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**MEXICAN RAILWAY.**  
**Much Interest in the Proposed New Line.**  
City of Mexico, December 1.—There is much interest here in the proposed new railway which will cut four States, Tamaulipas, Yucatan, Oaxaca and Campeche, in connection with the railway system of the central portion of Mexico. The road will be called the Southern National and International. Its construction will involve very difficult engineering work, but the capitalists of the States which it is to traverse are full of enthusiasm and are ready to contribute liberally to the realization of the project, and the president of the republic is giving the matter his earnest attention and support. The capital subscribed so far is about \$10,000,000, including a subvention of \$5,000,000 to be given by the Federal government.

**HOBBART'S WILL.**  
**He Left an Estate Valued at Two and a Half Millions.**  
Paterson, N. J., December 1.—The will of the late vice president, Garrett A. Hobart, was filed in the Passaic county surrogate's office today. The value of the estate is not given, but it is understood to be about \$2,500,000. Of the estate Mrs. Jennie Hobart, the widow, receives \$1,000,000 and one-half of the remainder, after a number of bequests are paid; the son, Garrett A. Hobart, Jr., inherits the other half when he attains his majority.

**Anti-Trust League.**  
Chicago, December 1.—Members of the executive committee of the anti-trust league will meet in Chicago December 11 to fix the date for the anti-trust conference. Although the call has not been issued, the probability is that the conference will take place some time in January.

**It Was a Draw.**  
Chicago, December 1.—Oscar Gardner and Harry Forbes of Chicago fought six fast rounds before the Fort Dearborn Athletic club tonight, the bout being declared a draw.

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**SEC. ROOT'S REPORT**  
He Goes into Detail Regarding the New Possessions.  
**ARMY OPERATIONS IN THE WAR**  
Filler Not Entitled to Full Self-Government  
Under the Treaty.  
He Outlines Proposed Government for the Island of Cuba.

**IS NO DOUBT THE ADMINISTRATION POLICY**  
Says that the Treaty with the Sultan of Sulu is Subject to Congressional Action.

Washington, December 1.—Dealing as it does with large questions of insular policy, of army reorganization, of the future of Cuba and of the campaign in the Philippines, the first annual report of Secretary Root, just made public, is of exceptional interest.

The report begins with a recital of the policy followed in reorganizing the army in accordance with the necessities arising from the discharge of the State volunteers and of the men enlisted for the Spanish-American war, and gives statistics of the past and present strength of the organization, covering in that respect matters dealt with in the reports of the major general commanding and of the adjutant general. It is stated that at present all of the new recruits of volunteers are in the Philippines or on their way there.

The operations in those islands are next taken up and the report again alleges that the outbreak of last February was provoked by the insurgents themselves and was from the administration standpoint unavoidable. Frequent reference is made to the report of General Otis to show the magnitude of the task set for him with the inadequate forces at his command when the outbreak came, and a high tribute is paid to the courage of the troops who, in the face of great hardships, voluntarily consented to forego an immediate return to their homes upon the expiration of their terms of service. The history of the operations of the past season is recounted and the secretary outlines the plan of the present campaign, which began in October. This involved the movement of three separate forces. One was to proceed up the Rio Grande along the northeastern borders of the Plains and strike across to the Gulf of Lixian. Another was to land on the Gulf shores by transports and proceed along the coast road to unite with the first force. A third column was to strike straight along the railroad to Dagupan. The secretary says these movements were executed with energy, rapidity and success, notwithstanding deluges of rain. It is said that wherever the permanent occupation of our troops has been put in operation, courts have been established and education introduced, and at present in Manila there are now better facilities for primary education than ever before.

A chapter tells of what has been done in Cuba by the army during the past year. Order has been maintained, social distress has been alleviated, sanitation has been instituted and in all respects satisfactory progress has been made and the part played by our troops now is but the restraining influence of their presence. The revival of industry has been slow, but has also made gratifying progress and the reconcentration of the population has been accomplished. The sugar industry has been seriously hampered by the lack of capital. As order has been restored, the forces of troops has been reduced and orders have recently been given for the withdrawal of eight companies of infantry and eight troops of cavalry.

In Porto Rico the year has been devoted to administrative and improving the government of the island and instructing the people in the rudiments of self-government at every step. This work has been retarded by the unfortunate industrial conditions, owing to lack of markets for the island's products and to the distress caused by the great hurricane. Nevertheless much has been done to correct abuses, the courts have been reorganized, the writ of habeas corpus has been restored and arrangements have been made for taking the census. A complaint is paid to General Ludington's administration of the quartermaster's department, and it is said that owing to the experience acquired, the entire movement involved in the transportation of a large army to the Philippines has been accomplished practically without loss of life, disease or injury to health. The clothing of the army, too, was satisfactory and the food of good quality and furnished promptly. The health of the army has been remarkably good and the reports show that the death rate among the soldiers is the lowest since the war.

