

ON SECRET SOCIETIES

Modification of the Ban on the Knights of Pythias and Oddfellows.

Catholic Members May Retain Benevolent Features of These Two Orders.

Exceptional Cases May be Refrred to Washington Instead of to Rome.

Archbishop Ireland has a Talk on the Subject, and Expresses a Hope.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—The Review, a Catholic paper of this city, publishes an important decree of the Roman Propaganda, given in Rome under date of January 18, 1893, which modifies considerably the decree previously issued from that tribunal in condemnation of the societies of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Sons of Temperance, and who have belonged to these societies. The publication of the decree is a matter of great importance, as it leaves their names upon the rolls of these societies, and to pay into the treasury dues, and assessments when pecuniary loss and detriment would occur from complete severance. The general prohibition still remains as to any other participation in the proceedings of the societies. Particular cases, however, offering difficulties to priests forced for adjudication to the apostolic delegate in Washington, instead of being sent as heretofore to the congregation in Rome.

St. Paul, March 2.—Archbishop Ireland's attention having been called to the information taken from the Review of Chicago, regarding the decree on secret societies, admitted that the decree alleged to be authentic. He had himself received an official copy and had communicated the contents to the priests of his jurisdiction. While the Archbishop further said, to his members aloof from these societies, she allows all possible consideration for the indulgent application of her principles as these principles will allow. The provisions of the decrees condemnatory of the Knights of Pythias and Sons of Temperance are modified in two important points. First: Catholics who joined these societies before their condemnation, and who, by total severance with them, would suffer serious detriment, are now allowed to leave their names on the rolls of the societies, paying into their dues and assessments, all other participation, however, being strictly prohibited.

Secondly: In particular cases, where extraordinary difficulties would arise from a compliance with the letter of the condemnation, it is now adjudicated finally by a tribunal of delegates in Washington, instead of having to be referred to the congregation at Rome, which is a matter far less able to understand our local circumstances and the complications arising from them. In the Archbishop's opinion, the only objection of the church against the societies of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias is found in their religious features, which eventually transfer them into religious sects or churches. These societies should leave out from their constitutions and rituals all mention of altars, chaplains, Bibles, etc., and address exclusively to the prime purpose of benevolence and brotherly counsel. In so doing the societies would be strengthening the work of the church, remove needless and offensive barriers and invite to their membership men of all classes and all creeds. "May be," said the Archbishop, "a hopeful smile lighting up his countenance, "all the people concerned in the matter will work in a conciliatory spirit and that all contentions and recrimination will cease."

CLEVELAND NO CANDIDATE. He Will Devote His Time to Duck Shooting.

Louisville, Ky., March 3.—O. O. Staley, a well known Washington correspondent, telegraphs the Courier-Journal that President Cleveland will not be a candidate to succeed himself. At a first public movement of any of his friends to advocate his nomination he will write a letter stating his position and positively declining to have his name used in the national Democratic convention at Chicago.

How to Get "Sunlight" Books. Send 12 "Sunlight" Soap wrappers to Lever Bros., Ltd., 23 South St., Toronto, who will send post-paid a paper-bound book, 169 pages. For 6 "Lifebuoy" Soap wrappers, a similar book will be sent. This is a special opportunity to obtain good reading. Send your name and address written carefully. Remember "Sunlight" sells at six cents per tin-bar, and "Lifebuoy" at 10 cents. The post postage will bring your wrappers by leaving the ends open.

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THE VENEZUELAN QUESTIONS.

The Two Ministers at Washington Are Directly Negotiating.

Washington, Mar. 3.—It has been learned that the British Ambassador here, Sir Julian Pauncefote, and the Venezuelan minister in this city, Senator Abrade, entered into direct negotiations for a settlement of the Yucatan incident, which involved the arrest of a British police officer in the territory in dispute between Venezuela and Great Britain, the hauling down of the British flag and the subsequent demand of an indemnity upon the part of Great Britain.

SITUATION SERIOUS.

