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Justice, Not Aid.

The little indications of policy which have leaked from the White House in connection with Cuba are, on the whole, encouraging.

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As the days go by we hope to see evidence that the present Administration does not regard the struggle for independence of a brave American people with the heartless indifference that characterized the Cleveland-Olney regime.

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We believe that a great majority of American citizens are eager that the Government should acknowledge the independence of Cuba. If it will not do that, Cubans will be content with nothing less than that it shall refrain from helping Spain in the fight.

A Matter of Diplomacy.

It would seem that Mr. Hanna is already beginning to justify the high expectations of The Times. The enemies of Hanna have freely scoffed at him. They have called him a bulldozer in politics; and some have fancied from these descriptions that he must carry concealed about his person several bowie knives, all dripping blood.

There is need for Mr. Hanna's utmost conservatism and diplomacy in managing the Senate—or rather, in managing the affairs of the Senate. For the most difficult political problems are certain to plague the body of Republican Senators.

Foraker and Storer.

The Times doesn't propose to dabble officiously in Republican politics, except now and then to keep them as warm as possible, but it must protest against the uncalculated and ungenerous warfare which is just now being waged against Hon. Joseph B. Foraker of Ohio by certain members of the newspaper press.

Arms and Expeditions.

Assuming that the foreign policy of the new Administration will be more American, and less friendly to foreign domination in the Western Hemisphere than was that of the late one, it also may be assumed that President McKinley and Secretary Sherman will not prove as complacent as their predecessors were in devoting the United States Navy to the service of Spain in running down every rumor of armed expeditions reported by the legion of spies, detectives, and other secret service agents of the Spanish power in the United States.

lany Storer are essential to the success of Mr. Sherman's administration of the State Department. Whether they are or not, Mr. Foraker seems determined to oppose his aspirations. Will Mr. Sherman yield? And if he will not, will Mr. McKinley think it politic to oppose his distinct wish, perhaps the only expressed wish, of Mr. Hanna's humble colleague in the Senate? Every vote in the upper branch seems at the present writing to be very important to the Republican cause of more protection and less money. Perhaps Mr. Foraker will win.

A Joyous Meeting.

Here is Arthur Pue Gorman, and here also is Matthew Stanley Quay. They are odd but familiar names, associated with two United States Senators, the former from Maryland, the latter from Pennsylvania. Mr. Gorman has been accounted the great tactician of his party, though it has happened that his surpassing political talents have not been brought fully into requisition in recent Presidential campaigns.

Mr. Gorman and Mr. Quay have been for years, however, the acknowledged ablest politicians of their respective parties; but, as almost always happens with the real warriors of politics, the leading campaigneers go on into the open and stand there, and make the history of battles and of campaigns. They have found, on one occasion or another, that their dealings with the chief beneficiaries of their party victories have been unsatisfactory.

Good for McKinley, say we, that he has felt like seeing these gentlemen so soon! And good for them that they have felt like going.

Mr. Wolcott and His Patronage.

It seems altogether appropriate and lovely that Senator Wolcott should have entire control of the Colorado patronage under this Administration. Mr. Wolcott has made his sacrifices for the cause of McKinley and the single gold standard. He has doubtless considered well, long before this, the consequences of such a process on his own political fortunes in his own Congressional State. Mr. Wolcott used to say that his esteemed colleague, Hon. Henry M. Teller, could always count upon being received at the depot in Denver on his return from Washington by a crowd of at least 10,000 friends, while it was doubtful in his own case if even the Pullman porter seemed glad at his arrival home.

The Currency Issue.

It would be interesting to know just what the New York Chamber of Commerce expects will result, in case President McKinley adopts its suggestion and recommends Congress to proceed to legislate on the currency as well as on the tariff. Of course, the President knows, in common with the Senate and House, that having called Congress in special session, he cannot limit its right to take up the currency or any general legislation; or to restrict its general lawmaking functions in any way. Its constitutional powers are identical the same in an extra as in a regular session. The probable intention to reach such a practical restriction by the non-organization of committees in the House has been defeated through the necessity for naming them to take up the pocketed appropriation bills. But, that consideration aside, it is more than likely that the President would have asked for currency legislation, judging from the expressions he used in his inaugural address.

