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The General Will Be Relieved of His Command

Several Ministers Favor Court-Martial, But President McKinley Does Not Wish To Be Too Harsh.

New York, Feb. 3.—A Washington dispatch to the Press says the orders relieving Gen. Miles of his command have not been signed by the president, but this action is practically settled upon.

FAVOR ANNEXATION.

Spaniards in Cuba Are Against the Proposed Independent Government.

New York, Feb. 3.—A dispatch to the World from Havana says: A committee of Spaniards in Havana has issued a statement regarding the position and attitude throughout the island to unite for the purpose of bringing about the annexation of Cuba to the United States.

Train Buried by Snowslide

AMERICAN MEAT TRADE.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—The executive committee of the National Live Stock Exchange met in the office of the secretary of the Union Stock Yards yesterday and adopted the following resolution: "Whereas the agitation caused by the unjust statements reported to have been made by officials high in authority, notably those made by Major-General Miles, has created a feeling of distrust against the greatest industry in the United States, greatly to the detriment of the producers of live stock, and affecting alike our foreign and domestic trade, which result is now being demonstrated by depreciated values, therefore it is resolved that the executive committee of the National Live Stock Exchange, in behalf of the stock growers of the country, emphatically protest against such unwarranted statements, deeply deplore the public sentiments created thereby, and regret the loss, amounting to millions of dollars, which must be borne by the producers of cattle in consequence; be it further resolved, in order to eliminate this unwarranted sentiment and protect the cattle growers of this country, we urge our home government and invite all foreign governments to make a critical examination of the method employed in all the principal markets in the handling of live stock, and to make the means and of the efficient and thorough system of ante and post mortem, state and municipal, inspection now in vogue."

HEALTH CONDITIONS AT MANILA

In Seven Months' Time Two Hundred and Twenty-Three Deaths Have Occurred.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The following report has been made by General O'Donoghue regarding the health conditions at Manila: Deaths among troops in Philippines since arrival February 1st, 1898, are as follows: Cholera 41, due to worms and accidents, 43 of the remaining 179, 65 died of typhoid, 43 of smallpox, 22 of dysentery, and 8 of malaria. The remaining deaths were due to many various diseases. Smallpox causes 100 deaths in Manila, March, April and May. Hongkong, Feb. 3.—A statement has been issued by the British junta here stating that the Spanish imposition of the poll tax is enforced by the Americans with great severity. Formally the poorest paid \$2 and the richest \$37; now the poorest pay \$5 and the richest \$100, which is greatly exasperating the people. The Manila Filipinos are indignant at the notice of the American journals that they will tamely submit to be experimented with by amateur colonial administrators. They expect the decision of the United States senate on Monday will be of a nature to satisfy their aspirations.

FROM OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—Mr. J. R. Roy, engineer of public works, New Westminster, is here in connection with the release of the militia general orders to be issued weekly made its appearance to-day. It states that the major-general commanding the militia, Captain J. Bell, will open a staff college at the Royal Military College at Kingston. The major-general will afterwards inspect a battery of light cavalry on Monday, which is transferred from A to B squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons, from the 15th line.

PHILADELPHIA BLOCK GUTTED.

ALIEN EXCLUSION BILL

Mr. Clarke Wallace Says Americans Have Reserved Their Mines and They Have "No Kick Coming."

All Experienced Eastern Legislators Heavily Approve of the British Columbia Government Measure.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Private advices from Washington are to the effect that the British Columbia Alien Bill has been used as a good lever by the Canadian commissioners to procure a better treaty from the United States. The bill is regarded within the rights of the province; that is well understood here, and there is no fear of its being disallowed.

THE TREATY PROSPECTS

Indications Are That the Labors of the Canadian-American Commissioners Will Be Crowned With Success.

Ministers Leave for the States, and It is Supposed They Are on Business Connected With the Agreement.

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—Hon. Messrs. Mills, Blair, Fielding, Tarte and Clifford Sifton left this afternoon for New York. The exact reason of their going is not known. It is said that they will meet the Premier in New York or go straight to Washington. The business is no doubt of importance, and it is certain to be connected with the formation of a treaty.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Engineer and Fireman Killed Near Medicine Hat.