President Cleveland Held a Cabinet Meeting on Sunday at Secretary Olney's.

Steamer Bermuda Returned to Filibusters—What Gen. Weyler Calls Americans.

New York, Mar. 3.—A special from Washington says: The Spanish-American situation, growing out of the reports of the riot in Barcelona, is regarded so seriously by the president that he convened a meeting of the cabinet Sunday night, though the call was issued under the guise of a dinner at the White House. The conference lasted until after 10 o'clock. During the dinner Secretary Olney produced some important information which had come to him by cable. Just before the adjournment a cable was received to the effect that the Spanish minister of foreign affairs had been instructed by his government to insist that the United States government disavow the action of the senate as a condition precedent to the continuation of friendly relations between the two nations. This demand for a disclaimer of the senate resolution will be ignored.

The Herald says this morning that the steamer Bermuda will be released by the United States government at 10:30 o'clock and surrendered to her owners. The transfer from the hands of the government to those of the Cuban rebellion representatives will be made in the office of United States Attorney Walter Macfarlane. A dispatch was received by Joaquin Castillo yesterday in which he is informed of the government's determination to release the Bermuda. A publication was also sent to the ostensible owner of the steamship to be at District Attorney Macfarlane's office this morning to execute the necessary papers.

Key West, Fla., Mar. 2.—A passenger on the Olivette, which has just reached here from Havana, brought with him a pamphlet which discloses very plainly the temper of the Spaniards towards the United States. The pamphlet is styled "The War With the United States and the Cuban Insurrection." It was inspired by the Spanish government and General Weyler is having it spread broadcast throughout the island. Every line of the pamphlet bristles with denunciation of the United States and of American citizens. It declares that although the United States and Spain are on the verge of war, yet Spaniards need not be alarmed, for they would have the aid of every European nation. It continues: "Should the United States declare war against any European nation, all the rest of the world would give the assistance of one efficient aid. It is essential that we should bear in mind the fact that there exists in the United States, many states which, in the shape of intrigue, are struggling for their independence, and would hail the outbreak of European war as the opportunity for their own emancipation. All these reasons have contributed to the indisputable fact that the government of Washington would not recognize the belligerency of the Cuban secessionists. Spain has always been invincible, and as certain as the indignity of the American government reach the point of acknowledging the belligerency of the Cuban rebels will Spain declare war. The blood of the sons of Spain, when it boils over from the heat of an insult offered to their native land, is not to be controlled by consideration of property or interest. Confident of the valor of her sons, Spain has never feared the United States, and on the day when the government of Washington recognizes the belligerency of the Cuban rebels, we will declare war. If Spain declares war on the United States it will not be solely on account of having recognized the belligerency of the rebels, but also because we have a considerable number of grievances against her. The United States could not have borne her wrongs towards Spain in a more despicable manner. The Mora indemnity, the Alliance embargo, the display of rebel flags in the streets of New York, the rescue which the rebels enjoy in Key West and Florida, the privilege of making all manner of demonstrations of disaffection toward Spain, the departure from the United States of filibustering expeditions and worse, the American syndicates formed to furnish money to the rebels, constitute a series of offenses against Spain, none of which has been avenged solely because Washington has pretended that the insurgents did not enjoy official favor.

"Annexation is the aim of the Americans, and if their indisputable conduct causes war, still we must laugh at the futility of the hopes of these thieving Yankees."

Out of weakness comes strength when the blood has been purified, enriched and vitalized by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

UNCLE SAM'S DEPARTURE.

Is America Aspiring to a Position of Power in International Politics?

Venezuelan Message and Senate's Cuban Resolution Seem Significant.

European Politicians Discuss the Gravity of the Latest State of Affairs.

Berlin, March 3.—The intentions of the American government towards the rebellion in Cuba, as indicated by the action of the United States senate, has awakened profound interest and widespread discussion here, not only in the press and official circles, but in all kinds of society. The questions involved are not regarded as by any means being confined in their effects to Spain and the United States.

