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THE CUBAN FIASCO.

One cannot better illustrate the weakness and the worthlessness combined in the Republican party than by tracing the history of the proposed reciprocity agreement with Cuba, that has now come to final failure by the passage of a bill that keeps the word of promise to the ear and breaks it to the hope.

What a shameful history it is! It is five years since Cuba obtained her independence and turned to us as her only friend. She asked of us but little, and only what we could give without the slightest sacrifice.

It has taken all the years since then to work through congress even such a poor pretense as this latest treaty. Managers of the Republican party, cringing under the whip of the trust, turned a deaf ear to Cuba's plea.

Meantime, the Cuban people have wrought out their own salvation. With praiseworthy pluck they went about restoring their industries, and fortunately were rescued from utter ruin not by anything that we did, but by the Brussels convention, which strengthened and restored the world's markets for sugar by agreeing to abolish the system of bounties herebefore prevailing.

The street railway company overlooked one thing in asking for an ordinance to compel the payment of fares. No provision is made for suing the estate of the party who gets on the track

and is carried a couple of hundred yards on the fender before being handed to the undertaker.

BUT ONE OPINION.

The Republican press of this state is above the Republican politicians in its record for decency. It may possibly be ready to wink at acts which would not bear the light, but it has at least a wholesome respect for the proprietries. It is practically a unit in censuring Gov. Van Sant, Judge Collins and all the rest of the gang of politicians who have been planning for weeks past how to cut the pie.

The language of the Republican newspapers is very plain and to the point. The most complaint of them admit that they are not at all squeamish about the working of practical politics, but that this is really going too far. What they mean to say is that, as party organs, they could swallow its trading in high judicial and other state offices were it done on the quiet, but that they do not believe the people will stand for it.

We think that they are right. When even the Republican gorge rises at this shameful bartering of positions where nothing but character and ability should count, what must the mass of the people who are not tied to party by any such bond think of it? When a judge of the supreme court announces his candidacy for office, but withholds his resignation; when the governor of the state is closeted daily with politicians, demanding to know of each of them how many delegates he can deliver in return for the appointment of his candidate to the forthcoming vacancy; when it is all made a matter of bargain and sale and the details appear in the party press, surely the time has come for moral nausea and political revolt.

Assemblyman Schurmeier admits that he struck a gold mine. Which fully explains the supine indifference of the statesman to the attacks of the street railway company. What would a city father with a gold mine want of a street railway?

WOOD COMES HIGH.

The senate committee is in favor of the confirmation of Gen. Wood. This result has been brought about by the desperate personal endeavors of the administration. President Roosevelt will probably secure the personal advancement of his friend, on which he has set his heart, but his success in this unworthy undertaking comes high.

In addition to this the president has had to put itself in a humiliating position. The public was astonished when Secretary Root dipped into the game with a letter in which he extolled Gen. Wood and tried to vindicate him. It will be more amazed at the appearance of Secretary Root in person before the senate committee, and his voluntary statement that he personally is responsible for some of the acts of Wood that have been most severely criticized.

A WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT.

It is joyful news to the ears of Democrats to hear Mr. Bailey state in the United States senate that the Republican party can no longer count on the support of straggling Democratic votes. Not for eight years has there been anything so promising and so conducive to Democratic success as the caucus agreement of Democrats to stand solidly together in support of the majority in whatever they may agree upon. In union there is strength, and the party shorn of the power that discipline only can confer will always be impotent in the face of an opposition even numerically weaker.

In congress. On almost every question that came up, whether relating to the tariff or the trusts or Imperialistic tendencies or great industrial undertakings, the vote has exhibited a sort of go-as-you-please. Democratic senators and representatives have declared a party independence because there was no fixed party dictum to obey and nothing to fear in case of disobedience.

All this had to be changed before there could be hope of party success. Just as our government itself rests upon the cordial acquiescence and loyal support of the minority after a fair test of strength has been had, so the existence of any party depends upon the same rule. Something of individual opinion must be sacrificed, else we can have no such thing as organization.

