

HELP FOR CUBA.

Sentiment in Her Behalf Increases at Washington.

The President Keenly Alive to the Serious Condition of Affairs on the Island—Relief for Destitute Americans.

Washington, May 14.—There was a sudden and violent outbreak of Cuban sentiment Thursday at the capitol, and during the early hours the drift of opinion was strongly towards speedy and radical action by both congress and the executive, but later there was somewhat of a reaction upon its becoming known that the president, while keenly alive to the situation and anxious to learn everything possible that could guide his conduct of our Cuban and Spanish relations, felt that further information was necessary and that for the immediate present the question was not one of recognition of the belligerency or independence of the Cuban insurgents, but of relief for the American citizens destitute and helpless in the towns of the Queen of the Antilles. The senate foreign relations committee, it should be stated, while agreeing with the necessity for relief of the suffering Americans, is favorable to more radical measures, and a number of its members are earnestly desirous of instant action by the executive in aid of the insurgents, but have not succeeded in converting the administration to their views that present action is appropriate and imperative.

Great Destitution. The event of the day was a report to their colleagues by the subcommittee of the foreign relations committee, which examined the state department Cuban reports. This statement, though not given to the public, was so far disclosed in character as to give rise to a good deal of excited comment among senators and members. The report, based upon facts presented by the United States consuls in Cuba, it is said, brings out in strong relief the destitution which exists not only among Cubans, but among the Americans and pacifics now on the island, who were driven from their farms and into the towns by Weyler's orders and thereby prevented from supporting themselves. For several days past the subject matter of this report has been under discussion quietly among a few of the friends of Cuba in congress, and they have lost no opportunity of impressing upon the president their convictions that it is his duty as the chief executive to delay no longer in taking active steps to terminate the present condition of affairs in Cuba.

President Moving Slowly. These representations, however, have not been sufficient to induce hasty action. The president is moving steadily and with all the speed that safety and sound judgment warrant in the collection of facts touching the conditions that exist upon the island to-day. To this end Mr. Calhoun is now in Cuba, officially on another mission, but also charged with the observation of the conditions that prevail. When he has reported to the president, and the latter has gathered what he regards as a sufficient store of information, based on facts that cannot be questioned, he will be ready either to take himself or to suggest to congress such action as these facts warrant. Meanwhile he has under earnest consideration the best means of affording relief to Americans suffering as a result of the conditions on the island.

Wins Its Case. Washington, May 14.—The Bell Telephone company won the case brought against it by the United States to annul the last Berliner patent. This decision has the effect of continuing the control of the telephone by the Bell company for 17 years from the date of the last patent, which was granted in 1891.

Airship Off Again. Nashville, Tenn., May 14.—The second ascent in the airship constructed by Prof. A. W. Barnard, physical director of the Young Men's Christian association of this city, was made from the grounds of the Tennessee centennial exposition at seven o'clock Thursday evening.

Said to Be Short \$20,000. Columbus, O., May 11.—Experts engaged upon the books of the National Bank of Columbus preparatory to consolidation with the Fourth national, have found errors. Charles Henry Damsel, since 1863 the trusted head bookkeeper, is alleged to be short \$20,000 or more.

Wisconsin Town's Loss. Milwaukee, May 11.—A special to the Wisconsin from Galesville, Wis., says: Fire wiped out the little village of Marshland. The post office, Will Brothers' hotel, Leath's telephone office and other buildings were destroyed. Loss not heavy.

Want the War Ended. New York, May 14.—A memorial to be presented to Secretary of State Sherman, calling on this country to do what it can to bring the Cuban war to a close, has been signed by many bankers and merchants in New York.

Death of Richard Coke. Waco, Tex., May 14.—Ex-Senator Richard Coke died at his home here yesterday, aged 63 years. He was governor of Texas from 1873 to 1877, when he became United States senator, and served until March 3, 1895.

Calhoun Reaches Havana. Havana, May 13.—William J. Calhoun, the special commissioner appointed by President McKinley to investigate the death of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz, arrived Wednesday.

Death of John S. Hoy. New York, May 14.—John S. Hoy, the well-known sporting man and referee, died at Long Branch, N. J., Thursday of heart trouble, following a severe attack of the grip.

WORK ON THE FARM.

The Conditions for Its Progress Are Reported More Favorable.

