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CUBAN AFFAIRS. Want Reduced Tariff Rates Before New Crop is Moved. WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—General Wood, who left last night for Cuba, expects to return to Washington in November and to bring with him a delegation from the Cuban constitutional convention authorized to negotiate a reciprocity agreement. Assurances were given by the late President McKinley when the delegation from the Cuban convention visited Washington, that every effort would be made to bring about closer relations between the U. S. and Cuba. About 300 articles produced in the U. S., the most important of which are cereals and machinery, will enter Cuba at reduced rates if the agreement be perfected. Sugar and tobacco will be the principle items of Cuban production to be considered in the reciprocity agreement. General Wood has been urging early action in order that the present crop of Cuba may be benefited and he will return in November with the object of having the reciprocity agreement sent to congress as soon as it assembles in December. His determination to act quickly was reached after several conferences with President Roosevelt. C. P. R. MAN GOES. Thomas Johnston, accountant of passenger department of the C. P. R., has been selected by Sir Wm. Van Horne as accountant for the Cuba Railway Co., and will leave for Havana Wednesday.

AT OTTAWA. The Duke and Duchess Enjoyed the Canoe Trip—A French Canadian's Speech

OTTAWA, Sept. 24.—The canoe trip was greatly enjoyed by the royal party yesterday. The French-Canadians made the air ring with their songs that only river men can sing; hearty cheers went up from the shores. Shortly after noon the party arrived opposite the Canoe Club house at Rockcliffe and the crews lined up for the year-canoe race for the championship of Canada. The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York and the members of the royal party occupied seats on the balcony of the Ottawa Canoe Club house, which was reserved for their use, and they had a splendid view of the race. The course of the race was one-half mile straightaway up the river, the start being near Kettle Island and the finish opposite the Canoe Club house. The seven crews that competed were: Ottawa, Brockville, Britannia, Young Men's Christian Association of Brockville, Grand Trunk Boating Club of Montreal, Smith's Falls, and Carleton Place.

The race was a splendid contest, the Grand Trunk boating club crew of Montreal, who all along were dark horses, were winners. They paddled a great race, and led almost from the start, but were decidedly hard pressed from a contest with the Britannia. Following was the position in which the crews started, numbering out from the Ontario shore: Grand Trunk, 1; Britannia, 2; Ottawa, 3; Smith Falls, 4; Brockville, 5; Y. M. C. A., 6; Carleton Place, 7. Grand Trunk's crossed the line about a foot and a half ahead of the Brits. The Ottawa had all along been working steadily and they finished in third position, probably about six feet behind the second crew. The next crew was about a length behind and the rest of the crews finished thus: Smith's Falls fourth; Y. M. C. A. fifth; Brockville Club, sixth; Carleton Place, seventh. The time of the race was three minutes and 34 seconds.

The Royal party were then shown how lumbermen do log rolling. The Royal party was most interesting, especially the speech of the Duke. The Duke was in a shanty and later on of more substantial fare in a marquee specially erected for the occasion. The Duke was chary about using the tin panalides in the shanty, but the Duchess set him an example and partook of everything. The conclusion of the proceedings, the Duke's speech, was a most interesting one. The Duke said, he worked many years for the Duke of Edinburgh, and he thought he would say a few words to the Duke and Duchess. He started as jobber and mak seventeen thousand dollar of debt (roars of laughter, in which the Duke and Duchess joined). Den he go to de church, and pray, and send God Almighty and say to him You know good Lord God Almighty I cannot pay dat debt. I goes it to you (great laughter). He varies proud to mak his declaration. He said, he was King and Queen, and it was Edward was put him out of de job den he know whar to go look for a free. (Tremendous laughter, amid which the Duke cordially shook William by the hand.) The proceedings then terminated.

Tonight over 300 persons attended the reception given by the Duke and Duchess in the senate chambers. The scene was a most brilliant one and will long be remembered by those privileged to participate in it. The Duke wore the uniform of an admiral. The Duchess was magnificently attired; her tiara of diamonds was greatly admired. Wm. Whissel, shanty serman for the W. C. Edwards Co., who bossed the proceedings of the day, was then called upon to reply. He commenced in French but there were loud cries of "English, English," and he then finally broke into English with the words, "Oh, I cant." Proceeding, he said, he work many years for the Duke of Edinburgh, and he thought he would say a few words to the Duke and Duchess. He started as jobber and mak seventeen thousand dollar of debt (roars of laughter, in which the Duke and Duchess joined). Den he go to de church, and pray, and send God Almighty and say to him You know good Lord God Almighty I cannot pay dat debt. I goes it to you (great laughter). He varies proud to mak his declaration. He said, he was King and Queen, and it was Edward was put him out of de job den he know whar to go look for a free. (Tremendous laughter, amid which the Duke cordially shook William by the hand.) The proceedings then terminated.

BUCTOCHE MAN KILLED. MONCTON, Sept. 24.—Thomas Collett, of Buctouche, Kent County, who was recently removed from Moncton to Hillsboro, was killed yesterday by a slide of clay in a plaster quarry. He was foreman in the open quarry. He leaves a wife and three small children. The body will be taken to Kent County for interment.