In the absence of cohesion the Democratic party has been drifting along with no better rule than that of voting against anything and everything proposed by a Republican, whether right or wrong. Nobody has felt bound by a majority, and there have been few caucuses because the minority was ready to bolt a caucus agreement. This is political mob rule. As long as it continues no party can go into power, nor does it deserve to; because it could not use power either wisely or effectively if it had it.

The first and the last word which The Globe has had to say to Democrats for many months past has been "get together." That is the essential preliminary to success. We welcome with heartiest enthusiasm all progress in this direction. There is more hope now only for Democracy but for the country, which needs Democracy to save it from the abyss into which it is plunging, in the recent announcement of a formal Democratic policy, and the appearance of a firm and reliable Democratic organization within the party, than in any other event that has happened for the past ten years or more.

Mrs. Cosczek declares that her husband deceived her. With that name and very slight mustache Mr. Cosczek ought to be able to do a fair stunt in deceit.

THE MINISTER MILITANT.

Hall the Rev. Edward Mathews! Let his light so shine that the way of the citizen who is belated and who takes his life in his hand through the dark places on his way home may be illumined.

The Rev. Mr. Mathews is a minister of the Methodist church, compelled, for the sins of his fellows, to perform vicarious atonement by living in Omaha. He is meek and lowly enough except in battling with the devil. In his youth he avoided hot and rebellious liquors and breakfast dope, and in his manhood he is strong beyond the requirements of a person who needs only strength to resist the encroachment of the spiritual enemy. He has survived the purgatory of Omaha and is a goodly man.

Hence it came about that when he was held up in one of the streets of Omaha the other night by a couple of sinister looking persons, he put himself in a posture of defense. Mr. Mathews is somewhat deaf, therefore he may not have heard the request of the footpads to deliver up such goods as might be upon the person of a preacher who holds to it that man needs but little here below. In any event, when one of the thugs approached uncomfortably near to him he reached out one of his fists and smote the wicked one, and to such good purpose that he laid him down to sleep. The other crook led for the preacher's eye, but, after a minute of gentle bickering on the part of the man of the cloth, he, too, was fain to repose himself while the first took up the fight. The "parson" had both thieves taking the count when a plain clothes policeman, who should have been warning himself elsewhere, put in an appearance and arrested the preacher for disturbing the peace. By the time Mr. Mathews was subjugated the thieves had taken to the shadows and escaped.

The incident is worthy of more than passing notice for the lesson it teaches. When the wicked are made to feel the wrath of the righteous, it is time for the meek of heart to go in for physical culture. If Chicago should feel impelled to call the Rev. Edward Mathews to a South side pastorate more would be accomplished for the suppression of the hold-up man than could be attained by doubling the police force. When Christianity goes about armed with biceps that stand firm the crook will begin to feel the promptings of a soul that demands right living.

Miss Mabel Parker does not appear to be quite so Minneapolis as she was thought to be when first a Gotham detective began listening to her.

If the Colombians tell anything to our marines it will be time enough to believe that there is going to be something doing.

Gen. Black has jobs offered him at a rate that must disgust the native Ohioan who runs and reads the signs of the times.

There were a good many pairs of Spenders at the theater last night, and, of course, they all "rubbered."

Contemporary Comment

Prevalence of Profanity.

We do not know whether profane swearing is distinctively a national vice or not, but we do know that it is disgustingly prevalent. As a habit it degrades the reputation of all sane and healthy minds. It is a coarse and vulgar practice, even regarded apart from ethical considerations. The small boy indulges in profane language because he thinks it smart to dare the cautions of profanity, and but too often when he becomes a man he ceases to put away this childish and revolting thing. What he does at first from a false and immature motive becomes later in life a confirmed habit and often marks him to others as a person of much coarser fiber than he really is.—Boston Transcript.

Fire as a City Improver.

Fire is the greatest of architects. Cities would make but mean progress without an occasional conflagration. Men will hold on to a ramshackle property till it rots. Whole sections of cities are disgraced by decaying structures. Along comes the fire; eyecores disappear and in their place rise solid structures in keeping with the age. New York stands for this. It has burned here and there. Municipal administrations ought to be required by law to burn a certain amount of territory every year for a general improvement. This recommendation was included in the recent report of the art-commission. Perhaps the oversight might be corrected.—New York Press.

