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THE FAULT IS OUR OWN.

The election of violent anti-American as president of the Cuban house of representatives is but another of the many serious indications of Cuba's gradual alienation from her step-mother country.

This growing ill-feeling and widening separation is due, not to waywardness of the child, but to faithlessness of the parent.

It is unpleasant for the people of this country to realize that the fidelity and affection of the people of Cuba has been forfeited by our own broken faith, but the sooner we do realize it the better.

Cuba came to us crushed by long wars, but rich in natural resources and strong in hope. We gave her and the world many fair promises. But none of these promises have been kept.

The protectorate we threw over her was a restraint, and the "independence" that has been accorded her is a hollow mockery.

The interests of Cuba were sacrificed in the congress of the United States for the interests of syndicates of this country, and her most vital trade regulations were dictated by the sugar and tobacco trusts. We have destroyed her former trade relations with other countries without permitting her to form new ones.

Commercially we have marooned her. Politically we have grieved her. Industrially we have paralyzed her.

Our promises we have forgotten. To her rights we have given no heed. To her protests we have not listened. To her wrath we must now lend attention.

The people that for two centuries fought almost constantly for liberty and all but had it within their grasp at last, must not be expected to tamely accept in its stead a mere bauble.

The fault is at Washington, not at Havana. It is the better part of patriotism to realize it and to provide the remedy.

The promises made to the people of Cuba, of the country and of the world—let them be kept, and Cuba will be both peaceful and prosperous.

ECCLESIASTICAL VINDICATION OF FANCY STOCKINGS.

The Rev. Dr. Hume, pastor of the old Bushwick Reformed Dutch church, at Williamsburg, N. Y., felt divinely called upon to attack in his pulpit the brightly-colored and open lace stockings said by him to be worn by some of the female members of his congregation.

His forced resignation is the result.

All who hold that personal privileges, particularly those pertaining to women's choice of stockings, are sacred will feel that the preacher got no more than he deserved.

Brightly-colored or fish-net stockings upon women may be objectionable to some men, but their relief lies in shutting their eyes to them. Particularly may this remedy be prescribed for preachers.

But this Rev. Dr. Hume did not take this wise course. Having permitted his eye to offend him, he forgot the scriptural admonition to pluck it out, and proceeded, instead, to put the punishment upon the innocent women.

He declared in a sermon that the woman who puts her foot in a stocking of flashy colors is taking a long step toward perdition, and he expressed in stronger language still his horror of the young woman who will wear the modern stocking of open lace.

Possibly it is too much to say that he was talking of something he did not know anything about, but it is within the bounds of safe conservatism to say that he was talking of something he ought not to have known as much about as he pretended to know.

Evidently, the church trustees took somewhat this same view. Acting upon the women's protest, the deacons did not call upon them to prove themselves guiltless, like Phyrne before the Areopagus, but logically assumed that even if they were guilty the greater sin lay in the minister's knowing it.

DOGS MORE THAN BABIES.

The latest fad of New York society, especially of "the gilded gang," as Edgar Salters calls a certain class, is the manuring of pet poodles.

Mrs. Burke Roche, as an instance, hires a woman as servant plenipotentiary and nurse extraordinary to her pet dog. Concerning this dog's outfit a correspondent says:

"Its toilet articles are as dainty as any that might be found in a spoiled baby's outfit. Silver-handled brushes, baskets, very expensive covers, gold-mounted combs, jeweled powder boxes, expensive files for the dog's nails, scissors or costly patterns, and silver soap boxes, make up a part of Mrs. Roche's dog's outfit. The dog is bathed every day in scented water and a special dainty tub; then its hair is curled, and enough other things are done to it to keep the woman whose duty it is to look after the dog busy most of the day."

Mrs. George Gould and Mrs. Jack Bloodgood are also of those who maintain nurseries and nurse maids for their particular pups.

Fortunate dogs!

Poodle, Pug, Spitz, Spaniel, Skye Terrier—"Tray Blanche and Sweetheart"—doghood is more than humanhood.