Chicago, May 12.—The reports as to the condition of the crops throughout the country, and the general effect of the weather on the growth, cultivation and harvest of the same, were Tuesday made by the directors of the several climate and crop sections. The reports received at Chicago were as follows: Michigan—Heavy rains slightly damaging winter wheat, rotted some early sown oats and made low ground too heavy to work. Generally winter wheat and rye and meadows and young clover have improved. Out sowing and plowing for corn progressing rapidly on high and light soils. Corn and potato planting just begun.

Indiana—With favorable warmer weather crops have improved; plowing and corn planting progressed rapidly; wheat is joining and rye is heading in southern portion; oats growing nicely.

Iowa—Six warm clear days followed Saturday night by fine showers made ideal week for field work and crop growth. Plowing and corn planting rapidly pushed. Wheat, oats and barley making good start. Wisconsin—Week warm and dry. Rain needed in northern section. Seeding about completed and preparation for corn well advanced. Early sown oats and spring wheat coming up well; winter wheat very poor and rye fair. Fruit prospects good.

IMPORTANT CUBAN VICTORY. Insurgents Capture a Convoy and Defeat Gen. Lono's Forces. New York, May 14.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana, Cuba, via Key West, Fla., says: Apparently reliable news of the most important insurgent success in months has just reached Havana. It appears that Gen. Calixto Garcia and Gen. Rabi fell on a Spanish force which was carrying food and supplies from Manzanillo to Bayamo early last week, captured the convoy, routed Gen. Lono's columns and pursued him so vigorously that he fled to the coast with the remnant of his brigade and took a ship at Cabaocruz for Manzanillo. It is said that so severe were the losses and so thoroughly disorganized were his men that the Spanish general did not dare attempt to retrace his steps to Manzanillo by land, fearing that he would be again attacked and this time wiped out of existence.

SIXTEEN LIVES LOST.

Terrible Result of a Fire on the Ocean Steamer Leona. New York, May 10.—The Mallory line steamer Leona, which left her pier on Saturday, bound for Galveston, took fire at sea, put back and arrived in port Sunday night with 16 corpses on board. The dead were 13 steerage passengers and three members of the crew, who succumbed to a terrible fire which occurred off the Delaware capes at an early hour Sunday morning.

The horror of the story can hardly be told. Those who are dead were penned up below decks, and although frantic efforts were made by the officers of the vessel to save them, the fire had gained such terrible headway before the danger was discovered that all escape was cut off.

Market for American Labor.

San Francisco, May 13.—A dispatch from Honolulu says a market for American labor will surely be opened here in the near future and it will be fostered and supported by the Hawaiian government. The planters have bound themselves to employ Americans in preference to European or Asiatic labor. As fast as contracts of Asiatics now employed on the plantations expire they will be sent home and their places filled by Americans.

Cotton Crop Estimate. Washington, May 11.—The agricultural department cotton crop report shows: General average 105.4 per cent. Already planted first day of May 81.9 against 87.9 per cent. last year. The general average of 105.4 per cent. report represents the opinion of the agricultural department correspondents' estimates of the breadth that will be planted this year as compared with last year.

Disastrous Fire. Quincy, Ill., May 11.—Fire broke out at midnight in the big plant of the J. R. Dayton Tablet company in a four-story block in the business district. The firms burned out besides the tablet company are: Volk, Jones & McMein's printing house, and Brumbaugh's book store. The loss will exceed \$100,000.

Centenarian Dead. Troy, N. Y., May 11.—Capt. Joseph King, who claimed that he was 106 years old last Wednesday, died at his home in Lansingburgh. He claimed to be of Indian descent. Capt. King was the father of Stephen and Mart King, who were among the pioneers of baseball in this country.

Pretty Irish Girls Arrive. New York, May 13.—The White Star line steamship Teutonic arrived Wednesday night. Among the steerage passengers were 550 young women from Ireland. Their ages range from 13 to 25 years and they are mostly good-looking. They are going to various parts of the country.

Gen. Chapman's Death. Milwaukee, May 14.—Gen. Chandler P. Chapman, former adjutant general of Wisconsin, died suddenly of paralysis. The deceased was 53 years of age. He distinguished himself during Gov. Rusk's administration by suppressing the Milwaukee riots.

President to Go to Nashville. Nashville, Tenn., May 14.—President John W. Thomas, of the Tennessee Exposition company, has received a letter from President McKinley, stating that he would visit the centennial exposition on Ohio day, in June.

Woman Pardoned. Anamosa, Ia., May 12.—Gov. Drake has pardoned Miss Amelia Evans. She killed the man whose meddlesome letters almost estranged her and her husband.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Daily Summary of Proceedings in Senate and House.