Leaky Officials in Washington.

There seems to be no end to the graft in Washington. It is openly charged by critics and brokers of the New York stock exchange that there was a leakage in the department of the agricultural department which advanced the price of cotton \$5 or more on a bale on one day last week, by which the parties who gave out and those who received the information profited largely.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Why \$10,000,000?

We do not agree to give Panama \$10,000,000 for the canal right, but we bind ourselves to support her and hold her hand against all foes. This covenant would have been, it seems to us, better had the money been for the rights. The \$10,000,000 is a needless gratuity. Perhaps the senate may take that view.—New York Times.

Lying and Fishing Go Together.

To fish is to perjure. The rule is inflexible. It is a truism that represents an apparent exception it must be remembered that he was in reality but little of a fisherman despite the clamor of the party who gave out and those who received the information profited largely.—Portland Oregonian.

Easy to Name the Latter.

Some countries are born with an isthmus, some achieve an isthmus and some have an isthmus thrust upon them. No reward is offered for guessing the answer.—Philadelphia Press.

Unworthiness of Sympathy.

Nobody need waste any sympathy on Gen. Wood. If that general had got what it wants it is proper to remember that it could have had it.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

The Helpless Public.

No use scolding. Oil will become scarce and high whenever Mr. Rockefeller says it shall, and what are you going to do about it?—Philadelphia Enquirer.

Where the Majority Stands.

The Republican majority will continue to "stand pat" on the Filipino neck—and on all our necks, in a summary sense.—Atlanta Constitution.

Having a Bully Time.

President Roosevelt not only has congress on his hands, but on his neck and in his hair.—Detroit Journal.

Is Keeping the Republicans Busy.

Still, Senator Gorman continues to steele his back. He cannot help seeing him.—Chicago Tribune.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Ryan: Sanford Keeler, Chicago; F. D. Fennan, Chicago; D. B. Dicker, Chicago; C. C. Cradock, Omaha; W. E. Wall, Wallace, Idaho; N. Withner, Wallace, Idaho; Thomas Cavanaugh, Olympia, Wash.; W. L. Chubb, Seattle, Wash.; W. J. C. Curtis, Chicago; J. Taylor, Chicago; J. M. Rappery, Chicago; W. B. Fells, Chicago; J. H. C. A. W. Spence, Hoyt, Superior, Wis.; W. C. Becker, Wagner, S. D.; I. T. Barrows, Ferguson, Mo.; J. A. Taber, S. D.; F. L. McWethy, Chicago.

WINDS.

George M. McDougall, Spokane, Wash.; J. H. Seaton, Seattle, L. W. Danielson, Sioux City, Iowa; W. D. Merchants, D. McCollough, Blanchard, N. D.; W. E. Seaton, D. Ballone, Chicago; J. Henning, Benton, Mont.; Mr. S. Spers, Seattle; W. A. Mayer, Hannibal, Mo.; A. N. Olsen, Winnipeg.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Minnesota—Fair Friday; warmer in southeast portion. Saturday probably snow, except fair in northwest. Wind fresh to brisk southeast winds, becoming light and variable in evening. Upper Michigan—Fair Friday. Saturday snow; winds becoming southwest and brisk. Wisconsin—Fair; warmer Friday. Saturday probably snow; fresh to brisk south winds. Iowa—Fair; warmer Friday. Saturday rain or snow. Montana—Fair Friday, except probably snow and colder in northeast portion. Saturday fair; colder in east and south portions. North Dakota—Fair in east; snow in west portion Friday; colder in northwest portion Saturday. South Dakota—Fair Friday; snow at night of Saturday; colder Saturday in extreme west portion. St. Paul—Yesterday's observations, taken by the United States weather bureau, at 7:30 a. m. W. D. Oliver, observer, for the twenty-four hours ended at 7 o'clock last night. Barometer corrected for temperature and elevation. Highest temperature, 17; lowest temperature, 7; average temperature, 5; daily range, 24; barometer, 30.36; humidity, 79; precipitation, 0; wind, northwesterly, 17; p. m. wind, southeast; weather, partly cloudy. Yesterday's temperatures.—St. Paul: Alpena, 18; Kansas City, 34; 40; Buffalo, 25; 30; Marquette, 18; 24; Winmark, 16; 22; Milwaukee, 17; 23; Duluth, 28; 28; Minneapolis, 19; 29; Boston, 28; 30; Montgomery, 56; 56; Grand Rapids, 22; St. Louis, 55; 55; Cheyenne, 28; 52; Moorhead, 8; 8; Chicago, 29; 29; Nashville, 32; 40; Grand Falls, 22; St. Louis, 55; 55; Cleveland, 22; 29; New York, 30; 32; Davenport, 29; 29; Norfolk, 30; 32; Des Moines, 24; 24; St. Paul, 30; 32; Detroit, 24; 24; Omaha, 30; 32; Duluth, 18; Philadelphia, 30; 34; Elmira, 24; 24; St. Paul, 30; 32; Escanaba, 18; 24; Appleton, 22; 22; Galveston, 58; San Francisco, 52; 51; Grand Rapids, 22; St. Louis, 55; 55; Green Bay, 10; 18; Salt Lake, 34; Helena, 34; St. Ste. Marie, 18; 22; Horn, 18; 18; St. Paul, 30; 32; Jacksonville, 52; 60; Winnipeg, 28; 29.