For while these dogs are being nursed and pampered babies and little children are rotting in the tenements of New York City!

NEWS FROM AFAR.

Paris: M. Alberti, a gentleman-jambiste, has refused to pay an American instructor for his dancing lessons, because he never could get those Boston steps into his head, to say nothing of his feet.

London: In an open letter to the powers, Monarchs Edward, Willie and Don Carlos remark: "If you don't like the way we are going to divide the universe, two fudges for you. We'll do it, anyway."

Wantage: It has been discovered here that "Dick" Croker's ancestors were good people. It's too bad "Dick" didn't appear in time to influence their conduct and he refuses to be blamed for it.

Manila: The sultan of Bacolod has decided to take another chance at dying of old age by changing his mind about fighting Uncle Sam. "Be at peace," he writes, on a claim shell, to General Sumner, commanding at Mindanao.

Paris: County "Bony" Castellane says he was skinned out of his seat in the chamber of deputies. "Back to the provinces for more votes; I will yet save France," is his war cry.

London: The cellar of the house of parliament was carefully searched last week, and as none of Guy Fawkes' descendants were found there the members will continue their nap till next November.

Paris: A learned French philosopher asks the bold question: What is man? If he wants to know real bad, let him come home from the club at 2 a. m. and listen carefully to what his wifey says.

Berlin: German women, who, next to the English, are said to be the worst dressers in the world, are now advocating dress reform. Meantime, let everybody stick close to the storm cellar.

THINGS THEATRICAL.



She is the latest reigning beauty of the London stage. She plays the part of Cora in "The Toreador," at the Gaiety, and her pictures are the best selling in London.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—There has been plenty of novelty in the theatricals in New York this week, and first-nighters have revelled in new plays. Monday night saw the opening of Viola Allen in "The Eternal City" at the Victoria. William Faversham in "Imprudence" at the Empire and James K. Hackett in "The Crisis" at Wallack's, and on Wednesday evening Mrs. Fiske was seen at the Manhattan for the first time in New York, in Paul Heyse's biblical play, "Mary of Magdala."

"The Eternal City" was, of course, the most important of the Monday night openings, and the Victoria was crowded with well-known first-nighters. The general verdict seemed to be that Miss Allen has the best play of her career. She was well received, as was her company, which is excellent. The play has been severely criticised, principally because of the fact that one of its principal characters is Pope Pius X. The introduction of the holy father has been severely criticised in other cities in which

STAGE GOSSIP.

Cuyler Hastings has made a pronounced success as "Sherlock Holmes" in Australia.

Charles Cherry has succeeded Aubrey Boucault in the cast of Henrietta Crossman's "The Sword of the Kings." Boucault will appear in Clyde Fitch's new play, "The Bird in the Cage."

Ethel Winthrop has succeeded Hilda Spong with Virginia Harned. Miss Spong going to Faversham's company.

Essie De Wolfe has secured the American rights to the new London play, "Mrs. Willoughby's Kiss."

Edward Harrigan will return to the stage to play an Irish character in Fitch's new play, "The Bird in the Cage."

Gibson's pictures, "The Education of Mr. Pipp," are to be dramatized for Stuart Robson.

David Belasco's "DuBarry" is a success in Vienna, where it is being played in German by Madame Odillon.

"The Christian King," Wilson Barrett's new play, is successful in London. The leading part, played by Mr. Barrett, is based on the character of King Alfred.

M. BERTILLON'S GLEVER WORK.

PARIS, Nov. 26.—M. Bertillon has performed the extraordinary feat of identifying and convicting a French murderer merely by the evidence of his finger-prints. M. Bertillon is the French expert whose "system" of taking measurements of every criminal arrested has made him famous.

Up to this time, however, M. Bertillon has never claimed more for his system than that it enabled the police to say positively whether or not a man has ever been in custody before. The expert has employed his records over 12,000 times and has never yet made a mistake.

