

## SPECIAL CUBAN MESSAGE

President Asks Congress to Authorize Establishment of Diplomatic Relations with Island.

### ENUMERATES PROVISIONS FOR TREATIES

Recommends Minister Plenipotentiary \$10,000, Two Secretaries of Legation, a Consul General at Havana, and Consuls at Cienfuegos and Santiago.

Washington, March 28.—The president Thursday afternoon sent to congress the following message recommending the provision for diplomatic and consular representation in Cuba:

"To the Congress of the United States: I commend to the congress timely consideration of measures for maintaining diplomatic and consular representatives in Cuba and for carrying out the provisions of the act making appropriation for the support of the army for the fiscal year ending June Thirtieth, Nineteen Hundred and Two, approved March Two, Nineteen Hundred and One, reading as follows:

#### Relations with United States.

Here the president enumerates the conditions insisted upon by the United States and already incorporated in the constitution adopted by Cuba concerning the relations to exist between the two governments.

Article 1 provides that the government of Cuba shall never enter into any treaty or other compact with any foreign power or powers which will impair or tend to impair the independence of Cuba.

Article 2 provides that said government shall not assume or contract any public debt beyond power of Cuba to meet.

Article 3 provides that the government of Cuba consents that the United States may exercise the right to intervene in the preservation of Cuban independence.

Article 4 provides that all acts of the United States in Cuba during its military occupancy thereof are ratified and validated.

Article 5 provides that the government of Cuba will execute, and as far as necessary extend, the plans already devised or other plans to be mutually agreed upon, for the sanitation of the cities of the island.

Article 6 provides that the Isle of Pines shall be omitted from the proposed constitutional boundaries of Cuba, the title there to being left to future adjustment by treaty.

Article 7 provides that the government of Cuba will sell or lease to the United States lands necessary for coaling or naval stations at certain specified points, to be agreed upon with the president of the United States.

Article 8 then goes on to state that the above provisions shall be embodied in a permanent treaty with the United States.

**Should Fulfill the Pledge.**  
The people of Cuba having framed a constitution embracing the foregoing requirements, and having elected a president who is soon to take office, the time is near for the fulfillment of the pledge of the United States to leave the government and control of the island of Cuba to its people.

I am advised by the secretary of war that it is now expected that the installation of the government of Cuba and the termination of the military occupation of that island by the United States will take place on the Twentieth of May next.

It is necessary and appropriate that the establishment of international relations with the government of Cuba should coincide with its inauguration, as well to provide a channel for the conduct of diplomatic relations with the new state as to open the path for the immediate negotiation of conventional agreements to carry out the provisions of the act above quoted. It is also advisable that consular representation be established without delay at the principal Cuban ports in order that commerce with the island may be conducted with due regard to the formalities prescribed by the revenue and navigation statutes of the United States, and that American citizens in Cuba may have the customary local reports open to them for their business needs and, the case arising, for the protection of their rights.

#### Asks Provision for Envoy.

"I therefore recommend that provision be forthwith made and the salaries appropriated, to be immediately available for:

- (a) Envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the Republic of Cuba, \$10,000.
- (b) Secretary of the legation, \$2,000.
- (c) Second secretary of the legation, \$1,500.
- (d) Consul General at Havana, \$5,000.
- (e) Consuls at Cienfuegos, \$3,000; Santiago de Cuba, \$3,000.

#### To Abolish Consulates.

"I do not recommend the present restoration of the consulates formerly maintained at Baracoa, Cardenas, Matanzas, Nuevitas, Sagua Grande and San Juan de los Remedios. The commercial interests at these ports heretofore have not been large. The consular fees collected there during the fiscal year, 1896-97, aggregated \$752.10. It is believed that the actual needs of the six offices named can be efficiently subserved by agents under the three principal consular offices, until events may show the necessity of erecting a full consulate at any point.

"The commercial and political conditions in the island of Cuba, while under the Spanish crown afford little basis for estimating the local development of intercourse with this country under the influence of the new relations which have been created by the achievement of Cuban independence and which are to be broadened and strengthened in every proper way by conventional pacts with the Cubans and by wise and beneficent legislation aiming to stimulate the commerce between the two countries, if the great task we accepted in 1898 is to be fittingly accomplished.

(Signed) THEODORE ROOSEVELT,  
White House, Washington, March 27, 1902."

#### Gen. Otis Retires.

Washington, March 26.—Maj. Gen. Elwell S. Otis closed his active career in the army yesterday by reason of age and will go into retirement. He will be succeeded in command of the department of the lakes at Chicago by Maj. Gen. Arthur MacArthur.

#### Found Guilty.

New York, March 27.—Lawyer Albert T. Patrick, after a trial lasting nine weeks, has been declared guilty of the murder of Millionaire William M. Rice, the motive being to secure his fortune.