It may be predicted that the results of such a request, or of the introduction of the question without it, will not be agreeable to the well-known views of gentlemen who constitute the New York Chamber of Commerce. They must believe, or at least hope, that the Administration is strong enough in Congress to retire the greenbacks and to tie the country exclusively to gold and national bank notes, or they would not be so pressing at this time. They may as well realize now that the precarious balance of power which the Administration is counting on in the Senate to pass the tariff bill will face about and become an absolute and determined antagonism when it shall come to an effort to further fasten the chains of the single standard and national bank slavery on the necks of the people.

The currency question to be considered, because that is the vital and sole issue of the Presidential campaign. We want to see it fully discussed. We have not the least idea that its outcome will be anything from which comfort may be derived by any gold standard influence.

Is It Possible?

From the New York Journal. Mr. Platt is no longer able to conceal the fact that he is no longer an enthusiastic supporter of Bills for a Cabinet position. This sort of thing may encourage the "sidekick" to give Hon. Warren Miller a first class appointment.

Mr. Reid Speaks Out.

From the New York Tribune. Those who rail against the anti-slavery role as subversive of American liberty should be wholly deaf, since it is still true that "The right to be a cussed fool is safe from all devices human."

The Spring Awakening. From the New York Sun. The disease springing even in Cleveland has run its term. The process of recuperation and rehabilitation cannot be retarded. The New York cannot open with the crocuses of March.

Deceived. From Harper's Round Table. When you stepped on that gentleman's foot, Tommie, I hope you apologized? "No, I didn't," said Tommie, "and he gave me ten cents for being such a good boy. And what did you do then?" "Stepped on the other and apologized again, but it didn't work."

much of a tendency to go outside of international law, treaties, justice, and decency, in order to assist Spain in its effort to crush freedom in Cuba. Within the letter of our national duties and responsibilities, as they appear to be interpreted, there is little enough that the government can do to give encouragement to a neighboring American community struggling for independence from a cruel foreign despotism. At least it need not go beyond the letter of its obligations, in aid of a power that systematically insults its flag and imprisons and murders its citizens.

Another Draw for Greece.

The answer of Greece to the powers was based as well on the advice of some strong and secretly friendly nation among them as upon the logic and equities of her position, the consequent situation may mean a great deal. It is very certain, at least, that the hubbub and negative character of that answer has compelled an abandonment of the bullying attitude adopted toward King George up to Sunday and, what is far more important, leaves him leeway for some days, possibly a week or two, which he can and is availing himself of to hurry for war troops and supplies to Thessaly.

Now the concert talk is of a "peaceful blockade," which may not close in and become embarrassing to Greece for a fortnight. This is said to be the proposition of Germany, which, however, might be radically changed if the report be true that a blank shot fired from a German at a Greek warship was replied to with a broadside. Italy seems to regard the powers as not yet sufficiently in accord to justify final joint action of coercive character. England and France take much the same view. Lord Salisbury counsels delay and further negotiation at Athens. The consensus of European opinion appears to be that war is inevitable between Greece and Turkey, and that it may or may not go farther.

The report that the Greeks have destroyed the bridges between Monastir, where the Turks are concentrated in Macedonia, and the Gulf of Salonica, is pregnant of immediate hostilities. Sublimity is the present Turkish base of supplies and communication. If the job has been done thoroughly and the rising in Macedonia and Albania is as widespread as expected, the Turks will be in a critical position. Should Serbia and Bulgaria act promptly that position might become untenable. The idea that the sultan has an easy thing in his projected attack upon Greece from the north is fast disappearing. While the coasts are open King George has chartered every available steamer to rush men and means to Thessaly.