The case in which M. Bertillon's methods have triumphed so remarkably had to do with the murder of a man on the Rue St. Honore. There was only one clue. In stealing some valuables, which were in a glass case, the murderer had broken the receptacle. He had begun to pick up the pieces of glass and on one of them were the prints of his fingers. Bertillon resolved to photograph the imprints.

At this point, however, he found himself up against a knotty problem. The murderer's hand had grasped each side of the glass in such a way that the mark of the thumb overlapped that of those of the fore and middle fingers. How were the imprints to be photographed? For three days M. Bertillon was puzzled, but finally by using powerful electric lights and taking great pains he finally succeeded in getting serviceable negatives of the finger prints.

The thing to be done next was to find out if among the 300,000 photographs of the finger prints of criminals which he has made there was one that corresponded with the prints of the digits of the Rue St. Honore murderer. It was at 4 o'clock last Thursday afternoon that M. Bertillon finished developing his negatives. By 4:20 he had discovered that the finger prints shown therein which he has made there was a man named Scheffer, who had been in custody about a year before.

St. Honore on the night of the murder. The prefect smiled—a little ironically, Bertillon thought. The expert became excited. Pulling out of his pockets notes worth 1000 francs he announced that he would present them to Scheffer as an indemnity were he arrested and not found guilty.

The prefect, impressed, ordered his man, who previously had been on the trail of one "Georges," to find Scheffer and arrest him. The detectives' reports showed that the man had left Paris hastily on the day following the Rue St. Honore crime. Then they discovered that he had been intimate with the murdered man—Reibel. Convinced now, the sleuths redoubled their efforts to hunt their quarry down, and finally succeeded in doing so.

Soon after being arrested Scheffer confessed his guilt.

Taking Down the Lightning Rods.

Senator Beveridge Doesn't Want V. P. Nomination, Which His Friends Are Boosting Him for.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Senator Albert J. Beveridge is busy these days trying to head off well-meaning friends who want to start a vice presidential boom for him. He does not want the vice presidential nomination. He feels much the same about it as Roosevelt did about three years ago. Perhaps for the same reasons.

His friends are insisting that Roosevelt will want a running mate from the middle west, and that the chances are 20 to 1 that it will be an Indiana man. Some have even gone so far as to mention Governor Durbin for the place. Beveridge says he does not care who it is so that he is not dragged into it. However—

WELL-KNOWN BISHOP GOES TO HIS REWARD.

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 26.—Right Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Mississippi, is dead. Bishop Thompson was 72 years old. He was editor of the American Churchman when it was started in Chicago, and was rector of a church in that city until 19 years ago, when he was made bishop of Mississippi.

BOY'S BLOUSE.



This little boy's Russian blouse suit of dark blue serge is trimmed with white braid and buttons.

REPUBLIC IS QUIET.

R. W. Hunner, a mining man of Republic, is in the city on business, and when seen by a representative of the Press, said:

"Republic is quiet now, but a general feeling of confidence is noticeable. Those who went there for mere speculation are leaving and the men of business who remain are there permanently, and have made their homes in Republic. The California mine is shipping ore regularly, and are working about 30 men."

"Lone Pine has on nine men, and the Quip is working 30 men. Among other shippers are the Morning Glory, San Poi and smaller propositions."

"It is generally understood that the Republic mine will start operations about the first of the year. The Hawkeye and Belcher companies intend starting work on a considerable scale. Ore will be shipped to the Northport smelter. Enough can be marketed to pay the costs of development work."

SHE LIKES THE JOB.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, wife of the Indiana senator, is a candidate to succeed herself as president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Fairbanks has been a very successful and popular head of that organization, and the only thing which makes her reelection doubtful is the passage of a bylaw at the last convention to the effect that no president general should serve two consecutive terms. Now the question has risen as to whether the law is retroactive. Some are claiming that it is. Mrs. Fairbanks claims that it is not, and that this was the general understanding at no time of its passage. A committee has waited on Mrs. Fairbanks, asking her to run, and she has consented.

Yokohama: The emperor of Korea has elevated his favorite wife to the rank of empress. By and by she'll be asking for a new hat.



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