The Finance Committee Reports the Tariff Bill—Work in the House at a Standstill—Other Washington News.

Washington, May 11.—The Morgan Cuban resolution was discussed at considerable length in the senate yesterday, but no action was taken. A resolution was agreed to putting into effect the rearrangement of the committees as agreed upon in the several caucuses. A bill was reported for taking the twelfth census.

Washington, May 12.—The Cuban question occupied the entire attention of the senate yesterday. Senators Morrill (Vt.) and Caffery (La.) spoke in opposition to the resolution; Senators Lodge (Mass.) and Foraker (O.) advocated the deferring of the question until further information could be secured from the state department, and Senators Mills (Tex.) and Allen (Neb.) urged the immediate passage of the resolution. No action was taken.

Washington, May 13.—The Morgan Cuban resolution went over in the senate yesterday for a day to permit the committee on foreign relations to present a statement. Senator Gallinger (N. H.) presented an amendment which he proposes to offer to the tariff bill against goods which are the product of convict labor. Bills were passed as follows: For the relief of certain citizens of Montana claiming the benefits of the homestead laws; granting to Montana 50,000 acres of land in aid of an asylum for the blind; appropriating \$174,000 to Charles P. Chouteau for extra work on the ironclad Etah. The immigration and the kinetoscope bills were reached, but went over on objection.

Washington, May 14.—Senator Gallinger introduced a resolution in the senate yesterday for an appropriation of \$50,000 to relieve the Americans in distress in Cuba. The sugar investigation and the tariff bill caused some agitation. The committee on finance announced that action on the tariff measure would begin on the 24th inst. Adjourned Monday.

The House. Washington, May 11.—In the house yesterday Mr. Fowler (N. J.) introduced a bill for the creation of a tariff commission to investigate federal taxation, to recommend changes and to adjust inequalities of existing law. The bill provides for a commission of seven members at a salary of \$7,000 per annum, with a term of office each of 21 years. The senate amendments to the sundry civil appropriation bill were discussed.

Washington, May 12.—The senate amendment to the sundry civil bill revoking the proclamation of ex-President Cleveland setting aside 20,000,000 acres of public lands as forests was not concurred in by the house yesterday.

Washington, May 14.—In the house yesterday the Indian appropriation bill was disposed of. Mr. Castle (Cal.) introduced a joint resolution for the recognition of the belligerent rights of the Cubans. Adjourned Monday.

Secretary Sherman's Birthday. Washington, May 11.—John Sherman celebrated Monday the seventy-fourth anniversary of his birth, and at night the magnificent residence of the secretary of state on K street was the scene of festivity and rejoicing in honor of the event.

Consent to Experiments. Washington, May 11.—Both the states of Iowa and Tennessee have given formal authority to the secretary of agriculture to conduct hog cholera experiments in their territory this summer. On the result of these experiments will be based a general scheme for preventing the spread of this disease.

Begins His Work. Washington, May 12.—Judge Day, of Ohio, has qualified and assumed his office as assistant secretary of state.

Is Now Major General. Washington, May 13.—After almost 40 years of service in the United States army James W. Forsyth, brigadier general, has been promoted by President McKinley to the rank of major general.

One Plan Abandoned. Washington, May 14.—The movement to secure the adoption of a universal postal stamp by the postal congress has collapsed. There were too many difficulties (the chief being that of currency fluctuations) in the way of adopting such a stamp, and the general committee, after considering the subject briefly, abandoned it as impracticable and will make an adverse report to the congress.

Result of a Drunken Fight. Leviston, Ill., May 11.—Bud Bowman and Oscar Cox, two farmers living five miles southeast of this city in Watford township, became involved in a drunken quarrel, and Bowman killed Cox with a club, striking him repeatedly over the head. Bowman and Cox were farming a piece of Illinois river bottom land in partnership.

Bank President Killed. Boston, May 14.—William H. Goodwin, president of the Eliot national bank of this city, was killed Thursday night while walking on Pond street, Jamaica Plain, on his way home from business. A decayed branch of a tree snapped off by the wind fell upon his head and knocked him to the sidewalk. He died within 20 minutes.

Strike Natural Gas. Sacramento, Cal., May 14.—Natural gas, which promises to be superior both as to quantity and quality to any Pacific coast wells, has been struck in this city and the total supply from the well is estimated at 100,000 feet daily.

Nominated for Congress. Boston, May 13.—Ex-Gov. Burleigh, of Maine, has been nominated in convention to succeed the late Congressman Milliken.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

For the Week Ending May 14. The revolution in Honduras is at an end.