MOST THE ANARCHIST. NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—The case against Johann Most, who was to have been arraigned in the court of special sessions today for publishing an alleged edition of his paper, the Freiheit, has been adjourned indefinitely. This action was taken because of the fact that Most is in jail at Corona, L. I., where he was arrested at a so-called anarchist meeting last Sunday night.

THE WEATHER. WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Forecast—Eastern states and northern New York—Fair tonight, and Wednesday; probably cooler Wednesday in the interior; variable winds. TORONTO, Sept. 24.—Forecast—Strongly overcast and westerly winds; fair Wednesday; strong northwesterly winds, fair and becoming cooler.

MONTEREAL, Sept. 23.—Mayor Precontaine is very indignant over the cancellation of the civic reception to be held by the Duke and Duchess. He declared other reasons besides the death of President McKinley are behind the cancellation, but refuses to discuss them.

A RAILROAD WAR. The Greatest in the History of the United States.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 24.—The Inquirer today says: "A. J. Cassette, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, has demanded of Geo. Gould to surrender the Wheeling and Lake Erie system and the Wheeling and Lake Erie, at a price which will net a profit to the Goulds, under threat of going to the whole of the W. U. telegraph lines from the entire system as well as from the Vanderbilt lines, which agreed to deal. "This is a threat that means a war greater than any that has ever taken place in this country and is comparable only with that of the Berry Crook and South Pennsylvania in 1885, which resulted in the abandonment of these lines except as built, which were swallowed up by the Vanderbilt and Pennsylvania. The penalty means that the W. U. will suffer the greatest blow in its history and will lose many of its profitable lines which will be turned over to its great rival, the Postal Telegraph Company. This ultimatum means more than any other railway deal in the history of this country. It is believed that the Goulds will accede to the demand and that the Pennsylvania will not only add nearly 2,000 concomitant miles to its trackage, but will also get rid of a rival for the Carnegie Steel business, which is the largest in the whole matter, resulting from a contest made by Mr. Carnegie with the Wheeling and Lake Erie, before the United States Steel corporation was formed and to carry out which the Goulds were trying to build a line into Pittsburg."

SCRAMBLING FOR THE POLE. Two Parties Making a Dash Over the Same Route.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—W. S. Champ, private secretary of Mr. Ziegler, who reached New York on the steamship Cymri, yesterday, brings an account of the first stage of the Baldwin-Ziegler polar expedition. Mr. Champ, accompanied Mr. Baldwin in charge of the supply ship as far as Franz Josef land, to assist in establishing the headquarters of the expedition there. Everything was more favorable for the dash to the pole than Baldwin had dared expect, Mr. Champ said. The America had difficulty with ice before reaching that point and was delayed ten days. Fog and heavy weather were also encountered. Mr. Baldwin has taken a large number of dogs—30 of them for the dash. Some of them are expected to serve as food for the men as well as the sled dogs. Mr. Champ intimated that there might be some trouble with Walter Wellman, who is conducting a polar expedition over practically the same route.

FOR AMERICAN READERS. A Turf Story Served up to Suit Them.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The announced retirement of Wm. C. Whitney from the English turf occasions regret, but hardly surprises those who have noted the recent trend of events. There is a wide-spread feeling behind Mr. Whitney's published reasons for his withdrawal is the realization of the fact that the attitude of the British turf authorities towards Americans is no longer marked by absolute impartiality. During the recent season complaints have been frequent that the American horses were too heavily handicapped, that the jockeys were harshly treated, and that interference during the race were whitewashed when they would not have been tolerated on the part of the American jockeys. It will cause no surprise if other Americans of Mr. Whitney's class follow the latter's example, which it is noted came closely after the receipt of a detailed report of the treatment accorded to Volodyovski in the St. Leger. Mr. Whitney's action appears to have taken Huggins, his trainer, by surprise.

A RACE RIOT. Because a Negro Got a Chance to Earn a Living.

SOMERVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 24.—A race riot was started here last night and several hundred shots were fired before the negroes broke and fled. One negro is dead and two men seriously wounded. D. W. Long was hit in the left side and will probably die. Governor Sayre despatched troops from Brenham, 14 miles from Somerville, and a large number of armed citizens accompanied them. The troops will search the woods for the rioters and more trouble may ensue. The trouble arose over the employment of a negro brakeman by a railroad, the road paying no attention to warnings to discharges him. A train was fired on last night with the results noted above. The trainmen and their sympathizers returning the fire of the mob.

FORTUNE FOR MISS. ROOSEVELT. NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—A special to the World from Boston says: "Word reached Boston today by the will of Nathaniel Hawthorne Cusack, who died in Washington, D. C., August 22, President Roosevelt's oldest daughter, Alice, who was much liked by Mr. Cusack, it is said, received \$100,000."

SHORT HOP CROP. SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Sept. 24.—W. E. Lovelade, secretary of the State Hop Growers' Association, has issued a circular in which he estimates the crop is short on the Pacific between 18,000 and 21,000 bales.

