

# MILLIE BROWN'S CASE MAY FREE ISLE OF PINES

AMERICAN GIRL WHO WAS LOCKED UP IN FILTHY PRISON BY CUBANS TO BE AN ISSUE IN CONGRESS NEXT WINTER—AMERICANS ON THE ISLAND BOILING OVER WITH RAGE—STORY OF THE FAMOUS CASE.

**NUOVA GERONA**, Isle of Pines, Aug. 22.—Discontent long prevalent among Americans on the island has been brought to the boiling point by the imprisonment of Miss Millie J. Brown, notwithstanding her pardon and release.

It has become an international incident and recall of the details will rumble in the halls of congress next winter. This condition is foreshadowed by inquiries received here from statesmen who sympathize with the Americans who want to cut loose from Cuban rule and have the island placed under the jurisdiction of the United States.

When the status of Cuba was settled the Isle of Pines was left out for future settlement and the question whether it shall be attached to the states or Cuba is pending in congress.

Miss Brown's case, which has aroused such a storm of indignation, is being brought forward as a sample of the Cuban rule that is being endured by the Americans. It is the "toy telegraph" case. A line, 1,800 feet long, was run at Columbia to connect the homes of Miss Brown and H. L. Augustine and the store of L. C. Giltner.

Miss Brown, who is 19, lives with her parents, who came from Iowa, and the family is highly respected. Augustine and Giltner are Cornell university graduates and hall from New York state. Their telegraph line cost \$120, and was entirely on private land. It was constructed in June and had been in use only two or three weeks when the rural guards called to inquire about it. They were truthfully told that it was not a commercial line, but that it had been erected for purposes of amusement. No order was given to dismantle it, but early in July the owners of the wires were twice called before Judge Figueroa, to whom the enterprise was fully explained.

That dignitary departed and Judge Diaz, who had been chosen with a view to "harmonizing" conditions on the island, succeeded him. Diaz called in the trio July 14.

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MILLIE BROWN IN HER CELL IN THE FILTHY JAIL AT NUEVA GERONA.

asked a few questions, and read a typewritten decision prepared in advance, imposing a joint fine of \$100 with the alternative of each serving 33 1/3 days in prison. They were charged with having violated a military order issued by Gen. "Ja-Alal" Wood, in 1902, prohibiting the establishment of telephone or telegraph line without special official authority.

The prisoners had never heard of this regulation. The three young people were taken direct from the court room to the prison. They found it to be a typical Latin bastille. It was revolting, but they endured it for the principle involved. There were no beds, nor tables, nor chairs in the prison. Miss Brown was assigned to a dark, damp, gloomy room, 14 feet square. The only bedding she had for a few days was the scant clothing loaned her by a fellow prisoner. She was the only woman in the jail. There were no accommodations for women and no matron. Aside from the two young Americans her fellow prisoners were a motley crew of Cuban criminals, from murderers to chicken thieves.

There were two weeks of this prison experience. Meantime a committee of island Americans, chosen at an indignation meeting, was sent to Havana and the American legation got to work. The outcome was the pardoning of the prisoners by the Cuban national of officials.

Miss Brown is the heroine of the big American colony. They called by scores at an indignation meeting, and have then ground and mounted into stick or hat pins. They make beautiful ornaments.

## FLOWER DEFIES DALLAS MOB

DALLAS, Ore., Aug. 22.—J. H. Flower, who was ordered out of the place by a mob recently, after being charged with a statutory offense, has returned and declares his intention of remaining.

Flower says that he is prepared for any emergency, that he is innocent and that he will not be driven away. At last reports no signs were in evidence of violence. Influences were reported at work to prosecute the persons engaged in driving him out of town.

**SMITH IS RELEASED.**

Alfred L. Smith, who was arrested in Nevada on a charge of perjury said to have been committed in Alaska, was ordered released from custody yesterday by Judge Hanson of the federal court on a writ of habeas corpus.

## STREET CARS VERY DIRTY

Possibly once a day the cars are swept. From appearances the windows are washed twice a year and the conductors, with the desire to make the car as presentable as possible, wipe the dust and dirt from the window with a piece of waste during the various car runs. There is no car cleaning squad. The trainmen are supposed to keep the cars in fair condition with what meager apparatus they have at hand.

## RACES AT BUTTE

BUTTE, Aug. 22.—The 17-day meet under the auspices of the Butte Fair and Racing association commenced yesterday. The weather was cold and rainy. The harness events were indefinitely postponed on account of the muddy track. Results: First race, one mile—Old Ella won, Pearl Diver second, Clansbar third. Time, 1:44 3/4. Second race, six furlongs—Mary Glenn won, Rosabout second, Tomachichi third. Time, 1:15 3/4. Third race, four and a half furlongs—Kogo won, Dunsum second, Canto Beach third. Time, 56 1/2. Fourth race, four and a half furlongs—Alma Boy won, Red Bell second, Sunday third. Time, 58. Fifth race, quarter mile—Sam F. won, Billy Mahan second, George D. third. Time, 21 3/4.

## THE THEATERS

**Opera at the Grand.** "Babette," which is being given at the Grand this week by the Stewart Opera company, is proving a decided success. Next week, beginning Sunday, the company will give "The Two Roses." The only matinee to be given this week will be Saturday.

**Third Avenue Theater.** "Deadwood Dick" continues to attract large audiences to the Third Avenue theater. The play is one of the most sensational the company ever presented and at the same time free of any objectionable features. The same bill will run for the week, starting Sunday afternoon, the Charles A. Taylor company will present Taylor's comedy, "The Female Detectives."