Rhode Island has selected the violet as the state flower.

Heavy snowstorms prevailed throughout England and Scotland.

A British officer and 30 coolies were killed by an avalanche in British India.

William White, owner of the opera house at Marion, Ind., failed for \$100,000.

The Traders' bank at Lynchburg, Va., closed its doors with liabilities of \$150,000.

Fire at San Francisco in the tannery of A. B. Patrick & Co. caused a loss of \$450,000.

The state inheritance tax law has been declared valid by the supreme court of Illinois.

The crockery firm of Norcross, Mellen & Co., established in Boston 40 years ago, failed for \$100,000.

A tipple fell at the mines in Pinkney, Tenn., killing seven men and badly wounding several others.

Williams, Brown & Co., wholesale shipping and commission merchants in San Francisco, failed for \$600,000.

It is announced from Rio Janeiro, Brazil, that several big companies have failed and that business is paralyzed.

The strawboard manufacturers of the United States, according to report, have formed a trust to control the product of the country.

At Auxerre, the center of the wine-growing district of the department of Yonne, France, frost did damage to the extent of \$4,000,000.

Mrs. Langtry, the fair English actress, was granted a divorce in San Francisco from her husband on the ground of desertion.

An unknown man criminally assaulted the 12-year-old daughter of Fred Bunte, a farmer near Evansville, Ind., causing the child's death.

The session in Washington of the supreme council of the American Protective association elected as president John W. Echols, of Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Lettie Leib, 28 years of age, and a well-known and successful real estate dealer in Akron, O., committed suicide when charged with embezzlement.

Gov. Bradley, of Kentucky, threatens to pardon every juvenile convict out of both state prisons unless the legislature at once provides funds for state schools of reform.

Three more persons have died from drinking the poisoned spring water at Pikeville, Ky. As yet chemists have failed to learn what poison is being used, and there is no clue to the identity of the guilty parties.

Mystery of a Robbery Solved. Ottumwa, Ia., May 13.—The mystery of the Eldon bank robbery on the morning of February 1, at which time \$6,200 in cash was taken, has at last been unraveled by Pinkerton detectives. Ex-City Marshal Charles Stevens, of Eldon, a highly-respected citizen, has confessed to being the instigator of the crime, and implicates Dick Dodd, of Ottumwa, and three Chicago cracksmen. The latter men did the work while Stevens watched on the outside. Stevens was a night watchman of the city at the time. Requisition papers have been issued for the Chicago men. Much excitement prevails at Eldon.

Gets the Insurance. Pittsburgh, Pa., May 14.—In the United States circuit court the jury in the case of Mrs. Louise Morris against the Fidelity & Casualty company, of New York, rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$11,790 in full amount of the policy with interest from March 19, 1894, the date of death. The action was for the recovery of a \$10,000 accident policy carried by the husband of the plaintiff. Morris was killed by falling from a skiff into Lake Chautauque.

Bank Thief Caught. New York, May 14.—"Wally" O'Connor, said to be a notorious bank thief, is in custody here under suspicion that he was implicated in the holding up of Cashier Lyman Cobb, of the Yonkers savings bank, from which \$4,400 was taken. The Yonkers robbery took place on April 12 and was an unusually bold affair, the cashier being intimidated by one man with a revolver while a second gathered up the money in sight.

Another Terrible Disaster at Sea. Hamburg, May 11.—A dispatch from the island of Heligoland announces that the Dutch steamer Firdene from Cagliari, island of Sardinia, for Stockholm, has been in collision with the Norwegian bark Roedvar. Both vessels are supposed to have foundered. It is reported that 13 men of the two crews have been saved and that the drowned are largely in excess of that number.

Prize Fight in California. Oakland, Cal., May 14.—Jack Davis, of Omaha, whipped Sailor Brown in about three seconds before the Reliance club Wednesday night. Davis was matched to fight eight rounds, but before the men had time to warm up Davis smashed Brown in the mouth and nose, followed it up with another blow on the jaw and Brown was completely out and the fight was given to Davis.

Sale of Assets Confirmed. Tacoma, Wash., May 14.—The sale of the assets of the defunct Bank of Tacoma to J. J. McKone for \$8,250 was confirmed by the superior court. The face value of the assets was more than a quarter of a million dollars. The city of Tacoma had over \$200,000 on deposit at the time of the failure, August 13, 1895, nearly all of which was lost.