#### Iowa's Compulsory Education Bill.

Des Moines, Ia., March 29.—The compulsory education bill passed the senate Friday, having previously passed the house, and will become a law upon being approved by Gov. Cummins.

#### Illinois Democrats.

Chicago, March 31.—The democratic state convention will meet at noon, Tuesday, June 17, in the Manufacturers building, on the state fairgrounds at Springfield.

## DEATH OF CECIL RHODES.

The South African Diamond Magnate Passes Away at Cape Town After a Long Illness.

Cape Town, March 27.—Cecil Rhodes died yesterday afternoon at 5:57 o'clock. He was conscious until 5:55 p. m., when he muttered a few words and sank quickly. The immediate cause of his death was two successive attacks of heart failure.

Cecil Rhodes was born in 1853, the son of Rev. Francis W. Rhodes, vicar of Bishop's Stortford, England. He went to South Africa 30 years ago in search of health. English doctors having given him up, he secured a diamond claim, which he dug himself, and with his savings bought others. Gradually he became the wealthiest and most powerful man in South Africa and engineered movements for land acquisitions by Great Britain and their commercial development which gave him the title "Empire Builder" and made him famous in world politics. His dream was British control of a line from Cairo to the Cape.

Mr. Rhodes had many individual tastes. He knew Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" almost by heart. He admired Froude and Carlyle as authors; collected old furniture, china and old Dutch curios and paintings. He was devoted to gardening and did much for agriculture and viticulture in South Africa. He kept a menagerie on Table Mountain. The empire builder was a woman-hater and was in the habit of saying that his sister, who kept his house for him, was the only woman he loved.

London, March 29.—The Daily Mail is authority for the statement that the colossal fortune of the late Cecil Rhodes was by him bequeathed to the British empire for a vast imperial scheme of education. The will is in London and will be opened in a few days. The extent of the wealth left by the dead empire builder is roughly estimated at \$60,000,000, although some place the amount at a higher figure.

### NEARING THE END.

Only One Insurgent General Now in the Field in the Philippines—An Important Surrender.

Manila, March 27.—Noriel, the only insurgent general, with the exception of Malvar, still in the field, has been captured by Lieut. Frank E. Bamford, of the Twenty-eighth infantry. A major, a captain, a lieutenant and five men, who were acting as a bodyguard to Noriel, were captured with him. They have all been held as prisoners of war. There is some reason to believe that one member of this bodyguard is Gen. Malvar in disguise.

Manila, March 28.—Gen. Smith, who is in command of the American forces on the island of Samar, had a three-hour interview with the insurgent general Guevarra and several officers of his command. It was arranged that the latter, with the entire force under his command and all their rifles, would surrender April 15. The serviceable rifles to be turned over number 250; of these 125 are Krag-Jorgensen.

Manila, March 31.—Rufino, who spent \$30,000 in his efforts to incite rebellion in the Province of Misamis, island of Mindanao, now declares he is tired of rebellion and has offered to surrender, with 75 rifles, to the native constabulary.

### TRAINS COME TOGETHER.

Disaster on the Chicago & Joliet Electric Road Kills Three Men and Injures Others.

Joliet, Ill., March 28.—Three dead and 11 injured is the result of a collision near Sag Bridge on the Joliet & Chicago Electric railroad Friday, which was the worst in the history of the line.

The wreck was the result of a head-on collision between two cars going at a rapid rate of speed. A dense fog prevented the motorman from seeing the approaching cars. The wreck occurred near Sag Bridge, about 20 miles from Joliet. There is a single track at the place, and the two cars came together with terrific force.

### Is Not a Candidate.

Milwaukee, March 29.—A special to the Sentinel from Tomah, Wis., says: Senator Marcus A. Hanna has written a letter to C. W. Croty, of this city, stating that he is in no sense a candidate for the presidency in 1904, and requesting his friends to discourage any movement to that end. Mr. Croty wrote to the senator some days ago, and Thursday received an autograph reply.

### Still Far Apart.

New York, March 28.—Mine workers and mine owners of the anthracite fields debated their differences for four hours Thursday in a conference arranged by the conciliation committee of the National Civic Federation, but the meeting was without result save that the workers agreed not to strike on April 1, as decreed at the Shamokin convention.

### British Slain by Boers.

London, March 31.—A casualty list published Saturday afternoon records a hitherto unrecorded fight in the Rhenoster valley, near Sutherland, Cape Colony, March 24, when the British were evidently severely handled. They lost eight men killed, had ten men wounded and 29 were captured. The latter have since been released.

Illinois Republican Convention, Springfield, Ill., March 28.—At the meeting of the republican state central committee held Thursday morning at the Leland hotel, Springfield was chosen as the place for holding the republican state convention. The time was fixed for Thursday, May 8.