*Washington time (7 p. m. St. Paul).

What the Editors Say

If we may be allowed to judge from the reports in the Twin City papers, there are numerous seismitic disturbances likely to result from the appointments and disappointments that must follow in the wake of the proposed retirement, for political purposes, of Judge Collins, of the supreme court. This is to be regretted especially on the part of the private feelings of the venerable jurist whom the court is so parently about to lose. Naturally, like Uncle Toby, he would not hurt a fly, and would amiably suggest to the intruder that it go forth into the wide world, where there is plenty of room for both. But political buccannery, like that on the high seas, works wonderful changes in the disposition and destiny of those who engage in it, and thus it may yet be said of the St. Cloud aspirant—metaphorically speaking—of course—that he is "the mildest of men, but that ever he scolds or cuts a throat."—Winona Republican and Herald.

The Sixth District Will Be a Political Hot-Bed in the coming gubernatorial contest.

Mr. Dunn declares in the Princeton Union that if Judge Collins "gets any delegates outside of Stearns county he will have to fight and hustle as never before." and Editor Eastman, of St. Cloud, declares that "Mr. Dunn will understand before the campaign is many days older that if he gets any delegates outside of Stearns county he will have to fight and hustle as never did before." And candidate Neddy is by no means sure but what he will get a few votes up that way himself and before the campaign closes there may be candidates galore who will try to break into the Sixth district. Warm times are brewing for that locality.—Republican Gazette.

Left to his own judgment the chances are that Justice Collins would "let the law be the law" and demand it, which will probably result in Judge Collins and also Jim Martin, if he quits the board of control to manage the Collins campaign. Oh, there is no politics in the board of control, none whatever. The chairman to resign to manage the administration campaign. It is too bad that a board created for the ostensible purpose of better managing the institutions of the state should be used to further the candidacy of any man. Our present governor promised that it would be non-partisan when it was created, but the state has forgotten the promise. The people will remember and act accordingly.—Granite Falls Tribune.

Speaker Cannon in making the committee appointments ignored Representative Lind's eminent abilities for important committees and appointed him to the committee on the judiciary. These committees, the speaker's action in the matter was inspired by purely partisan motives with the intention of injuring Mr. Lind politically. Mr. Cannon cared little for the interests of the people of Minnesota as long as he thought he could aid his party and belittle the only Democratic congressman from this state.—Fairbault Pilot.

It is incredible that President Roosevelt, will, in his blind infatuation for Gen. Wood, follow a losing game in his behalf and lower himself in the eyes of the American people. Wood has been shown unworthy by good witnesses in the prosecution of a court prejudiced in his favor, and the only thing for Roosevelt as an honest man, and one who desires that honesty should prevail in the federal service, is to drop him as he would a hot potato.—Le Sueur Sentinel.

