

Victoria Weekly Times

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PART 1.

MELLO'S DANGER

The Rebel Admiral's Position Growing Unenviable.

HIS FOES ARE MASSING EVERYWHERE

Peixoto's Agents Purchase Five Prussian Cruisers.

El Cid and Britannia to be Rechristened Nietherly and America, Respectively—Believed That Mello Must Capitulate in a Few Days—His Chances of Success Fast Vanishing.

Berlin, Nov. 11.—It is reported that the agent of President Peixoto of Brazil has bought five fast-going steamers from the Schichau shipbuilding yards at Elbinga, West Prussia. It is further said the cruisers will be fitted out to operate against the rebels.

Honduras's Responsibility.
San Salvador, Nov. 11.—Minister Young has telegraphed to the Honduran minister of foreign affairs asking if his government accepts the responsibility for the act of the commander of the port of Amapeba, when he fired upon the Pacific mail steamer Costa Rica when she was flying the American flag.

Shaking off Railway Sharks.
City of Mexico, Nov. 11.—It is reported on good authority that the government intends declaring the forfeiture of all railway concessions now in force, the provisions of which have not been complied with in every detail. This action will clear away the speculators who have been making money out of the sale of them at a profit in the United States of Europe and will enable the government to treat with responsible people.

Fled to Germany.
New York, Nov. 11.—Adrian van Sinderen, trustee of the late Lawrence estate, who, it is alleged, embezzled \$100,000 from that estate, and who, it was believed, died in Brooklyn, has been found in Berlin, Germany, by New York detectives. He is under indictment in this city for grand larceny. Efforts are being made by the district attorney to have him returned to this country to stand trial.

Robbed by Experts.
Bardwell, Ky., Nov. 11.—Three masked men stopped the north-bound train on the Kentucky Central at Bardwell, and robbed it of two money packages en route to Chicago. The first of the robbers was the train was leaving the engine, confronted them with revolvers and compelled the engineer to pull up at the trestle. The amount stolen is not known. After securing the money the robbers told the engineer to go ahead at full speed. The passengers were not disturbed. A posse is in pursuit.

American Income Tax.
Washington, Nov. 11.—Although the hearing before the sub-committee on ways and means on the subject of the income tax yesterday was informal a number of leading members of the Democratic party were present. Besides the members of the committee, Hall, Denham, and others, the speaker had evidently given the subject much thought and gave numerous citations from eminent writers on taxation and economic subjects. The principle upon which he based his demand for income tax was that the government should have the proportion of government expenses in the same ratio as the derived benefit from government. Such tax did not affect the distribution of wealth.

Banned by Bismarck.
Berlin, Nov. 11.—M. Detroyat, representing the Journal Paris, sent to interview Prince Bismarck, was expelled from Friedrichsruhe to-day by the order of the prince's secretary.

Uncle Sam's New Boats.

Philadelphia, Nov. 11.—The triple screw cruiser, Columbia, left Cramp's ship yards for her official trial at 10:50 this morning. The Columbia is the most powerful vessel which will probably proceed directly to Boston, arriving tomorrow.

San Francisco, Nov. 11.—The U. S. cruiser Olympia, which sailed out of the Golden Gate last Wednesday morning, commanded by Capt. Goodall, for her contractor's trial trip to sea, returned to port at 9:30 this morning. The vessel steamed as far as Santa Barbara channel, and her trip was a success in every particular. She attained a speed of 21.26 knots, proving herself to be an admirable sea boat and easy to manage. The officers and crew of the Union Iron Works officials are jubilant over the new cruiser's wonderful performance.

The cruiser made her speed trial on Thursday, going over the course of 43 miles each way, and making an average speed of 21 knots. Speaking of her performance, President Scott, of the Union Iron Works, said it was most extraordinary considering the fact that the Olympia had not been docked for four months, and also that ordinary coal had been used. He expressed himself as confident the new cruiser would make at least 22 knots on her official trip.

Ignoring the Union.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 11.—Notices posted in all the foundries in the city state that hereafter they will run open shops. This virtually ignores the union. The union scale of wages will not be signed and the moulders are greatly excited. A general strike may be commenced.

THE HANGING RECORD.

England Enjoys the Distinction of Hanging It.

London, Nov. 13.—There is much interest in legal circles relative to the publication of the legal proceedings in the case of the assassin of Mayor Harrison at Chicago. The course of American justice in this particular case will be watched closely, that comparisons may be made with the swiftness of the English law. Had such a crime been committed in this country short shrift would have been given the criminal. A recent examination of the records of the trials for capital offenses in eight of the leading cities of the country shows that, with few exceptions, murderers expiated their crimes within two months of commission. In one instance a criminal who was caught red-handed was held for trial by the lower court three days after the crime; a week later he was tried in the higher court, convicted and sentenced to death, and two weeks later the sentence was executed. Four days less than a month elapsed between the crime and the execution. There is practically no defence in the case of Prendergast, the trial itself should not take more than a day. Legal and police authorities believe the English record should be broken. The discussion going on on this point shows how widespread is the sensation caused by the assassination of Harrison.