In Crete the Greeks are in a situation of advantage in the interior, from which it would be difficult to dislodge them with any show of force that the powers would feel disposed to employ at the present juncture. Altogether, the game is with King George, or all the signs fall, and the din of battle may be listened for in Thessaly before many days, for anything to the contrary that can be recognized in the status as latest presented.

Execution of William Haas Will Be the First Under It.

Columbus, Ohio, March 9.—The supreme court of the State affirmed the sentence of death in the case of William Haas, a Cincinnati night watchman, and he will be electrocuted on April 8, unless Gov. Bushnell intervenes with the sentence. He will be the first victim of the electric chair under the new legislation of Ohio. Haas, killed Mary Brady in Cincinnati on the night of July 3, 1896.

Three Killed in a Labor Riot.

Columbus, Ohio, March 9.—A serious dispute occurred today among the Janitors employed as laborers on the Calera section of the Panama Canal and some other of the canal employees. The men finally became enraged in a fight which the police were unable to quell. The military authorities were called upon for assistance, and a detachment of troops was sent to the scene of the disturbance. Their presence had the effect of restoring order. During the fighting three of the laborers were killed and several wounded. An inquiry into the affair is being held by the British consul.

Welcomed Mr. Stevenson.

Bloomington, Ill., March 9.—The homecoming of ex-Vice President Stevenson was made the occasion of a reception to-night, in which Democrats, Republicans and Populists joined, to show their esteem for their old fellow-republican. Sandusky, Ohio, and Toledo, Ohio. Today word was received from Sandusky that Burton was wanted there for embezzlement. It is understood he is wanted in Toledo on a similar charge. Burton's wife and family live in Sandusky.

Ran a Sham Employment Bureau.

Toronto, March 9.—H. G. Burton was arrested here a few days ago, charged with running a sham employment bureau, and on papers found on him it is shown that he conducted a similar business in Sandusky, Ohio, and Toledo, Ohio. Today word was received from Sandusky that Burton was wanted there for embezzlement. It is understood he is wanted in Toledo on a similar charge. Burton's wife and family live in Sandusky.

Fayerweather Requests Will Stand.

Albany, N. Y., March 9.—The bequests from the Fayerweather estate to the several colleges and institutions which were decided to be legal a few weeks ago by the court of appeals, will stand. The court this morning handed down a decision upholding the motion to reopen the case, which was made a week ago. By this decision the court practically declares that its first decision in the case shall stand, and that the legacies must be paid.

Railroad Legislation in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., March 9.—Gov. Leedy today vetoed the Harris railroad bill to empower the State board of railroad commissioners to establish freight and passenger rates. The Governor wants the legislature to pass a maximum rate bill. It is about time to adjourn and no railroad legislation is probable.

Train Breaks Through a Bridge.

Pulman, Conn., March 9.—A New England freight train going through here early today broke in two and the sections collapsed on a long iron bridge seventy feet high. Fifteen of the cars were smashed, most of them into splinters. Nobody was hurt. Both tracks were blocked until noon and all travel was stopped.

Actor Killed by a Train.

Danbury, Conn., March 9.—Robert K. Murphy, an actor, was struck by a Consolidated passenger train near Danbury this morning and instantly killed. Murphy, in company with two other men, was en route toward Danbury on the railroad tracks.

FAREWELL TO HIS SON.

George Matthews Says Good-by to His Adopted Boy. Baltimore, March 9.—The adopted child of George Matthews, the convicted murderer of James Irwin, at Allen's Fresh, Charles county, who will be hanged Friday, was taken to the jail yesterday and spent several hours with Matthews. The little fellow is about seven years of age. His name is Samuel Thompson and he is a pupil of St. Mary's Industrial School. He was taken to the jail at 11 o'clock in the morning by one of the brothers from the school and remained until 4 o'clock.

He is a bright little chap and conversed freely with Matthews. He brought with him for his adopted father a bag of peanuts, and Matthews in return gave the boy a prayer-book. Matthews showed pleasure at seeing the boy, but was not particularly demonstrative in his manner of reception. He gave the youngster good advice as to the way he should conduct himself, and bade him good-by forever. It was the last time the lad will ever see Matthews.