The Cuban resolution, coupled with President Cleveland's Venezuelan message, appear to mark a determination on the part of the United States government to depart from its time honored course of non-intervention in European affairs. The American action on the Cuban question, therefore, is regarded as an event of the first importance to the European world. As to the opinion here held, it must be said that Germany and Austria stand amazed. Neither statesmen nor the public know how to regard what they consider, as recent frequent evidences show, that the United States has formed a determination to take an active part hereafter in the world's politics. There is also more or less speculation also to the manner in which the United States expects to reap any profit by intervening for Cuba. Much of the argument on the question proceeds on the presumption that it is sought to take Cuba from Spain for the purpose of adding it to the United States.

It is generally admitted that the belligerent force of Spain would be no match for the United States in the event of hostilities arising out of the dispute.

When it comes to the merits of the case upon which the United States bases its action, general opinion holds that Spain's treatment of Cuba has been so brutal and such as awakens a feeling of reprobation. But, looking further to the legal aspects of the case, Spain is considered still within her rights, secured to her by international law, in questioning the title of the United States to Cuba. It is not believed in this city that Spain will brook interference with her course in Cuba. The opinion generally held by well informed politicians in the reichstag and government circles is in question. The United States is not to be taken for granted in Europe if she finds herself compelled to fight the United States. Herr Richter, the distinguished radical leader, said to-day: "The United States has undoubtedly become a new and hitherto unconsidered factor in international politics. As to the Cuban question, Spain would be better rid of Cuba from a financial point of view, as the island costs her more than she yields. She would not agree to give it up, do so means for her abdication of all pretensions as a great power in Europe."

At the foreign office it was said that grave fears were entertained that serious international complications would be the outcome of the attitude of the United States towards Cuba.

The Frankfurter Zeitung, editorially, discredits its own dispatch from New York, alleging that secret negotiations are in progress between France and Spain looking to an Anglo-Spanish intervention by the United States in Cuba. France is too much engaged with her own affairs, the Frankfurter Zeitung thinks, to go out of her way to the support of Spain.

The Vossische Zeitung, of this city, maintains a neutral tone in its comments, but says: "Naturally the provocations offered by the United States have been keenly felt by Spain." This journal hints that Spain might be willing to cede Cuba to another power to be rid of the embarrassment it causes her.

The National Zeitung utters a warning to its readers against undervaluing the last manifestation of the United States, although it does not mean a decisive plan of action on the part of the United States government. Paris, Mar. 3.—The newspapers of this city continue their unfavorable comments upon the action of the United States congress on the Cuban question. The Pigeon says: "American statesmen will do well not to expatriate Europe with the Monroe doctrine. It is certain Spain will not recede, and it is difficult to see what benefit the United States will receive from war."

—All last winter Mr. George A. Mills, of Lebanon, Conn., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. At times it was so severe that he could not stand up straight, but was drawn over on one side. "I tried different remedies with out receiving relief," he says, "until about six months ago I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. After using it for three days my rheumatism was gone and has not returned since." For sale by all druggists, Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

IS GETTING WARM

Maceo Making it a Little Salutary for Spanish Soldiers in Havana Province.

Havages Made in Their Ranks by Sickness and Death—Better Hygienic Measures.

Havana, March 3.—The gunboat Hermin Cortes had a chance after a suspicious course off Matanzas. The steamer was running at full speed and she put out her lights when the gunboat appeared and drew away in the darkness. The gunboat fired first a blank cartridge and then a solid shot in an effort to stop the fugitive, but without effect.

A train running between Altamira and Banaguas, near Colon, in Matanzas, was fired upon by the insurgents. The mayor of Banaguas went to the assistance of those on the train, and his presence of mind and courage saved the train. The train was attacked by 200 insurgents, who had been sent to the train by the insurgents. The escort of troops with him succeeded in extinguishing the flames and they dispersed 500 insurgents. The train then proceeded, but the engine and several cars were derailed and the engine and several cars were derailed and the engine and several cars were derailed.

