

OUT OF WORK.

Three Thousand Cubans Discharged at Santiago.

United States Authorities at Havana Jealous of Major General Wood.

The Carlists Showing Signs of Reviving Activity—An Unsatisfactory Statement.

SANTIAGO, March 5.—El Forer, discussing the situation brought about by the orders from Havana limiting the total expenditure upon the departments of the provincial administration to \$10,000 says:

"There is only one course open to me who are without work and food, namely, to become bandits. Hunger demands bread. The proceedings of the United States authorities at Havana are evidently antagonistic to Major General Wood, and born of jealousy of his success and popularity among all classes of Cubans. Three thousand men have been thrown out of employment at only a day's notice, which must mean a serious menace to public peace and property."

The Independencia, El Cuba and Santiago Herald comment in much the same strain.

Two companies of the Fourth Infantry regiment arrived in the city today, nominally to receive horses; but it is expected that they will remain at least a week before returning to Yaguajay.

The court martial of Private John Williams of the 9th Infantry regiment, charged with complicity in the murderous affray at San Luis on Nov. 14, is still in session. Thus far the prosecution has offered two eye-witnesses, but the other testimony is conflicting.

The judge advocate complains that there is considerable perjury among the officers of the regiment. The accused is defended by Major Harrison, whose order he was at the time. The case will probably last another ten days.

MADRID, March 5.—Germany is said to have received the negotiations for the purchase of the Caroline Islands.

MADRID, March 5.—The Carlists are showing signs of reviving activity. A band of two thousand deserters from the Spanish army is now gathered near the French frontier, refusing to return to Spain, although the men have been pardoned.

Carlism demonstrations, it is reported, have taken place at Valencia, but no details are available.

HAVANA, March 5.—Gen. Brooke, referring to the complaint at Santiago that a large number of laborers have been thrown out of work by an apparent reduction in the financial allotment to Santiago province, says that the funds furnished the several provinces by the authorities at Havana have in all cases been equal to the respective requisitions.

Gen. Maximo Gomez yesterday sent Gov. Gen. Brooke, by the hand of Inspector General Roloff of the Cuban army, a statement of the number of men in the army. It is understood that the total reaches 42,000, 22,000 privates, 10,000 non-commissioned officers, and the rest commissioned officers, from major general to sub-lieutenant about 10,000 privates enlisted in 1895, 5,000 in 1896, 5,000 in 1897, and 8,000 in 1898. In the case of 1897 the enlistment date is not known. These general statements are insufficient as a basis for the payment, and a more detailed list of the various commands, with the names and whereabouts of the soldiers, their relationships, is understood, Gen. Gomez will supply.

Gen. Brooke has received a telegram from Washington saying that payments with the \$200,000 will reach Havana next week. It is not likely that any trouble will arise in connection with the actual payment, which the American authorities cannot circumvent.

In Manzanillo Spanish laborers are unable to obtain employment on plantations owned by Cubans, the owners refusing to give them work because of their nationality. Three hundred have migrated to the island of San Domingo, and despatches received from them say that they have found work and that there is room for four thousand more. Many, however, prefer to remain in Cuba. Certain Spaniards in Havana are making arrangements for a transfer to Pinar del Rio, where Gen. Willister, the military governor, who favors the idea, will cooperate in the undertaking.

It is said that Senor Jose Lanz, secretary of justice in the governor general's advisory cabinet, in preparing an amnesty decree, for General Brooke's approval, releasing all against whom prosecutions are pending for alleged political offences.

The Cuban Industrial relief fund of New York is establishing its first station at Guinea. La Union, a local paper there, devotes two pages to public endorsements of the plan to return to the cultivation of the land, remarking that the people, while grateful for the army rations, desire above all else to become self-supporting.

Wm. Willard Howard, general manager of the Industrial fund, decided to begin at Guinea because it is the market garden of Havana.

Major L. W. V. Kemmon of the department of commerce and agriculture called officially upon Gomez this afternoon.

The U. S. armored cruiser Brooklyn, which had received orders last Friday to proceed to Hampton Roads, is still here. It is understood that the orders were rescinded.

The supply ship Conal arrived this afternoon.

The temperature in Havana at 3 o'clock this afternoon was 73 degrees Fahrenheit.

THE CANADA EASTERN.

(Fredericton Gleaner.)

The Toronto Globe speaks for the so-called liberal party of Canada. Its denial, published in these columns yesterday, that the government had not agreed to pay a million dollars, or

any price for the Canada Eastern railway, together with its intimation that the government will not spend "the public money of Canada" for any such purpose is therefore significant. There is no doubt that Mr. Blair agreed to purchase the Canada Eastern railway, and to operate it as a part of the Intercolonial system; there is no doubt also that Premier Laurier addressed a letter to Mr. Blair, perhaps at the latter's suggestion, which was intended to satisfy persons interested that the government would buy. And the promise, together with Sir Wilfrid's letter, had an influence in the recent elections. We would be very sorry indeed to hear that the dealing was all a game to deceive for a time and for a present purpose. When the Globe intimates that there is no deal outside Tory newspaper offices, it ignores the fact that Mr. Blair himself stated publicly in St. John that a "deal" had been made. Why did our contemporary wait until after the New Brunswick elections had been held to give its assurance to the people of Ontario and the west that "the public money of Canada" will not go to the purchase of the Canada Eastern?