CZOLGOSZ TRIAL. Representatives of Anarchist Newspapers are Barred Out.

COURT HOUSE, Buffalo, Sept. 24.—The trial of Leon F. Czolgosz for the murder of President McKinley was resumed today with every prospect that it would be concluded with adjournment of the court at 4 o'clock. It was the opinion of those connected with the case that it would not at furthest be prolonged beyond a few hours' session tomorrow. The crowd about the court room this morning was slightly larger than yesterday, but the vigilance of the police was in no way relaxed. The same care was used, careful scrutiny of each prisoner was observed and the force of officers was, if anything, larger. The court room, owing to the care exercised by the sheriffs and police as to who would be admitted, was nearly empty fifteen minutes before the time of opening, but it filled quite rapidly after that. There were many more women in the audience today than yesterday, and their bright gowns relieved the sombreness of the dark court room. The prisoner was brought over from the jail at 9:45 and placed in the same chair he occupied yesterday. There were very few people in the room at the time, and these included the members of the grand jury which had indicted the assassin, Doctors Mynster, Mann and Fowler came in early, and Dr. Mann was ready to take the stand at once for cross examination. At 9:50 the members of the jury filed in and took their seats. It became known that application for seats had been made by representatives of several anarchist papers and refused.

Justice White arrived at the exact hour of ten, and the crier immediately uttered the formal notice of the opening of the court. The jurymen were polled and Saml. J. Fields, chief engineer of the Pan-American exposition, was recalled as the first witness. He was asked by District Attorney Penney the meaning of a certain figure on the floor plan of the temple of music. He said it was intended to show the direction which the file of people took in entering the building, passing in front of the president, and then out of the building. Dr. Matthew D. Mann was then called for cross-examination. Louis J. Babcock, who was in charge of the ceremonies in the temple of music on the day of the shooting, was recalled as the next witness. He gave details of the arrangements made for the reception and described the position of the president, the points of exit and entrance, and told where he had stood when the fatal shots were fired. Edward R. Rice, chairman of the committee of ceremonies in the temple, was next called. The first bit of evidence directly connected with the shooting of the prisoner was offered at 11:15 in the shape of the handkerchief which the prisoner used around his hand. It was dirty and stained with blood. There was a large hole in it and one corner was torn. Detective Gallagher of the secret service has possession of it.

IRISH LEADERS. Will Join Davitt in a Talking Tour of the United States.

WATERFORD, Sept. 23.—John Redmond, in a farewell speech to the electors here tonight announced that he would not solicit subscriptions in the United States, as sufficient funds to meet the parliamentary expenses of the nationalists had already been received. The meeting adopted a resolution of sympathy with the U. S. in the death of President McKinley. Redmond will be accompanied to America by Messrs. McHugh and Thomas O'Donnell, members of parliament. They will sail on the White Star line steamer Majestic from Queenstown Oct. 24. Michael Davitt will join them at New York. Mr. McHugh is at present undergoing six months' imprisonment in Kilmalnaham jail. He will be released October 21. Mr. O'Donnell will make addresses in Celtic.

W. C. T. U. IN PHILIPPINES. CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Officers of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union have decided to send a representative to the Philippines to do temperance work among the soldiers, and to collect evidence against the canton Mrs. H. H. Faxon of Ann Arbor, Mich., has been selected and will stay two years.

ANOTHER STEEL COMBINE. LONDON, Sept. 24.—The Westminster Gazette today says it understands that the three great iron producing companies of Bilbao, Spain, have agreed to amalgamate on the lines of the United States' Steel corporation, with a capital of 75,000,000 pesetas and an annual output of half a million tons. This trust will be by far the biggest thing of the kind in Spain.

PRES. HAYS COMES EAST. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—President Hays of the South Pacific company, according to the Examiner, will terminate his connection with that corporation in December, after having held office for just one year. His family is already making preparations to return east at that time.

CHARGED WITH MURDER. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Sept. 24.—Passengers arriving this morning on the Frisco-St. Louis train report that a professor of the state school of mines, at Rolla, Mo., killed a girl student through jealousy last night and then fled, and that a mob is after him.

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F. E. Williams Co. (Limited). 80-84 Charlotte Street. MRS. MCKINLEY. CANTON, Ohio, Sept. 24.—There was little or no change this morning in Mrs. McKinley's condition. The weather was again favorable, bright and warm for the drive, and it was said that Mrs. McKinley would visit the cemetery during the forenoon and take a more extended drive in the afternoon. EMMA GOLDMAN TO GO FREE. CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—The anarchists under arrest here are to go free. In the hearing before Judge Chedick Monday, the prosecution said there was no evidence against them and agreed to their discharge. Similar action will be taken in the case of Emma Goldman in the lower court. CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Emma Goldman has been released by Justice Prindeville.

ST. HYACINTH'S CHURCH, Sept. 23.—Alphonsa Raymond, while performing on a trapeze at Latramboise Park on Sunday, before some hundreds of people, fell to the ground, breaking her neck. A rope holding the trapeze broke.