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**HANNA'S NEW SCHEME.**  
Won't Manage the Campaign but Will Attend to the "Fat Frying."

Cleveland, Ohio, December 1.—Concerning the reports which have been circulating for several weeks past to the effect that Senator Hanna would not succeed himself as chairman of the National republican committee, it can be stated on authority of Mr. Hanna's most intimate friends that he has NO DESIRE TO MANAGE ANOTHER CAMPAIGN and that unless VERY STRONG PRESSURE is brought to bear upon him HE WILL in all probability DECLINE TO DO SO.

Notwithstanding the published statements that many leading republicans throughout the country are opposed to Mr. Hanna's reappointment as chairman of the committee, it is known that he is almost daily receiving from influential party leaders representing all sections of the country letters to the effect that he has their fullest confidence and support and urging that he is the strongest man available for the place. Mr. Hanna's closest friends—and, indeed, the members of his own family—believe, however, that the condition of his health is such that he should not undertake the position as manager of the republican campaign.

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED that should Mr. Hanna decide NOT TO ACCEPT reappointment as chairman that HE BE MADE A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, HAVING PERSONAL CHARGE OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCES. This would, it is pointed out, relieve Mr. Hanna of the arduous duties devolving upon him as the chairman and at the same time give the National committee the benefit of his EXPERIENCE AND MARKED SUCCESS IN RAISING CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

**THE END OF THE KHALIFA.**  
He Died with His Emirs and Bodyguard When Defeat Was at Hand.  
Cairo, December 1.—Officers from the Sudan who have arrived here say that when General Wingate's force overtook the khalifa the latter tried to outflank the Anglo-Egyptians, but failed. Seeing his position was hopeless the khalifa told his emirs to stay with him and die. He then spread a sheepskin on the ground and sat down on it, with the emirs on either side of him. The khalifa was found shot through the head, arms and legs and the emirs were lying dead beside him. The members of his body guard were all dead in front of them. Colonel Wingate's force swept over them without recognizing the khalifa and his emirs, but they were identified later. The khalifa is described as of medium height, strong and stout, of light brown color and wearing a long gray beard.

substantial body of educated Cubans have shown themselves to be patriotic, appreciative and helpful, while the great body of uneducated Cubans have been patient and law-abiding. It is pointed out that the inability of two-thirds of the people to read and write, their lack of experience in government and the factional feeling left by bloody conflicts, make it necessary to proceed somewhat slowly in the formation of a government. It is said that by the termination of the year allowed by treaty for the Spanish population to elect whether to become Cubans or remain Spaniards, it will be for the first time possible to determine who are Cuban citizens, entitled to take part in that government. By that date—April 11 next—the census will have been completed and we shall be ready to provide for municipal elections, placing local government in the hands of the citizens and these local governments will form a representative convention to frame a constitution and provide for a general government of the island, to which the United States will surrender the reins of government.

The secretary devotes some attention to the unfortunate plight of the Cuban sugar producers owing to the competition of European beet sugar, with possible free sugar from Porto Rico and discriminating duties in favor of West Indian sugar, and he suggests as a curative measure some tariff arrangement by which Cuban products may be imported into the United States on the same terms as those proposed for Jamaica in the pending reciprocity treaty.

Extended statement as to government in the Philippines is waived because of the full report which will be presented by the Philippine commission. Reference is made to the negotiation by General Bates of the treaty with the Sultan of Sulu. It is pointed out that it is not only subject to congressional approval, but the action has been informed that such approval did not carry with it the consent of the United States to the existence of slavery in the islands.

A strong recommendation is made for the laying of a Pacific cable as a matter of great military and political importance. The report deals in a forceful manner with the subject of post exchanges. He

expresses his agreement with the construction of the statute on this point laid down by the attorney general. Under the head of river and harbor improvements the secretary, while characterizing the estimates as generally meritorious, states that he has felt it necessary, in view of extraordinary appropriations for military purposes, to reduce the estimates of the chief engineers from \$21,900,000 to \$14,998,741.

Other recommendations are that General Shafter should be retired with the rank of major general; that a statue of General Grant be erected in the National Capitol; that the memorial bridge should be built across the Potomac to Arlington with a broad avenue connecting Arlington with Mount Vernon and that a National park be constructed over the battlefields of Fredericksburg, Salem Church, Chancellorsville, The Wilderness and Spotsylvania court house at a cost of about \$60,000.