(Fredericton Herald.) The Toronto Globe denies that the government have agreed to purchase the Canada Eastern, but the Globe is not the government, and there are lots of things the Globe does not know.

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CHINA REFUSES

To Lease San Mun Bay to Italy for Coaling Station.

Demand of Italy Government Was for a Ninety-nine Years' Lease.

Little Attention, it is Alleged, is Paid to the Refusal—Supported by Great Britain.

PEKIN, March 5.—The T'ung Li Yamen (Chinese foreign office) has returned to the Italian charge d'affaires, Marquis Salvador Ageli, his despatch containing the demand of the Italian government for a lease of San Mun bay on the same conditions as those under which Germany holds Kiao Chou bay, accompanied it with a letter stating that the Chinese government is unable to grant the request.

The demand of the Italian government for a ninety-nine year lease of San Mun bay, province of Che Kiang, as a coaling station and naval base, included also a demand for the concession of three islands off the coast of Che Kiang with rights to construct a railroad from San Mun bay to Pe Yang lake and to preferential railway and mining privileges within a sphere of influence covering the southern two-thirds of the Che Kiang province.

According to a despatch to the Associated Press from Peking last Friday the action of the Italian government has caused great excitement there, not only among the Chinese, but also among the foreign diplomatists, the Chinese being convinced that Great Britain was chiefly responsible for the demand and that it had been made to emphasize Great Britain's displeasure at the turn which the northern railroad question has taken.

The representative of a great power, according to the same despatch, was reported to have said that the moment had arrived for international control of China, and it was also asserted that if the policy of spheres of influence was to be inaugurated, the United States would doubtless have a say in the matter with a probable preference for the province of Che Kiang.

ROME, March 5.—Little attention is paid here to the refusal of the Chinese government to grant the request of lease of San Mun bay to be used as a naval base and coaling station. No doubt is entertained that the concession will be made after further negotiations.

French Admiral Gernet embarked today on the Italian cruiser Stromboli at Naples to take command of the Italian squadron in Chinese waters.

LONDON, March 5.—The Peking correspondent of the Times says: "It is asserted that since the T'ung Li Yamen returned Italy's despatch, Sir Claude MacDonald, British minister to China, has presented a note suspending Italy's demand, and it is probably that Italy will now take possession of San Mun bay, encountering practically no resistance."

A PORK QUESTION. About Which Two Monks Papers Do Not See Eye to Eye.

(Wednesday's Transcript.) What do the Westminster and Albert county farmers think about it?

J. S. Magee recently started a pork-packing industry in Moncton, which, by the way, is only in its infancy, yet he has been compelled to send all the way to Ontario and bring hogs here for packing so that the factory may be kept running. The local supply is insufficient to meet the requirements of the establishment. This is a political paragraph nor is it a paid advertisement; it is simply a fact presented to the consideration of those farmers who complain there are no openings for additional income on the farm.

(Thursday's Times.) The Transcript editorially asks the farmers of Westmorland and Albert what they think about J. S. Magee having to send to Ontario to bring hogs here to keep his pork-packing factory running. The local supply may not be equal to the requirements of Mr. Magee's establishment, but there is very often a surplus of porkers in the city market. Only yesterday about one hundred pigs were offered for sale to Mr. Magee at 5-1-2 cents per pound, were taken out of the market as a sale could not be made; and this is not an unusual occurrence. This is a new item.

CANADIAN PRODUCTS UNDER THEIR OWN NAME. (Prof. Robertson's Report.)

The competition between products of the same kind from different countries for a preference in the market is growing and is not difficult for an excellent quality of article to displace a poor quality of the same price. The chief obstacle of the producers and exporters at the present time, which will come from having a reputation for superiority of quality.

Even when the ultimate consumer prefers the Canadian product, and is willing to pay the highest current price for it, there may be made customs, trade tricks, and other devices of the crafty commercial man, which keep the Canadian producer from obtaining his fair share of what the consumer pays. I think that this is the case in the sale of those Canadian products which are not yet adopted under their own name. I had a sample of what was "best Scotch" or "best English." Evidence was adduced in court and otherwise that Canadian bacon had been sold as "best Scotch" and "best English." Evidence was adduced that a considerable quantity of the "best Scotch" had been, and is being, retailed as "best English," and that the "best English" is being retailed as "best Scotch." The British people reading these words will be surprised to find names which have a reputation for being preferred by the best class of people. In the case of some products, notably cheese, they will pay 25 or 30 per cent. more for the cheese under the name "best English," or "best Scotch," than they will for an equally good article under any other designation. However, I found the label "Best Canadian" coming into greater favor for butter, cheese, bacon and eggs.

In the decade 1881 to 1891 four-fifths of the increase of population in France was in Paris.

EQUITY COURT WEDNESDAY.

MR. HOOLEY, THE BANKRUPT.

The Official Receiver Accuses Him of Fraud and Misconduct.

His Promotions Amassed to £18,610,000 and His Apparent Gross Profits to £5,000,000, But He Really Lost Nearly £100,000—His Companies Were All Watered.

When Ernest Terah Hooley, the famous promoter