When Mr. Sam Fullerton goes down to Washington to answer Congressman Halvor Steenerson and a few other statesmen for eating Minnesota moose meat, it will be just as well to put a strong guard around the White house. Sam is liable to think his jurisdiction extends over the entire country. If he isn't reminded to the contrary.—Fairbault Daily Journal.

The Northfield News wants this clause inserted in the platform: "I pledge myself not to accept contributions from railroads and trusts, and will not permit my campaign committee to do so."

This is pretty good advice and an evidence that the sage of Carleton is going to be a candidate.—St. Peter Herald.

Talk about Minneapolis Republicans getting together on a candidate for that city! Why squander breath on a printer's ink discussing the impossible!—St. Cloud Journal-Press.

Among the Merry-makers

Know His Constituents. Dennis Flynn, of Oklahoma, former delegate in congress, was in Washington to attend the meeting of the Republican national committee. He and Mrs. Flynn came by way of Chicago. In that city Mrs. Flynn lost a hand bag containing \$700 worth of diamonds.

"There were \$700 worth of diamonds in it," said Flynn. "Where, here, Chicago?" broke in ex-representative "Dave" Mercer, of Nebraska, "what's the use being a piker? Why don't you go and get \$700 worth of diamonds instead of \$700 worth."

"Not me," replied Flynn. "I know my people. If I were running for office now the fact that we had even \$700 worth would kill me."—New York World.

"Oh, what a lovely lot of pillows you are going to have!" exclaimed the first floor girl. "But why are you making so many covers and not getting any of them filled?" "Well, arranged for that later," said the second floor girl; "you know Charlie Fullback and I are engaged."

"Well, after the Thanksgiving game he's going to have his hair cut and give it all to me!"—Cincinnati Times-Star.

The Red. "Spank the kids," Nick Butler says, "Let your hearts be stony. I was spanked when I was young. And now I'm Mayor Low's cronie."

"Spare the rod," Bill Maxwell cries, "With humor sharp and subtler. Spank the teachers, spare the boys. They might grow up like Butler."—Brooklyn Times.

Now They Don't Speak. Edith—George says he can't understand why I accepted him. Mayme—George isn't like other people. Edith—Why, what do you mean? Mayme—Other people can't understand why he proposed.—Chicago News.

Practiced. "Am I the only girl you ever loved?" asked the coy maiden, snuggling up close. "Mary," he said, "you are, but why ask me such an odd question? You're the twentieth girl that's sprung the same thing on me."—Baltimore News.

Courted Bankruptcy. Gertrude—Pope Madeline! She outmarried herself. Gertrude—Indeed? She married a duke, you know, and didn't have enough money to pay his bills. Town Topics.

Her Cultivated Taste. "How is your daughter getting on with her music?" "Very well," answered Mr. Cumrox. "She has got along so far that when I ask her to play anything I like she looks haughty and says, 'The Idea.'"—Washington Star.

At St. Paul Theaters

Peter Bines—Whisky is our staple drink, and when we want to test a new barrel, we inject a few drops into a jack rabbit, and if he don't lick a bulldog in six seconds we turn down the goods.

Peter Bines—Yes, but he's got to find out that there's a whole lot of difference between a great man of wealth and a man of great wealth.

Rulon Shepler—I suppose you know what you're going to do. Peter Bines—Know what I'm going to do? Florence Akemit—Dear Mr. Bines, you promised. What are you going to do? Peter Bines—I'm going to raise hell.

Peter Bines (to his son)—Don't be a piker. Play what are you going to do? Shepler take the ceiling for the limit and push that up a foot or two!

Billy Bruce—How do you play golf? Peter Bines—Well, you take the ball out of the hole and then you take the hole out of the ball. Then you take the ace open and cover the queen. It's good deal like fare, only not so exciting.

Billy—Yes, I know. A wholesome, entertaining American story, skillfully dramatized, is "The Spenders," in four acts, offered by William H. Crane and his company at the Metropolitan next night.