Looking to Fusion in Iowa. Des Moines, Ia., May 13.—A conference of the state central committee of the silver republicans, populists and silver democrats was held here Wednesday, and it was decided to hold three conventions in Des Moines June 23 to nominate a state ticket and adopt a platform.

Two Women Lynched. Huntsville, Ala., May 13.—The corpses of two negroes, Nellie Smith and Mandy White, were found dangling from the limb of a live oak just on the outskirts of the village of Jeff. They were hanged by a mob for poisoning Joshua Kelly, a well-known citizen.

CALLS A HALT.

Russia Demands a Cessation of Hostilities by Turkey.

Belief That the Sultan Will Refuse to Grant an Armistice—Greece Still Fighting—Revolt in Macedonia.

London, May 14.—The Athens correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "By the czar's express command Count Muravieff, the Russian foreign minister, has instructed M. de Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador at Constantinople, to insist peremptorily upon a cessation of hostilities by Turkey. "I also learn that Count Muravieff has decided to have an assembly elected in Crete in order to ascertain the true Cretan opinion. If the Cretans reject the autonomy the entire question will be reconsidered. "This attitude is full of hope for Crete and Greece."

The Proposal Renewed. Constantinople, May 14.—The foreign ambassadors held another conference Thursday, after which Baron de Calice, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, called upon Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish minister of foreign affairs, and renewed the proposal of an armistice which was presented Wednesday. The opinion is general in Turkish circles that at the occupation of Domokos, which is momentarily expected, the porte will not grant an armistice.

In No Mood to Yield. The powers are in no mood to yield overmuch to the demands of Turkey. The war has had quite an unexpected effect in revealing an amazing military vitality in the sultan's dominions, which is not pleasing to Russia or the other powers. Hence the sultan will be reminded that it was his original misgovernment which led to the war; that only the influence of Europe has prevented a general blaze in the Balkans, and that it is, therefore, advisable for him to adopt reasonable terms.

Says Greece Won't Pay. Athens, May 14.—In the course of an interview M. Delyannis, the former premier, criticized the evacuation of Crete without compensation and declared that Greece would never pay indemnity to Turkey. He added: "If any such proposal is submitted to the legislative assembly it will certainly be rejected."

Blockade of Gulf of Volo. London, May 14.—A telegram received here from Athens says that the Greek fleet has established a blockade on the gulf of Volo.

Greece Still Fighting. Athens, May 14.—According to dispatches just received here the Greek forces are besieging Nicopolis and Preveza.

London, May 14.—The Athens correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the government continues to send men to the front and is purchasing large quantities of war materials.

Revolt in Macedonia. London, May 14.—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Athens says that Greeks who arrived there from Damia report a Macedonian uprising in the district between Selidze and Koziani. The Times, an Athens evening paper, states that there has been a rising in central Macedonia; that 4,000 insurgents have captured the pass forming a part of the principle line of communication of the Turkish army, and that they are advancing toward Ellassona and are preparing to unite forces with hands under Daveli, Zermas and other Macedonian chiefs.

Attempt to Scuttle a Ship. San Francisco, May 14.—The steamer Australia, from Honolulu, brought word of an attempt to scuttle the American ship Indiana, from Hilo for New York, having 1,800 tons of sugar in her hold. An auger hole had been bored through the bottom and three of the crew, suspected of the job, deserted after the discovery of the leak. The cargo was somewhat damaged, but the leak was discovered in time to save the ship.

Pardons a Girl Convict. Frankfort, Ky., May 12.—Gov. Bradley refused to allow Dorca Cresh, a 12-year-old girl convicted of perjury in Owsley county and sentenced for one year, to come to the penitentiary and granted her a full pardon. The governor threatens to pardon every juvenile convict out of both state prisons unless the legislature at once provides funds for state schools of reforms.

Must Not Play on Sunday. Cleveland, O., May 13.—Director of Police Abbott has issued his ultimatum to the baseball people regarding the playing of Sunday games. He says if an attempt is made to play next Sunday, as threatened, he will send out the police and arrest the players. If necessary the entire force will be detailed, and if that is insufficient he will call out the militia.

To Meet the American Tariff. Vienna, May 14.—At a large conference of Austrian manufacturers held here it was resolved to call upon the government to endeavor to conclude international agreements with European powers for the purpose of "effectually meeting the common danger to European economy arising from the prohibitive tariff policy of the United States."

Overcome by Gas. Redfield, S. D., May 11.—Frank Barz, his two sons and his brother, Chris Barz, prosperous German farmers here, were asphyxiated in a well on their farm near Grobe, this county, Monday morning. Each was overcome by gas as they descended into the well to rescue the others.