The condemned man had little to say yesterday, but seemed to be in fairly good spirits. He stated that the adopted son was the child of a friend of his and before the boy's mother died several years ago she asked him to take care of her child. It is expected that Matthews will be taken from the jail to Charles county Thursday afternoon. Gov. Lowndes yesterday notified the friends of Matthews that positively no interference with the execution must be expected. This action the Governor stated is final, and was taken after thoughtful consideration of the merits of the case.

Scott Wade, of Charles county, desires to perform his disagreeable part of the duty of hanging Matthews with as much privacy as circumstances will permit, but the present county trustees as at present advised will not receive any proposal to make more than to recede from the public gaze the death struggles after the trap has been sprung. A food fence, which was ordered to be placed around the scaffold, is but sixteen feet high, while the scaffold shows several feet above the top of the fence. The road probably have been erected for the fact that the scaffold was received after the building of the fence was in progress. The scaffold is the property of James George county, and was loaned for this execution.

LONG LITIGATION ENDED.

Famous Suit Against Judge Stevenson Barke Dismissed. Columbus, O., March 9.—The circuit court gave decision here today which will probably terminate the long litigation over the alleged fraud of Judge Stevenson Barke and his associates in the management of the Columbus, Hocking Valley and Toledo Railway in bonding the property for \$8,000,000, very little of which, as the present stockholders claim, was ever used in the proposed improvements of the road. Having lost the case against Barke and his associates in one suit, the stockholders brought the case anew in the name of the Central Trust Company of New York, which claimed some interest in the bonds.

The owners of the road seemed likely to win in this second suit, when attorneys aiming to represent the trust company appeared in court and asked that the suit be dismissed. The attorneys for the stockholders were surprised and charged that there was unprofessional conduct on the part of the attorneys for the trust company. Judge Fugh ruled to entertain the motion to dismiss the suit. On this question the case was taken to the circuit court, which today dismissed the suit.

ROADS SEEMED CRUSHED.

Testimony That the News of Jameson's Raid Astonished Him. London, March 9.—The South African committee appointed by the House of Commons to inquire into the Jameson raid into the Transvaal resumed its sittings in Westminster Hall today. The examination of Cecil Rhodes, ex-premier of the Cape Colony, having been concluded at the last sitting, public interest in the proceedings fell off, as was apparent from the small attendance of spectators. The witness, Sir Graham J. Fisher, formerly secretary to the government general of the Cape Colony, was called to the stand, and testified that, in his opinion, a Transvaal government, controlled by the capitalists at Johannesburg, would be practically worse for British interests than a government controlled by President Kruger. He was certain that Dr. Jameson's raid was a surprise to Mr. Rhodes, who seemed crushed when informed of it, and said to the witness that he felt he must resign his office of premier in consequence of it.

Probably a Collision at Sea.

Philadelphia, March 9.—The British steamer Robert Harrowing, here from Boston, reports that on March 8, when ten miles southeast from Barnegat, she passed a submerged wreck with two masts extending out of the water about eighteen feet. In the wreckage she also saw what appeared to be a second sunken craft, of larger dimensions, and with jibboom extending five feet above the water.

Kolumber Inhaled Gas.

New York, March 9.—Michael Kolumber, thirty-five years old, of Siegfried Bridge, Pa., was found dead in his room 1013 at the Ludman's Hotel, 120 Columbia street. It is supposed that he committed suicide by inhaling gas.

Steamer Aurania Overdue.

New York, March 9.—The Canadian liner Aurania, from Liverpool, which was due here Sunday, had not been sighted up to noon today. She is probably delayed by the heavy weather which has prevailed on the Atlantic for the past two weeks.

A Monument to Mansfield.

Rockville, Md., March 9.—The Cromwell Lodge, No. 89, Knights of Pythias, of Montgomery county, will erect a handsome monument to the memory of their departed brother, Samuel Mansfield.