Mr. Crane never appeared to better advantage than in the role of Peter Bines. Mr. Rose's dramatization presents an excellent picture of the condition of the dramatic dish was inviting and enjoyable.

There are scenes that are a little too talky—that seem to delay action unprofitably, but they are not frequent, and all in all the play is a satisfying effort, presented in the breezy fashion that it was.

It bristles with epigrams of frontier make. Peter Bines perpetrates them. "Uncle Peter" is one of those homely philosophers who has literally drawn his inspiration from hard contact with Mother Earth. He loves the rugged mountain and gulches of Montana, and despite the artificialities of New York city and its environs, he frequently declares his contempt for the effete East in the vicinity of Greater New York. Perhaps this may account for the typical character of the play that play encountered in that city.

Mr. Rose has done a creditable piece of work in adapting Mr. Wilson's story to the stage. Those who have read the tale will miss a few scenes and many conversations. There isn't room for them all. On the other hand will find enjoyable the coherent, consecutive, possessing climaxes, and well acted.

Mr. Crane revels in the role of Peter Bines. In adapting himself to this big-hearted, whole-souled and determined old man, he again demonstrates histrionic ability of a distinctive character. His blunt speech and impulsive manner, his confusion in the face of an excitement, when Uncle Peter's words tumble over each other in their efforts to be heard, were all simulated by Mr. Crane with the most spontaneity that surely denotes the artist.

It was amusing to note the glibness of tongue with which Mr. Crane rattled off the similes so dear to the heart of a politician. In all street slang, the rapid, hearted, whole-souled and determined old man, he again demonstrates histrionic ability of a distinctive character. His blunt speech and impulsive manner, his confusion in the face of an excitement, when Uncle Peter's words tumble over each other in their efforts to be heard, were all simulated by Mr. Crane with the most spontaneity that surely denotes the artist.

An instructive and, of necessity, an interesting exhibition of the actor's art was furnished by Mr. Crane in the scene in which Uncle Peter simulates the agony of despair when his grandson informs him that he has lost his job in Wall street. The rapid transformations from real delight to assumed distress on the part of Uncle Peter, necessarily require broad method in acting, to actor less skilled and experienced than Mr. Crane would make a sorry mess of it.

Mr. Crane is surrounded by a competent supporting company. If one were charged with the task of making an effective characterization, that distinction would certainly be accorded to Miss Lida McMillan. Miss McMillan lent to the role of the scheming matchmaker, Mrs. Delmer, a most delightful personality, a breezy spontaneity and a self-possession quite captivating. It was a symmetrical, consistent portrayal, free from offensive self-consciousness.

A meritorious impersonation, characterized by innate refinement, was the portrayal of Advice Milbrey, young Peter's sweetheart, by Lucille Flynn. Miss Flynn did not display—if she possesses—marked emotional powers, but she did evince wise discretion in not attempting to look like the most effective characterization, that distinction would certainly be accorded to Miss Lida McMillan. Miss McMillan lent to the role of the scheming matchmaker, Mrs. Delmer, a most delightful personality, a breezy spontaneity and a self-possession quite captivating. It was a symmetrical, consistent portrayal, free from offensive self-consciousness.

The attraction at the Metropolitan the latter half of next week will be De Wolf Hopper in "Mr. Pickwick." There will be the usual Saturday matinee and a special matinee Christmas.

Tim Murphy is headed in this direction. The comedian is going to present a new comedy, "The Man from Missouri," which E. E. Rose and George V. Hobart have written for him. "The Man from Missouri" will be given at the Metropolitan opera house on Sunday night, Dec. 20, beginning an engagement of four nights, with the usual Wednesday matinee.

There will be three more performances of "Why Women Sin" at the Grand, tonight and tomorrow afternoon and night.

Isidore Witmark's musical comedy, "The Chaperons," will hold the boards at the Grand Christmas week.

Souvenirs will be presented each lady attending the special matinee at the Star theater. This evening athletic features will add to the attractions of a bill that includes many good vaudeville specialties.

DID HE DUPLICATE HIS PAY ACCOUNTS?