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CHIEF JUSTICE STUART and Attorney General Childs, of Minnesota, have rendered opinion that Indians in that state have no right to hunt at will outside of their reservations. This issue was raised over the application of District Attorney Stringer before the board of pardons for the release of two Indians arrested at Wyoming for violating the game laws.

MILITARY engineers are practically agreed that no material for fortification is superior to earth. When clay is not obtainable, as on the seashore, sand is collected into bags and these are laid in regular heaps along the line of the proposed fortification. In such a fortification the balls from the enemy's guns sink without doing damage and shells explode harmlessly.

WOMEN doctors say, and many women prove it in practice, that by going upstairs slowly, with the foot—heel and toe alike—put firmly on each stair, one may arrive at the top of four flights of stairs really rested, instead of gasping for breath as when one runs upstairs. Going upstairs is a good form of exercise, if one gets at it in the right way to get its benefits.

ANTOINE D'ARBADE, who, 69 years ago, with his younger brother, explored Abyssinia, remaining 13 years in that part of Africa, has just died in Paris at the age of 87. He was born in Dublin, of an Irish mother and a French father. Last year he gave the French Academy of Sciences, of which he was for 30 years a member, a sum yielding \$8,000 a year for the preparation of a catalogue of the stars.

MINNESOTA is resolved that Memorial day shall be observed in a spirit worthy of the solemn memories to which it is dedicated. To that end an act recently adopted by the legislature of the state provides that no saloon shall be kept open between 11 o'clock in the morning and 3 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and that no game of sports shall be played within half a mile of places where memorial services are being held.

FRUIT COMMISSIONER H. E. DOSCH, of Oregon, has found that a severe cold snap that came upon the Willamette valley last November, before the sap had returned to the roots of the trees, damaged great numbers of the trees in a curious way, freezing them on one side only. On that side now the bark is black and dead. Many trees were killed. In Washington county 1,000,000 prune trees were killed by the same frost.

CAPT. MALCOLM, of the British barkentine Persia, now in port from Cienfuegos, Cuba, reports that on March 29, during a heavy southeasterly gale, accompanied with heavy rain, off the western end of Cuba, a huge waterspout passed within half a mile of the vessel. The base of the spiral was about the size of a two thousand-ton ship, and it traversed a zig-zag course, beating and tearing the water in a terrible manner.

THE wealthiest church corporation in the United States is Trinity church, New York, which a few years ago celebrated the two hundredth anniversary of its organization. Its wealth, aside from its many church edifices, it is claimed, amounts to more than \$20,000,000. The income from this enormous wealth, after the expense of maintaining Trinity is met, is chiefly devoted to helping parishes where there is no wealth.

PROF. LAW, of Cornell university, is very hopeful concerning the eventual victory over tuberculosis. He says: "It may not be accomplished in our day, it may not even be attempted along the lines that would warrant an expectation of speedy success, but as surely as humanity is advancing to a higher and better future, so surely will this 'white plague,' tuberculosis, be eradicated from our herds and finally from our homes."

THOSE who have investigated the subject are of the opinion that the area devoted to wheat-growing is gradually shrinking. It is estimated that the world's crop of 1896 will not be more than 3,368,000,000, as compared with 2,447,000,000 bushels in 1893 and 2,567,000,000 bushels in 1894. There is a decline of the crop in India, the Argentine republic, Austria and the United States. To those who are engaged in wheat-growing these figures and the outlook ought to give some encouragement, the encouragement of better prices.

MME. CARNOT, the widow of the murdered president of the French republic, lives in the deepest retirement. She was absolutely devoted to her husband, and she lives only in the past. Like most French widows, she pays constant visits to her husband's grave, and she has never yet gone to his tomb without taking with her a small bunch of flowers. Mme. Carnot was the daughter of Dupont White, a celebrated economist of British extraction. She married the future president when she was only 17 years of age, and their union proved ideally happy.

RAILROADERS on the Beech Creek line, between Williamsport and Lock Haven, have been frightened by a ghostly figure that flags the midnight express at a lonely gorge in the Alleghenies. Trainmen say that when the express is far down the road a red lantern, swung by an unseen hand, can be seen swinging across the tracks, but before the train reaches the point, lantern and flagman disappear. Watchmen have been placed there, but the ghostly watchman appears just above or below the place where the guard is stationed. Railroaders regard its appearance as a bad omen.