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ABNER MCKINLEY'S APPLICATION.

Asks for Admission to the New York Bar. New York, March 9.—The admission to the New York bar of three Ohio lawyers, one of them Abner McKinley, a brother of the President, was moved today before Justice VanBrent, in the appellate division of the supreme court. The admission of Abner McKinley was moved by Col. John E. McCook. Henry W. Fay moved the admission of Frank A. Cleary, and William H. Stayton moved that John J. Logan Campbell be admitted.

In each case Justice VanBrent took the papers, saying that if everything was regular the applications would be admitted. When the third applicant was mentioned as a member of the Ohio bar the justice remarked, with a smile: "It is evident that under the new Administration the Ohio men are migrating."

A FAT WOMAN'S DEATH.

Only Four and a Half Feet Tall and Weighed Over 400. Pittsburg, March 9.—Miss Ruth Hollar, who weighed 400 pounds, died at her home in Allegheny today of fatty degeneration of the heart.

Within the last three years Mrs. Hollar increased in weight from scarcely 100 pounds to over 400 pounds. During the past six months Mrs. Hollar has lived in the second story of her home, being unable, on account of her enormous size, to get either up or down stairs. She was only about four feet five inches in height.

SCIENCE OF GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Bryan Addresses a Crowd of 12,000 at Little Rock. Little Rock, Ark., March 9.—A crowd of 10,000 or 12,000 greeted Hon. W. J. Bryan when he appeared on the stand in front of the state house at 10:30 this morning. Gov. Jones and Gen. James C. Taggart, speaker of the house, appeared on the stand with the distinguished speaker. Mr. Bryan's talk, after a few complimentary remarks on the warmth of the receipt on tendered him by the citizens, was confined to the science of government, and that he touched a popular chord in all it uttered was attested by most vigorous applause. Mr. Bryan left for Memphis on the afternoon train.

THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

The Fight of Last Winter Will Be Renewed. Frankfort, Ky., March 9.—When the State senate meets Saturday there will be thirty-five senators sitting and entitled to vote. Five new men will present credentials. The four of these are Republicans, and the plan of the other Democrats will be to keep them from being seated, and thus prevent the election of a Republican United States Senator. Contests have been filed against the four Republicans, and the Blackburn people claim to have enough votes to refer their credentials until the contests are passed upon.

It is going to be the old fight of last winter over again. SWORE HE WAS INNOCENT. Words of Murderer's Brain After Sentence Was Pronounced. Eoston, March 9.—Thomas M. Brain, the convicted murderer of Capt. Nash, of the barkentine Herbert Fuller, was this afternoon, in the United States circuit court, sentenced to be hanged on Friday, June 18, in Charles street jail, this city. Sentence was pronounced by Judge Call. Brain said in court: "In the presence of Almighty God, I am innocent of what I am charged. God knows it, and He will protect me."

Will Sue for Insurance Money.

Frankfort, Ky., March 9.—The State is preparing suits to recover from life insurance companies the amount of the policies on the life of ex-State Treasurer Dick Tate, who defaulted for \$250,000. The policies have been kept up by daughter and son-in-law. Tate has not been heard from in eight years, and the suit will be brought on the ground that the law presumes him dead.

Killed by a Cave In.

Danville, Ky., March 9.—White Taylor Stivers and John Bailey were working in a mine at Altamont last night, a piece of slate ten feet wide by fifteen feet long and three feet thick fell on them. Their bodies had to be mined out.

Powley Killed His Wife.

Niagara Falls, March 9.—Robert J. Powley shot and killed his wife late last night as she lay in bed in her room at Suspension Bridge. He then set fire to the place and fled, but was arrested soon afterward. The fire was put out before it did much damage.

Dupont Rolling Mill Blown Up.

Wilmington, Del., March 9.—At 1:30 this afternoon a rolling mill in the Hagley yard of the Dupont Powder Works, blew up. The building was destroyed, and Walker was killed. He leaves a large family.

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