

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington D. C. Dec. 3, 1905. The announcement that Minister Herbert Squires has quit his post in Cuba and will be succeeded by Edwin Morgan, late minister to Seoul, is no great surprise but it shows a few things in the diplomatic relations of this country. It indicates that we are trying to keep up good relations with both Cuba and Japan and it is another reminder to diplomatic representatives abroad not to be too strenuous. The trouble with Minister Squires has been brewing for some time. It is nothing to his discredit that he has gotten out either. He has been minister of Cuba ever since the American evacuation of the island. At first his relations with the Cuban government were pleasant enough. Then came the question of Cuba living up to the provision in her treaty with the United States which obliged her to maintain the state of sanitation in which the United States left the island when it vacated. This has always been a sore point with Cuba. It took money and it took trouble to keep the place clean, and a great deal of good coin that might otherwise have been absorbed as graft had to go to the purchase of coal oil, disinfectants and to pay the sanitary corps. This was a hard and unheard of state of things where the natives were used to regard official perquisites as limited merely by the things that were too heavy to move.

Minister Squires was urgent about keeping up the sanitation of the island and made himself unpopular.

Then came the question of the Anglo-Cuban treaty. It has never developed just what those in authority were to get for letting this treaty through, for it gave everything to England and Cuba, as a nation, got nothing in return. It was an exceedingly distasteful treaty to the United States and Minister Squires fought it squarely and beat it for a time at least. This made him more unpopular. Then he was accused of siding with the Gomez faction in politics. This he may have done personally and not been far wrong either. But he committed no official act that would impair his standing as a minister. He never went to the length of either Lord Sackville West nor Deputy de Lome in this country. But when the matter of the Isle of Pines came up, he took the American view of that controversy also, and as the State Department was very anxious to keep out of tangles with Cuba just now, Secretary Root called the Minister sharply to time for what might have been construed as offensive partisanship. Mr. Squires promptly cabled his resignation to the State Department, and it has been as promptly accepted. There has been no talk of finding Mr. Squires "something equally good." But the diplomatic service loses a very faithful man by his resignation and one whose only fault seems to have been that he was too much American for a foreign post.

Mr. Squires successor has been announced from the State Department as Mr. Edwin V. Morgan, late minister of Korea. Since the announcement of the Japanese protectorate over that country, the powers have been decided to withdraw their diplomatic representatives and transact all business through Tokyo. This arrangement is satisfactory to Japan of course. But it is bitterly resented by Korea. It promises to wipe out Korea's national identity and make it another Finland or Poland. It is to be hoped of course that Korea will get a little better government than Poland or Finland had under

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Russia. In fact she could not get much worse, nor worse than she has had under her succession of native emperors (most of them assassinated.) But Mr. Morgan is out of a job just now and it looks as though Cuba might be a convenient berth for him.

The talk of the new rate bill is assuming an assured tone as though there had been no doubt all along in the mind of anyone that there would be a rate bill of some sort. The President has not declared himself as yet, but those who assume to speak for him, say that it is to be largely an extension of the powers that were supposed to be vested in the Interstate Commerce Commission for the first year or two of its existence. There is to be a penalty clause providing a fine of \$5,000 a day failure to accept a rate named by the commission within the stationary limit of 30 days. The sort of books to be kept for the enlightenment of the Commission are also specified. But the chief thing is the penalty clause to enable the commission to enforce its decisions. This is the thing the commission has been clamoring for ever since it found out from a decision of the courts that the penalty clause which everyone thought was in the original bill had been intentionally or accidentally omitted.

For those interested in statistics of education, it will be interesting to learn from a census bulletin just issued, that we are only 10 per cent illiterate in this country. Of the native born whites, only 45 out of every thousand are unable to read and write. Of the foreign-born, there are 128 in the thousand who are illiterate, and of the negroes, 445 per thousand or nearly 50 per cent. This ought to make instructive reading for the people who think the individual states have no business to define their own suffrage requirements. It is cheering to learn that the general illiteracy of the country is decreasing. At the last census there were 138 people per 1,000 in the total population who could not read while now the total average has dropped to 106 per 1,000. It is a rather curious fact that females are more illiterate than males though the disparity is less marked than it was in the last census.

Will be no Sleighing.

According to the prophecy of George Hartman, a Reading prognosticator of the weather, there will be no snowfall this winter heavier than one inch. In an interview he said: It is seldom that in this climate we have a summer which produces two crops of vegetables. This season we had. Whenever this occurs a mild winter follows. Old residents will remember the year 1877, when that summer produced two crops of vegetables, and there was very little snow. The weather this winter will be similar to that of 28 years ago.