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Charges of duplicating his pay accounts for October and November were today preferred against Capt. John W. L. Phillips, twenty-seventh United States infantry, by Col. Francis S. Dodge, chief paymaster of the department of the East.

Capt. Phillips is on leave of absence from his regiment, which is now stationed at the Philippines. Following immediately on the heels of suit for the return of the captain, in which Mrs. Phillips brings counter charges, the case has awakened unusual interest in army circles.

CHAMBERLAIN IS CALLED DICTATOR

London Paper Protests Against Commission as Defiance of Governmental Authority.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—In this morning's issue the Standard enters a strong protest against Mr. Chamberlain's commission as involving a complete change of constitutional methods and being akin to defiance, alike of the authority of the crown, the cabinet and the legislature. The paper demands that Mr. Balfour disavow the commission, that the condition of the attempt to "assert an irresponsible dictatorship" and take steps to deprive the movement of any sort of official recognition. It declares that the members of the commission are mostly wealthy protectionists, hardly one of whom would be entitled to sit on a really strong royal commission.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—It was announced today that the following have already accepted positions on Joseph Chamberlain's commission of experts, which is to inquire into the condition of British trade and report thereon, with the object of drawing up a tariff reform measure: Charles Booth, Sir Vincent Callard, Sir Arthur Keene, Sir William T. Lewis, Alfred Mosely, Sir Andrew Noble, Charles A. Parsons, Sir Charles Tennant, Sir Alfred Wainwright, Sir John W. Williams, Henry Grenfell, Frederick L. Harris, Sir Alexander Henderson, Sir Alfred Hickman, A. W. Maconochie, Charles Allen, Richard Burdidge, J. R. Candlish, W. H. Mitchell, F. J. Waring Jr. and J. Howard Cook.

The secretary of the commission will be William A. S. Hewins, director of the office of the general secretary of political science and teacher of modern economic history in the University of London, etc. Mr. Hewins will be assisted by a large staff of experts and statisticians. It is understood that the committee shall meet twice a week commencing about the middle of January. All the members are prominent in business and public life, and several are members of parliament.

GERMAN ARTISTS SPLIT.

Impressionists Form a League in Opposition to General Association. BERLIN, Dec. 17.—As a result of the controversy between the artists of the Impressionist school and the general Association of Art Societies of Dresden concerning the representation of Germany at the St. Louis exposition, a convention of impressionists from all the leading cities of Germany was held at Weimar today for the purpose of establishing a league in opposition to the general association.

Count Kessler, director of the Weimar art exhibition, took the initiative in bringing the protesting artists together, and at the Weimar government, it is reported, intended to make it possible to promote the new movement.

It was voted to establish a German artists' league, with permanent headquarters at Weimar. The league's plan of campaign for forcing representation at the St. Louis exposition has not yet been divulged, but it is expected that a formal demand will soon be made on Herr Lewald, the imperial German commissioner, to force the old association to concede to the new organization a proportionate share of the space allotted to Germany at St. Louis.

DIES FOR A GIRL.

Naval Constructor Is Killed While Saving Finance Minister's Daughter. BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Miss von Rheinbaben, daughter of the finance minister, Baron von Rheinbaben, had a narrow escape from serious injury or death today. She, between two electric cars, but for the English sailor, Henry Davidson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, rushed to her assistance, and, in pulling Miss von Rheinbaben out of danger, was killed by one of the cars. Miss von Rheinbaben was uninjured.

Merely Impressing the Natives. ROME, Dec. 17.—The bombardment of Durbo, in Italian Somaliland, where Lieut. Grainger was killed, has been undertaken by the Italian warship Galilee, is merely for the purpose of impressing the natives. It is pointed out in official circles that Italy does not need foreign assistance to punish those who offend her, as might be thought after the revenge taken at Durbo by the British warship Mohawk.

Dreyfus Will Be Reinstated.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The libel of the press has considered the details of Dreyfus' reinstatement in the army and that the regiment he will command, with the rank of lieutenant colonel, has been chosen. It is added that Dreyfus was killed by one of the cars. Miss von Rheinbaben was uninjured.

Now He Is Bishop.

ROME, Dec. 17.—Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the propaganda, was received in audience by the