Opium on the Unatilla.

San Francisco, Nov. 11.—Customs Inspector Greenan arrested Charles Brown today on a charge of attempting to smuggle opium ashore from the steamer Unatilla. Brown's effects were stowed away in a chest, and on close examination being made it was found that this chest had falsified bottom. It consisted of a sliding drawer, held in place by a spring, and filled with opium. When questioned about the matter Brown said he was a sailor and had bought the chest at an auction sale. He knew nothing about the opium and the false bottom was something he had not known of. He took his arrest very coolly, and expressed the opinion that he could not be hanged for the offence. While Brown maintains that he is innocent, his story did not strike the customs officials very favorably. He is a member of the sailors' union.

McKinley's Abnegation.

Akron, Ohio, Nov. 11.—The Republican executive committee received the following telegram from Governor McKinley, through Major Dick, to-day:

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 11.
Major C. P. Dick, chairman of the Republican state central committee—My Dear Sir: Replying to your request, for the Republican committee of Akron, that I should attend a justification proposed to be held on Tuesday next, I have to say that I appreciate greatly the honor of the invitation and that nothing would give me more pleasure than to mingle with the Republicans of Summit county in rejoicing over the result of the campaign which was so well inaugurated at the city of Akron on the 12th of September. The long campaign through which I have passed has been so fatiguing that I feel that I should take a much needed rest, and for this reason I have been constrained to decline many invitations of like character from different parts of the state. And besides these justifications are expensive, and I am like this, while there has been a time when I should have seemed to me that the money that would be required for a justification could be better expended for the unemployed and for those distressed. I congratulate the Republicans of Summit county and the men of all parties who joined with us in securing the victory for protection over free trade. Very sincerely yours,
WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

Newfoundland Government Defeated.

St. Johns, Nfld., Nov. 11.—Bonaville constituency is the only one in which the government was defeated since yesterday. The result is a defeat for the government. Three opposition candidates were elected by a majority of 1,100 over the government. The opposition leader, Mr. Robert Thornhill, formerly premier of the island, who deserted his party a month ago because of some fancied slights and joined the government ranks, contested Bonaville in his interest. His defeat, which is complete, meets general satisfaction here. This raises the strength of the opposition to 10 members. The government has 21.

Escape from Siberia.

San Francisco, Nov. 10.—The five Russian convicts who escaped from Siberia and were picked up in an open boat by the whaler Charles Morgan, after being ten days at sea, with five other convicts, arriving here the night before, were arrested at the instance of the immigration commissioner. The Cape Horn pigeon got in at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the other five convicts on board were at once taken to custody. All will be held until the government hears from Russia.

Washington City, Nov. 10.—The case of the escaped Siberian convicts, picked up at sea by an American vessel, has been officially brought to the attention of the treasury department here. There might be a nice question of international law involved. The Russian government, of course, regards the men as escaped convicts. Under American law ordinary convicts are debared from landing, but political convicts are not. The question as to whether they will be treated as political prisoners or not is now the subject for careful investigation.

American News.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 10.—The world's convention of Christian workers opened this afternoon and the city is filled with delegates from all the leading cities of the country, as well as from Canada. Three thousand accredited delegates were expected to answer the roll call. The convention will be in session for a week and will consider, among other things, what methods should be adopted for developing religious work among the poor of large cities.

SOCIETY STAGGERED

Ottawa's Snobocracy Receives a Stunning Blow

FROM HIS EXCELLENCY LORD ABERDEEN

Who Condemns the Opera La Mascotte as Improper

And Suggestive and Not to be Patronized—It Was to be Given by the Fashionables for Charity's Sake—And by a Church Choir Too—Editor Ellis' Great Triumph.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—Lord and Lady Aberdeen, since they settled down at Rideau Hall a week ago, have not made any formal public appearances except to drive in state to St. Andrew's church. Society people are calling at Rideau Hall every day and leaving their names, and a long invitation list is looked for when the viceregal social festivities begin. Meanwhile a little incident has occurred which will be the cause of no end of discussion among the capital's fashionable people. For weeks rehearsals have been going on for the production by the choir of Grace church of the well known comic opera "La Mascotte" for charity's sake at the grand opera house. It was to be a notable social event and has been looked forward to with much expectation. Last week Lord Aberdeen was formally requested to give his and Lady Aberdeen's patronage to the production. He instructed his secretary, Mr. Gopert, to write a reply stating that the Governor-General and his excellency cannot patronize or be present at the proposed amateur presentation of "The Mascotte" on the ground that the opera is suggestive and improper in its plot. This decision has fallen like a bomb-shell among the ladies and gentlemen who have been preparing "The Mascotte" and there is now talk of abandoning it, though there are some who think it should be produced as an amateur production. The opera is also invited to a performance to be given by the cricket club of the "Chimes of Normandy," and his excellency has asked for a copy of the piece before consenting.