Winnipeg, Feb. 2.—An east bound C.P. freight train was struck by another freight following it on the Saskatchewan river bridge, Medicine Hat, this morning. Engineer William Muir and Fireman J. Long, on Engine 122, were instantly killed, and another fireman, who was reading in a caboose on the forward train, was injured. Muir was married and living in the Saskatchewan town, was single, living at the same place. Muir jumped from the engine at the west end of the bridge, and was instantly killed. Long stayed with the engine, which went through the side of the bridge on to the ice. Three cars were wrecked.

CANADIAN BREVITIES.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The contracts for local drainage works aggregating half a million dollars will be awarded next May.

A company with \$750,000 capital has been formed to establish railway localities.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—In the assize court today the action by James Davidson for \$50,000 damages was being tried. Davidson's wife died after half an hour's illness. An inquest was spoken of, but the idea was abandoned, the coroner not deeming it necessary. On returning home shortly after his wife's death, however, Davidson found Doctors Garrett and Harris on duty, and on entering the body, they produced no authority, and the husband prevented them from finishing and brought the action. The jury, after an absence of two hours, found a verdict for the plaintiff for \$600 damages.

A protest has been filed against the re-election of the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie Bowden to the North West Territories. Among the charges preferred is one against the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie Bowden, which E. O. Whitney is president, and J. P. Whitney, his brother, recorder, by their conduct, under threat of dismissal, prevented any of the employees of the company from voting against Allen. Also that the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie Bowden, and other returned officers and other returned officers from being polled by saying the voters were ill with cholera, and could not do so for the hour and crowded out a number of voters.

NAPOLÉON'S BIG SCHEME

Bonaparte's Celebrated Plan to Invade the British Isles is Resurrected by the French Government.

Anglophobia Said To Be Very Rampant in France—Unpleasant Trait of Disraeli's Character Just Revealed.

London, Feb. 4.—Queen Victoria is to return to Windsor from Osborne on Thursday next and receive the new United States ambassador, Mr. Joseph H. Choate, who will present his credentials before Her Majesty starts for the Riviera. Mr. Choate's reputation as a wit and bright after-dinner speaker preceded him. The newspapers are full of his witty sayings. In fact, from the moment he sets foot on British soil Mr. Choate will be expected to coruscate like a brilliant. As Mr. Labouchere says in Truth: "He will find it hard to live up to his reputation for smart, pointed remarks that our newspapers have made for him."

The Duke of Marlborough went to Osborne on Thursday and was introduced and "kissed hands" on his appointment as paymaster-general. He has also been sworn in as a Privy Councillor. The Duke of Marlborough is becoming very active at small public functions. She is to open a bazaar at Hackney on Thursday. These kindly acts greatly promote her popularity, as they entail something more than mere attendance, and mean handsome contributions.

The topic of the hour in London is the stringent police order prohibiting entry into the Strand, the Strand, Bond street and other busy thoroughfares, and compelling them to wait on the cab stands. Every visitor to London remembers the endless "Crawlers," popularly known as "Crawlers," robbing passengers to cross roadways and leading to an incessant congestion of traffic. It is almost impossible for foot passengers to cross roadways and leading to an incessant congestion of traffic. It is almost impossible for foot passengers to cross roadways and leading to an incessant congestion of traffic.

An Invasion of Great Britain is in the minds of the French military authorities, and at the present moment is gradually being prepared. The British navy is paying attention to the northern coast of France, where in two months, it is asserted, about 150,000 men are to be concentrated. The British authorities are determined not to wait the convenience of France, but to proceed to the coast of France, where in two months, it is asserted, about 150,000 men are to be concentrated. The British authorities are determined not to wait the convenience of France, but to proceed to the coast of France, where in two months, it is asserted, about 150,000 men are to be concentrated.

Disraeli's Dishonesty.

Twice-a-Week.

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FROM OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Accountant Bliss, of the Yukon, will leave on Wednesday next. He will be joined in the West by the liquor license inspector, Mr. McGregor.