Antonio Maceo is moving on the coast near Santa Cruz del Norte, in Havana province. The troops were in pursuit of him last night. Gunboats have been sent to operate in combination with troops near Santa Cruz. Word has been received that 25,000 additional soldiers will sail soon from Spain for Cuba. The steamer San Augustin arrived here today, having on board the Princess and other passengers. They were accorded a splendid reception. At Zulueta the insurgents have burned nearly all of the canefields and a part of the fields belonging to a respectable Cuban named Gonzales Mendez. Forty-two political prisoners have been sent to Cienfuegos.

The actual number of soldiers at present on the sick list, inclusive of the convalescents, is stated to be 5,500. The convalescent number is 5 per cent., and the mortality has been 2 1/2 per cent from the unhealthiness of the rainy season. Hygienic steps are being taken for the care of the troops' health during the next rainy season.

New York, March 3.—The Herald's special Havana dispatch says: Ramon O. Williams, of Havana, consul general of the U. S. in Havana, has tendered his resignation to President Cleveland. Your correspondent does not hesitate in stating this as a fact, though Mr. Williams courteously but firmly refused to either deny or affirm it.

Among the passengers on the steamship Yumuri which arrived to-day from Havana, was Mr. Murat Halstead. Havana, March 3.—Two steamers bearing additional troops have arrived from Spain and others are on the way. The Spanish war ship, Fernandez Cortez, sailed from Havana for Matanzas on Friday night. She had her lights extinguished when off the coast east of Havana when she sighted mysterious steamer carrying a signal light forward. The Cortez fired three blank cartridges at her, and followed then with a solid shot. The steamer seemed to have extraordinary speed and escaped.

While forty Cuban prisoners were being taken aboard a Spanish steamer here yesterday to be shipped to Ceuta, Africa, one Abilardo Santos Castro jumped overboard. His arms were pinioned and he immediately sank. When he rose the guards fired four shots into him and the body disappeared beneath the waves.

Philadelphia, March 3.—A. K. McClure, editor of the Philadelphia Times, in an address to a meeting of Cubans called last night to celebrate the passage of a sympathetic measure by congress, said in effect if Spain persisted in pursuing her present course this country would declare war against her and invade Cuba.

Havana, March 3.—There was a combined movement of Spanish troops on San Francisco de Paula, four miles from this city to-day. Rifle firing has been heard from there. It is believed an engagement with the insurgents is taking place. This is believed to be the closest the insurgents have yet approached in force to the capital.

THE BILL INTRODUCED

Sir Charles Tupper Moved the Second Reading of the Remedial Bill To-Day.

He Was Followed by Hon. Mr. Laurier in Opposition to a Great Speech.

Major Hughes Wants Another Conference—Doubts About the Bill Passing.

Ottawa, Mar. 3.—Mr. White, Shelburne, presided at the Conservative caucus this afternoon. Dr. Roome, the regular chairman of the caucus, was on the Toronto train, which was six hours late, and along with him was A. McKay, M. P., and a number of others.

At the caucus Weldon and Lariviere reported that they could not accomplish anything. Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Sir Charles Tupper spoke in favor of the bill. Henderson and Hughes opposed it. Sir Donald Smith and Hon. Mr. Daly, while favoring the bill, would like to see it dealt with by the Manitoba legislature. Foster spoke rather moderately. Oimmet made a harangue in favor of coercion and Dr. Sprone fired back at him with some red hot shots. It was finally decided that Sir Charles Tupper would take charge of the bill. Henderson and Hughes opposed it. Sir Donald Smith and Hon. Mr. Daly, while favoring the bill, would like to see it dealt with by the Manitoba legislature. Foster spoke rather moderately. Oimmet made a harangue in favor of coercion and Dr. Sprone fired back at him with some red hot shots. It was finally decided that Sir Charles Tupper would take charge of the bill. Henderson and Hughes opposed it. Sir Donald Smith and Hon. 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