**At the Star Theater.** The Mimic Four, Love with his xylophone, Lew Palmer, the Chamberlains and the Monte Collins company are a quintet of excellent acts at the Star theater this week. It is a good show for general patronage, as the bill offers a wide variety.

**REPUBLICANS ADJOURN.** The Fifth Ward Republicans met in room 9 of the Labor Temple last night. An adjournment was taken until next Friday, when candidates for legislative honors will launch their booms.

**Pacific Squadron** All Aboard for the Navy Yard. They're all there—the Charleston, Boston, Chicago, Oregon, Nipsic, Albany, Preble, Paul Jones, Goldsborough, the training ship Philadelphia and the army transport Dix, on the drydock. If you want an instructive and pleasurable trip go to Pier 2 and take the Port Orchard Rooter boat to the navy yard. Boats leave six times daily. Round trip 50 cents.

# J. J. HILL PAYS ALL THE BILLS

CONDITIONS OF HOMESTEAD LAWS IN WASHINGTON FORCE G. N. TO PAY FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

WENATCHEE, Aug. 22.—Over in the gray desert of Douglas county, near the line of the Great Northern railway, where the sage brush flourishes particularly well, and where people go miles to visit their nearest neighbors, stands a school house of which any rural community in any part of the country might be proud. Jim Hill's money is paying for it. He is paying the taxes, which are decreasing the bonds and making it the property of the district.

A few months ago the farmers of this particular part of Douglas county decided they needed a school house. They held a meeting and voted to build one. They voted a tax sufficient to erect a modern structure and when the day for paying the taxes came around the money was forthcoming. But each and every tax receipt made out by the treasurer of Douglas county for the new school district was made out to James J. Hill and the Great Northern road, for, as luck would have it, all the taxable property in the district belonged to the man who, unaided, financed a trans-continental road.

This strange state of affairs was brought about by the fact that Uncle Sam decided long ago that homesteads upon which the owner has not yet proved up are not subject to a tax of any kind and the state law exempts all improvements thereon up to the valuation of \$300. Every man in the new school district is a homesteader and his improvements are assessed at below the \$300 mark. It is barely possible that the men knew this when they voted the generous tax. It is stated that Mr. Hill has even estimated as much in this and other like instances where the farmers, struggling for a bare existence in a new country, have seemingly opened their hearts and pockets and contributed with apparent generosity to the cause of education. Nevertheless his objections have already been over-ruled and the farmers view their new school house with pride and satisfaction unalloyed with a thought of the assessor or tax collector.

## KUROPATKIN MAY BE REINSTATED

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 22.—General Kuropatkin, chief of the Russian staff, who has been in bad favor with the czar, may be reinstated and vindicated according to the latest advice. It is reported that the czar's general will even be placed at the head of the Russian war department, so strongly does pressure bear upon the czar. Such action would overthrow all Russian procedure and create a big stir in military circles.

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## AUBURN FARMS ARE IN DANGER

AUBURN, Aug. 22.—The fires which have been burning in the woods about the valley are growing worse every day and unless rain falls in a few days some of the farmers are in great danger of losing their buildings. Mr. Hussey, who has just completed his new barn at the place, has been fighting the fire for several days to save it.

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Thousands of homes throughout the entire Northwest have been singing, talking and, yes, even dreaming of winning one of the grand prizes which are to be distributed by the D. S. Johnston Co. the well-known and responsible piano and organ dealers of this city, to persons making the greatest number of correct words from letters used in spelling the two words "Johnston Berries." Husbands have complained of their wives becoming so absorbed in the interesting and educating task of finding words that many times the evening meal was entirely forgotten. Even the children, who have been sleeping rathery late mornings during vacation time, would be found up and about at an early hour delving into a dictionary. Dictionaries at a Premium.

Never before have dictionaries been so much sought after, and the large stationary dealers of this city have sold more dictionaries within the past few weeks than ever before in the history of the house. In fact, the large supply they always carry was quickly sold out after the first announcement of the D. S. Johnston Co.'s Publicity Word Contest, and on two different occasions telegraphic orders were sent to fill the demand.

Many Lists Submitted. In their initial advertising the D. S. Johnston Co. stated plainly that this was a publicity contest pure and simple. Hundreds of families are coming to the great state of Washington daily to make new homes. To fully acquaint these newcomers with the D. S. Johnston Co., its methods, its pianos and its money-saving facilities to the buyer, just as people who have never here before know them, was the sole object of this great and generous contest—the largest ever conducted in the United States.

If one can judge by the great amount of interest and enthusiasm displayed and the tremendous number of lists submitted, the contest has been an immense success. Upwards of 15,000 persons have sent in a list, and this large number, together with the great amount of favorable comment, it occasioned on the part of the public generally throughout the entire Pacific coast, is gratifying evidence of the confidence of the people in the Pioneer Music House.

**Examination Already Begun.** The laborious task of examining each and every list has already been commenced by a large corps of competent examiners, under the supervision of Mrs. George F. Felts, one of the foremost literary women of the United States. Tons and tons of paper will have to be consumed in order to ascertain the fortunate winners.

Mr. A. Schell, the manager of the publicity department, states: "The contest has certainly far surpassed all expectations, and the unusual amount of enthusiasm and interest displayed bespeaks much for the high esteem in which the D. S. Johnston Co., the Pioneer Music House of the Northwest, is held by the music-loving populace of the Northwest."

When asked regarding the probable date that the winners will be announced, Mr. Schell stated: "Of course you can well imagine the task we have before us. To examine upwards of 15,000 lists, and each one most carefully and minutely, is no small proposition. With the very competent and large corps of examiners we have engaged, I think it will be safe to say that in two weeks we shall be able to announce the winners."

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