Rev. G. R. Maxwell, M.P., who has been here for the past few days, left for home this afternoon. Mr. Lugate, of Vancouver, was with him.

Alex. Gibson has purchased the Canada Eastern from the Ontario company, and is applying to the government for approval of the same.

SMALLPOX IN ARKANSAS.

Towns Are Quarantined and Roads Guarded by Armed Men.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 4.—Governor Jones will today send another special message to the legislature dealing with the smallpox situation. The pest now exists in half a dozen counties. At Mountain Home a rigid quarantine is maintained with shotguns and no one is allowed to enter. At West Plains, Mo., a short distance away, fear and excitement are even greater. Guards watch both day and night on the Thomasville, Mountain Home and Salem roads, and all trains are so carefully watched that it is impossible for any person to enter the towns from any locality where smallpox is believed to exist. In Garden Bottom the disease is spreading, some families now having as many as five cases. The sufferers are in various stages. Men are guarding every road leading in from Garden Bottom district.

Remedies, Cuba, Feb. 2.—Gen. Gomez has decided to accept \$3,000,000 from the United States with which to pay the Cuban soldiers, and will visit Gen. Brooke at Havana. The success of Mr. Porter's mission greatly simplifies the returning of military Cubans to the purchase of peace for the United States. It is supposed that the United States Mr. Porter came here with the absolute authority, and the order of \$3,000,000 was practically a verbal ultimatum. Had it not been accepted no more overtures would have been made. Mr. Porter's success in the eyes of the United States government and was gratified at the ready response of General Gomez. Mr. Porter was accompanied by Senor Gonzalez Quesada, a special commissioner of the Cuban junta at Washington, and a correspondent of the Associated Press. Senor Quesada, who had taken place in Cuba since he was last here in September. He also had stress on the fact that some people were asking where was Cuba's promised liberty? "The answer to this," said Mr. Porter, "is that Cuba now has complete and industrial liberty, and the President McKinley directed the framing of the Cuban tariff so as to make no discriminations in favor of the United States. Spain favored herself. Cuba was free today to buy in the cheapest market. The people are returning to pursuits of their own, and our military government will give way to civil government as fast as possible. Mr. Porter also said President McKinley used and will use his power to the cooperation of all interested in the welfare of Cuba and he needed the cooperation of all, and General Gomez above all others."

The Cuban commander-in-chief replied that he was ready and willing to give all the aid required, and asked how he could do so.

To this Mr. Porter replied that President McKinley would be glad to have him go to Havana and co-operate with General Brooke in disbanding the Cuban army and paying over \$3,000,000 appropriated for the purpose.

General Gomez said the amount was too small, but it was not his fault and he would make it go as far as possible.

WILHELM'S METAPHORS.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—The Emperor William, speaking at the annual banquet last night of the Emperor William Diet, said: "The Hohenzollerns must always consider themselves responsible to God personally for the sins of their ancestors. It is not the people who have inherited the sins of their ancestors, but the Hohenzollerns. When I stood on the Altar of Olives, I renewed the oath taken to the colors not to leave a stone unturned to assure the welfare of the people."

His Majesty recalled Marshal von Moltke's words to Prince Bismarck after the Franco-German war. "Now is the time to see the tree grow," said the Emperor then alluded to the universal efforts being made to bring peace, and declared that Germany "must stand united, like a bronze rock, against any attempt to disturb peace." He added "peace must be preserved at home and abroad."

STOCK DIE BY THOUSANDS.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 4.—Telegrams from northwestern and western Texas say that the stockmen in those sections have suffered great losses in their herds by the cold weather of the last month. Cattle have died by the thousands from lack of food and by freezing to death. In Moore county the losses of cattle have been particularly severe, and the country west of San Angelo is covered with dead sheep.

Denver, Col., Feb. 4.—John Springer, president of the National Live Stock Association, has received advices from Montana, Wyoming and Texas, to the effect that there will be heavy losses of range cattle within a week.

BANK OFFICIAL SHOT.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—Mr. W. S. Farde's assistant secretary of the Pacific State Mutual Savings Bank, was shot and probably fatally wounded today by Mr. Christian Hets, Jr. The shooting occurred in Farde's office.