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Important Announcement of Policy Made—Census-Taking a Preliminary to Turning the Government Over to the Cubans Entirely—Comment on the Meeting of South American Presidents—Anti-Imperialists at Work—Philippine News. Washington, Aug. 12.—Two conferences held yesterday hastened the Cuban problem well toward completion. The first was at the census bureau between Acting Director Wines, the chief statisticians, and the geographer and the Cuban commissioners. The most important conference was held later when Secretary of War Root, Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn, Acting Director Wines, and Chief Hunt, of the population section of the census, were in conference preparatory to a conference Secretary Root will have with the Cuban commissioners this afternoon. At this meeting it was officially stated that the policy and purpose of the United States are to make the Cubans self-governing—a condition which, when reached, will be followed by this government turning over governmental control of every nature to the Cubans. Object of All the Work. Everything will be subordinated to this end, and it will be a guiding factor in the census taking. While General Sanger will have general charge a civilian will be sent from here to take direct control of the entire work in the island. Victor H. Olmstead, of this city, an expert statistician with the department of labor, has been assigned for this office. One point discussed at the conference with Secretary Root was the fact that the population of Cuba is probably much larger than the census of 1887 showed, for the reasons that the Spanish census had fallen from a shelf in the house and putting it into a paper bag threw it into a fire which was burning in the yard, thinking she could get away in time to escape injury. Her 10-year-old son, who was standing near the fire, was so badly burned on face and body that he will die, and Mrs. Coulton is also in a critical condition.

Window Glass Trouble Ahead. Pittsburg, Aug. 12.—Word is brought from Philadelphia, where the window glass workers have just closed their convention, that because of their failure to arrange for a conference with the independent workers they have entered into a compact with the independents. The agreement is that the workers will receive the advance of 7 1/2 per cent, which they have been contending for, they in return to work with the independent manufacturers. More than 25,000 glass workers will be affected by the new arrangement.

Strike of Telegraph Operators. Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 12.—Fifty operators in the Rock Island freight office here struck yesterday for higher wages. They have been getting 12 1/2 cents an hour and want 15. After several hours of idleness the local agent persuaded them to return on promise of satisfactory settlement by the general manager.

Gold Awaiting Shipment. Seattle, Wash., Aug. 12.—It is stated that there is now at St. Michael, Alaska, about \$3,000,000 worth of gold dust for shipment to San Francisco and Seattle.

Dixon and Santry Fight a Draw. New York, Aug. 12.—The Dixon-Santry fight was declared a draw at the end of the twentieth round.

A Coleridge. "Are you superstitious?" said one young lady to another in a confidential chat. "No; that is, I never was until yesterday. A very strange thing occurred to a friend of mine then, and now I do not know whether I am superstitious or not. It happened in this way: She and I were sitting in her room, and she was telling me the details of her marriage engagement, which had been broken off that very day. While she was talking she raised her left arm and threw it over the back of the chair where she was sitting, and as she did so a heavy link bracelet fell to the floor. It was her engagement bracelet and had been locked on her arm for more than a year. How or why it came unfastened I do not know."—Detroit Free Press.

A Strange Clock. A strange clock was made during the last century for a French nobleman. The dial was horizontal, and the figures, being hollow, were filled with different sweets or pieces. Thus, running his finger along the hand, by tasting, the owner could tell the hour without a light. Copying ink may be made by dissolving lump sugar in the common ink, used in the portion of one dram of the former to one ounce of the latter. One way to hear a pin drop is to heat it red hot and drop it into a keg of powder.—Philadelphia Record.

The Worst Ever. Burgling Bill—is he lazy? Why, honestly, if that fellow wuz goin ter commit murder, he'd do it in New York state so's he could sit down when he died.—Kansas City Independent.

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