One of the most important chapters of the report deals with the subject of army reorganization and on this point the secretary makes some most radical recommendations, pointing out the inadequacy of the present system and the insufficiency of the force. The secretary declares that the faithful and efficient service of the West Point graduates since the declaration of war at Washington have more than repaid the cost of the military academy since its foundation, and he asks for a considerable increase in the capacity of the institution and the number of its graduates.

The report draws to a conclusion with a special tribute to the army as shown by its operations during the past two years, and also gives credit to the officers of the volunteer force for a large share in this achievement.

**WASHINGTON NOTES.**  
(Special to The Post.)  
Washington, December 1.—Hon. R. C. De Graffenried and wife arrived tonight and will live this winter at the Willing-ton.

**THE ROBERTS CASE**  
Will Be Brought to a Focus by an Objection Being Raised BEFORE HE HAS TAKEN OATH.  
In that Case Other Objections Will Follow and Chaos Will Reign.  
THE LEADERSHIP FIGHT IS STILL ON.  
Richardson Is in the Lead, with Bankhead and De Armond Close Up.  
THE CAUCUS WILL HAVE TO DECIDE IT

After It Has Been Assembled—Sulzer Followers Claim to Be Hopeful of Victory in the End.

(Special to The Post.)  
Washington, December 1.—About forty or fifty republicans, including General Henderson, held a conference tonight on the Roberts case and it was decided by a majority vote to appoint a man to object at the proper time to the swearing in of Roberts.

If this is done somebody is going to do some objecting to somebody else and general chaos will reign supreme Monday on the floor of the house. Roberts was advised today to get the floor, raise Cain with his critics and then resign, but it is believed he will make a fight to the last ditch.

Washington, December 1.—At a conference of about twenty-five prominent house republicans held at the capitol tonight it was decided that the eligibility of Representative-elect Roberts of Utah to occupy a seat in the house of representatives should be investigated and determined, and that pending the decision he should not be permitted to take the oath of office.

This decision was arrived at by those present without a dissenting voice. Representative Taylor of Ohio, who will have charge of the matter in the house, explained after the conference had adjourned that this proceeding does not involve a prejudgment of the case, but, irrespective of party, will afford the members opportunity to vote after presentation of the case for consideration. Mr. Taylor had made a study of the allegations and precedents and reported them at length to his colleagues. He offered a plan of procedure, which was agreed to after a general exchange of views.

The procedure is to be as follows. When Mr. Roberts appears at the bar of the house to take the oath, objection is to be made upon the ground that he is ineligible. He will then step aside and after the other members are sworn in, the member making the objection will recite the allegations and offer a resolution for their investigation by a special committee. This will give the house an opportunity to vote in the first instance upon the question of postponing the administration of the oath until after the allegations have been investigated.

The resolutions have not been formulated yet, but they will include the investigation of the charge that Mr. Roberts' alleged conviction of violation of the Edmunds act in 1889 renders him ineligible by the terms of that act; whether the fact that he is an avowed polygamist renders him ineligible and whether the State of Utah in electing him has not violated the compact by which she obtained Statehood.

Mr. Taylor says the precedents for objecting to the swearing in of a member duly elected and bearing proper credentials are numerous and in point. Among others are the well-known cases of Proctor Knott, Boyd Winchester and Jos. M. Butler of Kentucky, who were elected to congress shortly after the war and also were charged with ineligibility on the ground of disloyalty.

**LEADERSHIP CONTEST.**  
It Is Anybody's Fight and the Caucus Must Decide.  
(Special to The Post.)  
Washington, December 1.—The democratic leadership contest is in a chaotic condition tonight. Everybody is claiming the election of his candidate, but nobody will give figures. The conceded lead still remains with Richardson, with De Armond and Bankhead close seconds. The Sulzer men still claim, however, that after the first ballot their man will come to the front and ultimately lead and win out. They claim to have made converts to the idea that if the Eastern democracy is recognized they will carry New York and New Jersey for the democratic ticket next year. The whole thing is still a matter of speculation and conjecture and the caucus tomorrow will be necessary to decide.

**Texas Postal Matters.**  
(Special to The Post.)  
Washington, December 1.—Fourth class Texas postmasters appointed today: Cade, Navarro county, Bruce A. Salter; Island, Limestone county, Argus H. Hancock; Mart, McLennan county, Henry T. Vaughan; Montfort, Navarro county, William S. Thompson; Ross, Navarro county, Wiley P. Lowery; Rural, Shade, Navarro county, James W. McConica.