### Local Option in Ohio.

Columbus, O., March 28.—The senate Thursday afternoon passed the local option bill, making it a law. This bill provides for municipal local option, leaving the voters in a city or town to decide the matter.

## FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

How the Children Showed Sympathy For a Forlorn Woman.

The other day a curious old woman carrying a bundle in her hand and walking with a painful effort sat down on a curb step up Woodward avenue to rest. She was curious because her garments were neat and clean, though threadbare, and curious because a smile crossed her wrinkled face as children passed her. It might have been the smile that attracted a group of three little ones, the oldest about nine. They stood in a row in front of the old woman, saying never a word, but watching her face. The smile brightened, lingered, then suddenly faded away, and a corner of her old calico apron went up to wipe a tear. Then the eldest child stepped forward and asked:

"Are you sorry because you have not got any children?"

"I—I had children once, but they are all d-dead," whispered the woman, a sob in her throat. "I'm awful sorry," said the little girl as her chin quivered. "I'd give you one of my little brothers here, but you see I haven't got but two, and I don't believe I'd like to spare one."

"God bless you, child—bless you forever," sobbed the old woman, and for a full minute her face was buried in her apron.

"But I'll tell you what I'll do," seriously continued the child. "You may kiss us all once, and if little Benny isn't afraid you may kiss him four times, for he's just as sweet as candy."

Pedestrians who saw three well dressed children put their arms around that strange old woman's neck and kiss her were greatly puzzled. They did not know the hearts of children, and they didn't hear the woman's words as she rose to go.

"Oh, children, I'm only a poor old woman, believing I'd nothing to live for, but you've given me a lighter heart than I've had for ten long years."—Detroit Free Press.

### The Game of Boston.

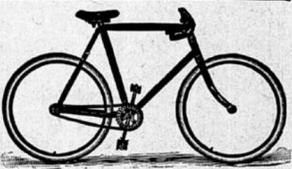
An improvement on blind man's buff is the game of Boston, in which all the players are seated except the "blind man," who stands in the center of the room. Each one has a number, and the blind man calls out, "Nos. 2, 7, 15, 6, change seats!" Then the aforesaid numbers creep stealthily about, avoiding the blind man, who tries to catch some one. If he succeeds, he must guess whom he has caught, and if he guesses aright he takes a seat and the number of the one caught, who now becomes blind man and calls out numbers. Occasionally the cry is, "All change places!" and a wild scramble ensues, when somebody is sure to be caught.

### The President's Jolly Boys.

Archie and Kermit Roosevelt are adepts at walking on stilts. When the weather is bad, they walk about the corridors on rubber tipped stilts. Neither one seems to know the meaning of the word fear. It is not an uncommon sight to see one of the boys on his stilts at the head of a stairway leaning forward just far enough to alarm the attaches about the house. Occasionally a loud thump will be heard about the house, which upon investigation will be found to be that Kermit or Archie has jumped from his stilts, letting them fall on the tiled floor.—Washington Cor. New York World.

### One of the Signs.

"Bue, why do you think he is a fool?"  
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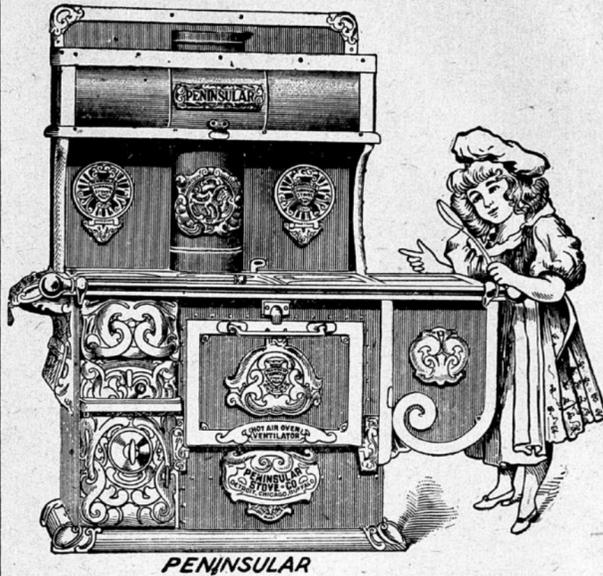
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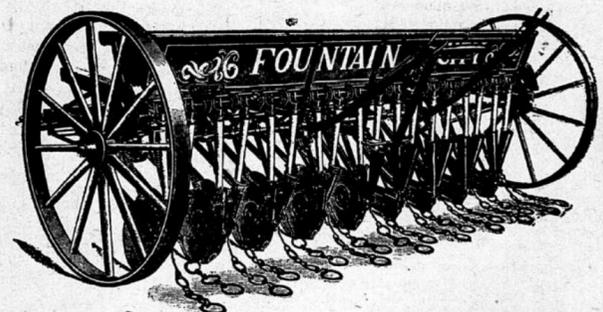


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