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"I believe, too, that the population of the earth will be regulated by auto-suggestion."

False Dawn.

There is one hour of the night between midnight and morning—two o'clock, to be accurate—when all nature is astir. The cowboys and the shepherds and the old country folk tell us about it. This hour is heralded by the rooster crowing, not this time to announce the hour of dawn, but as though he were a watchman speeding the course of night. Cowboys assert that the entire herd of cattle wake up and walk about and lie down and rest in a new lair. The sheep rouse themselves and crop the grass, the birds stir in their nests, the cowboys' horses and the shepherd's dogs open their eyes, too, to look for a moment at the stars and become for the time being mere animals in nature's flock; yet there is no accounting for the inaudible summons, the gentle touch of nature that recalls all the sleepers to life at precisely the same hour. Even to those deepest read in these arcana this rhythmic nightly resurrection remains a mystery.

Victims of Beasts in India.

Year by year records are published of the destruction of human and cattle life by the wild beasts and snakes of British India. Last year 24,576 human beings and 96,226 cattle were killed, and of the people, 21,827 deaths were attributed to snakes, while to the cattle, 86,000 were killed by wild beasts, panthers being charged with 40,000 and tigers with 30,000 of this total; snakes accounted for 10,000.

And this is but a trifling percentage of the actual annual mortality, as it excludes the feudatory states with their 700,000 square miles and 6,000,000 inhabitants, where no records are obtainable. Nor do the fatalities grow materially less, notwithstanding the efforts of sportsmen and rewards by government, because the development of railways and roads, as the jungle is reclaimed for agriculture, means continuous invasion of the snake and tiger-infested territory.—Outing.

Turkey's Bad Forestry.

Forestry is neglected by the Turkish government, as witness the following remarks by an explorer: "The most marked feature of all this eastern district is the entire absence of wood, from any natural condition, as trees would evidently grow in most parts, according to species and altitude limits, but owing to the willful destruction and neglect to replant. Firewood now comes four and more days' journey to Erzerum and is in that city the most expensive household necessity, while across the border, on the Russian side, there are magnificent pine forests. This regrettable destruction extends all over Asiatic Turkey, square miles of forest being burnt where as many square acres of clearing near some village are desired. Around villages great walls of magnificent logs rise up and around fields also, so that soon no forests will remain except in the most inaccessible mountains."

A Tinker's Dam.

What is the origin of the phrase, "A tinker's dam," and whence did it derive its present significance? Mr. James MacArthur throws some light on the matter. The common application of the term, he says, is a misuse of it. The phrase had a homely origin. A tinker's dam is not an epithet, but a wad of dough or soft clay raised around a spot which a plumber, in repairing, desires to flood with solder; as the material of this dam can be used only once it is thrown away as useless—hence the proverb.—Harper's Weekly.

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GENERAL NEWS

Right Rev. Bishop Richard Scannell, of the Nebraska diocese of the Catholic church has declared ex-communicated "ipso facto" all members of the Catholic church who participated in the wedding of Congressman Kennedy and Miss Pritchett. There were a number of prominent Catholics present, including Mrs. Edward Cudahy, wife of the packing house magnate. Miss Mae Hamilton, whose individual fortune is rated at over a million, was one of the bridesmaids.

Congressman Kennedy has a divorced wife living and for that reason the Bishop issued a pastoral forbidding all Catholics to participate in the ceremony. The Bishop declared excommunicated all members of his church who attended the wedding. The wedding took place in a Presbyterian church at Omaha.

Richard A. McCurdy, has resigned as President of the Mutual Life Insurance company. His resignation was accepted by the Board of Trustees and Frederick Cromwell, Treasurer of the Mutual, was named as his temporary successor. While no definite announcement was made regarding the selection of a permanent successor for Mr. McCurdy, it was persistently reported that the presidency of the company had been offered to James H. Eckels, who was Comptroller of the Currency during the administration of President Cleveland. Mr. Eckels is now President of the Commercial National Bank, of Chicago.

The wreck of a freight train on the Valley road near Falls station on November 3d has caused considerable commotion in that vicinity. It is said that nearly \$3000 worth of goods consisting of clothing, dry goods, groceries, etc., were taken by some of the people in that section from the wreckage strewn along the tracks. The goods were missed by the company and officers were set to work to look them up. A good deal of the plunder has been recovered, but in order to do so a dozen or more arrests had to be made. Some of the goods were found many miles from the scene of the wreck.

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