Editor Ellis from Fredrickton jail yesterday and will get a public reception tonight in St. John.

The case against McGreevey and Connolly will come up to-morrow before Justice Rose at the court house here. Robert McGreevey, an important witness who is out on bail, arrived this morning and relieved his bondsmen. Martin Connolly, bookkeeper, and Cloney, two other important witnesses, also on bail, have been released. They are expected to appear in court to-morrow.

Belgium's World's Fair.

Chicago, Nov. 13.—American headquarters for the World's Fair which opens in Antwerp on the first of May next were opened to-day in the Hartwood building, opposite the Tribune building on Harrison street, in charge of James P. Holland, who was chief assistant to Major Moses P. Handy in the department of publicity and promotion of the Columbian Exposition. A large number of the exhibits at the World's Fair, together with several of the attractions from the now celebrated Midway Plaisance, had been entered for transfer across the ocean to the Belgian show up to noon to-day.

NOT LITERALLY CONSTRUED.

Master Workman Powderly Issues an Important Decision to the Order.

Philadelphia, Nov. 13.—The executive board of the Knights of Labor has promulgated an important decision rendered by General Master Workman Powderly relating to representation in the annual general assembly which convenes in this city on Tuesday next. At the last general assembly the constitution was so revised as to set forth that in computing membership for representatives to the body no member should count for whom the per capita tax had been received by the secretary treasurer after Aug. 10th.

Mr. Powderly holds that in the present depressed condition of the country at large it would be unjust to deprive the order of its full representation by literally construing a clause of the constitution which had never been so construed before. He therefore modifies the section of the constitution in question so that the per capita tax may be paid and the report of the local assembly filed with the general secretary treasurer at any time previous to the calling to order of the general assembly, whether it be five minutes or five hours, and that with such payment a delegate may be entitled to his seat as representing full constituency under the constitution.

Oyster Proaches Shot.

Baltimore, Nov. 13.—Capt. John Miller, of the oyster boat Ostich, was shot dead on Saturday on the deck of his vessel while trying to sail away from a police boat. Capt. Miller, of the sloop Maria, while off Holland Island, saw the Ostich sailing into Derring bay. After taking about while the Ostich began dragging the bar for oysters. The Maria drew up on the Ostich and Capt. Ford ordered the oysterman to pull down his jib, but instead the latter piled on sail and started away. The police boat followed and opened fire on the fugitive, chasing and firing for two hours. Finally the Ostich lay to, and when Capt. Ford boarded her he found the captain lying dead with a bullet hole in his head.

Fooling With Firearms.

Dover, N. H., Nov. 13.—When Louis Tuttle returned home on Saturday evening his cousin, Bertha Willis, aged 17, picked up his revolver which he had left on the window sill and aimed it at him.

saying: "Do you want me to shoot you?" Knowing she was a good shot, and thinking she was joking, he answered, "No; but that revolver down." He turned around and busied himself. Suddenly a pistol shot was fired and he turned in time to see the girl staggering from a wound in her breast. She died in a few minutes. Whether it was intentional or not is not known.

HOPES AND FEARS.

Hawaiian People are Living on the Edge of Expectation.

San Francisco, Nov. 13.—The steamer China arrived from the Orient and Honolulu at 4 o'clock this morning, one day ahead of time. She left Honolulu on the 11th inst., making the trip in five days, fourteen hours and twenty minutes, which is the fastest time ever made between Honolulu and San Francisco. Among her passengers is Admiral Skerrett, who has been relieved by Rear Admiral Irwin.

The United Press correspondent, writing under date of Nov. 7th, says: "The main event of the week has been the arrival of American Minister Albert S. Willis on the 4th, who is believed to have brought with him instructions which affect the future of Hawaii. It is supposed here that the American republic is already informed of the nature of these instructions. We here are still ignorant of their nature, and all await the disclosure with great anxiety. In the meantime Mr. Willis' mission is increased by the unexpected arrival of Rear Admiral John Irwin last evening to take command of the forces at this station in place of Admiral Skerrett, who proceeds to San Francisco. The idea of the government is already informed of the nature of these instructions. We here are still ignorant of their nature, and all await the disclosure with great anxiety. 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