Bakersfield.

Switchman Sends a Paycar Crashing into a Standing Engine.

One Man Killed, Another Fatally Crushed and a Third Badly Injured.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

BAKERSFIELD, Oct. 24.—The carelessness of a switchman in the Southern Pacific yards this evening caused the death of one man and serious injury to two others, one of whom will die. He threw the wrong switch and sent a Southern Pacific paycar crashing into the yard engine, which was standing still on a siding.

Engineer Frank Orr, Fireman Lemasters and William Hitchcock, a blacksmith in the shops, were standing on the tail-board of the engine and were pinned between the platform of the car and the locomotive. Both of Lemasters' legs were broken, and he died at 8 o'clock to-night, an hour after the disaster. Hitchcock's back was broken, and his death is certain. He was sent to the Oakland Hospital to-night. Engineer Orr suffered the fracture of four ribs and was otherwise badly bruised. His condition is not considered dangerous, but he will be confined to his bed for some weeks to come.

Lemasters, who lost his life in the accident, was a young man, a native of Indiana, and lived with his parents here. The engineer and fireman have spent years in the Southern Pacific service. Four physicians did all that was possible to relieve the sufferers.

The damage to the paycar and engine was slight as the car was moving slowly. A coroner's inquest will be held to-morrow and the blame for the disaster will probably be fixed upon the switchman, but in all likelihood escape with a censure.

OPIMUM SMUGGLED PAST JAIL DOORS

San Jose Prisoners Supplied With Quantities of the Drug.

Officials Make a Discovery in Innocent-Appearing Cream Puffs.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

SAN JOSE, Oct. 24.—Through the vigilance of Jailer Black a well-organized attempt to smuggle opium into the County Jail was thwarted to-day and Tom Hogan, a petty thief, was arrested for the offense. Hogan was discharged from the County Jail about a week ago, having served a term for vagrancy. This morning he met the Salvation Army officers who hold services in the jail each Sunday in front of the place and asked them to take a bag of cream puffs in to Alonzo Dilley, an convict who is doing six months for stealing a lot of popcorn from a warehouse at Mountain View. The Salvation Army people readily consented, but Jailer Black would not allow the confectionery to enter the tank until he had examined it.

In one of the puffs, carefully concealed by the cream, was found four ounces of opium. The Salvationists told who had given them the box of puffs and Jailer Black notified the police. Shortly afterward Officers Prindle and Bache arrested Hogan, who admitted his guilt. He will be prosecuted under the State law for passing opium into the County Jail. Alonzo Dilley, to whom the drug was sent, is a partner of Joe Ford, the robber who was killed at Stockton, and who was implicated in the theft for which Dilley is now serving a sentence.

A search of the jail to-day resulted in finding a large quantity of opium, and it is thought that the smuggling of the drug in to prisoners has been going on for some time.

KIDNEY TROUBLES ARE DANGEROUS

HAVE YOU THE VERY FINEST IDEA as to the number of deaths which occur in the United States every year from kidney troubles? If you have you will admit that it is appalling. Yet in the earlier stages it is as simple a disease to treat as there is. Time lost means often a life lost in this class of cases, and if you think you are suffering in any way you had better get relief in a few months at most. Just think now as to whether you have either one of these symptoms. If you have beware! There's danger ahead.

Is your skin dry? Is your hair getting gray? Is the scalp dry and the hair brittle? Do the legs feel too heavy? Is there nausea after eating? Do the joints pain and ache? Are the eyes dull and staring? Is there pain in the small of back? Has your perspiration a bad odor? Have you chills running down the back? Do spots appear before your eyes? Do your feet or hands ever swell? Do you have unpleasant dreams? Now each and every one of these symptoms indicates something wrong with the kidneys, and it is by no means necessary that you should feel them all in order to be sure that you have some form of kidney trouble. Even two or three will show that you need treatment immediately. The best thing you can do is to take a slip of paper and answer these questions truthfully and send your reply to the grand old Hudson Medical Institute, at the corner of Market, Stockton and Ellis streets. You will get, free of all charge, a diagnosis of your case, and will in addition be told about the glorious work which "Hudson," the great remedy treatment, has accomplished for ten thousand people.

Don't suffer—there is no charge for the service, and if you are suffering from nervous exhaustion or have some form of blood poisoning, state your case with equal confidence. The Hudson Medical Institute was opened for the purpose of helping all those who were unable to help themselves. But for the sake of those you love and who love you do not waste a single day. If you have either of the symptoms above you cannot afford to lose a single hour.

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