

THE FUTURE OF CUBA.

Needed Reforms Suggested by Commissioner Porter.

TARIFF REVISION NECESSARY.

The Spanish Tariff Constructed on the "Heads Spain Wins, Tails Cuba Loses" Idea—The Rapacity of the Spanish Officials in Cuba.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Hon. Robert P. Porter, special commissioner for the United States to Cuba and Puerto Rico, yesterday presented his report to the president and secretary of the treasury. The report submitted contains about 60,000 words and goes very fully into the financial and economical conditions of Cuba, analyzing the budget of that island for 14 years, showing the sources of income and the causes of expenditure. There are some supplementary reports yet to be made.

Mr. Porter examined both in the United States and Cuba some 500 witnesses, all of whose testimony is published in the appendix to the report. Mr. Porter has also submitted for the approval of the secretary of the treasury a complete revision of the tariff in the form of a new bill, which will be examined by the experts of the treasury department and if approved will be promulgated by the president and take effect at the port of Cienfuegos Dec. 1, that being, in all probability, the first important port to come into the possession of the United States.

The Spanish tariff was made by Spaniards for Spain, in the interest of the Spaniards. That seems to be the only principle in it. On any other theory it was inexplicable. The rates were full of inequalities and were not levied on any sound principle, but on the "heads Spain wins, tails Cuba loses" idea, which prevails in the whole fiscal fabric.

"The cupidty and rapacity of the Spanish official in Cuba is beyond conception, and if we may judge by the results at Santiago the United States officials will be able to collect as much revenue on a tariff the duties of which are nearly two-thirds less than under the iniquitous law now in force."

Mr. Porter gives a table showing the average annual custom house receipts in the Island of Cuba from 1888 to 1897, inclusive, to be \$12,645,894.

In an interesting analysis of the Cuban budget showing how much revenue is required and how much may reasonably be expected from the tariff to be enforced Mr. Porter says: "The money collected from Cuba, whether it was \$26,000,000 or less, has all gone, and nothing is likely to be found in the treasury but numerous evidences of promises to pay, records of receipts given by the government for goods not paid for, debts of all kinds, including the salaries of a large number of minor officials. The first and most important item of expenditure is for sovereignty expenses, and aggregates a sum exceeding \$2,000,000."

The largest item is that of the interest on public debt, which aggregates \$10,435,183.

An important subject in the report is that in relation to the currency. Says the report: "Although Cuba is afflicted with many kinds of depreciated currency, the established basis is strictly gold. Indeed, there is something almost pathetic in the manner in which Cuba, though plundered and depleted of her resources of wealth, has been saved from a gold basis. The testimony taken and statements made on this subject have been unanimously in favor of a continuous gold basis, for the Cubans have suffered so much from Spain's various attempts to force depreciated currency upon the people, both in the form of silver and bank bills, that they want no further experiment with the currency."

Mr. Porter then takes up the question of taxation, and suggests the abolition of certain taxes, especially that known as the "consumption tax" on the killing of cattle, which is an excise that greatly increases the price of food to the people. "This tax," says Mr. Porter, "like many others, is simply farmed out to private firms or corporations, whose emissaries in its collection become a constant menace to thrift and industry in their respective districts. Another tax which will fall down of its own weight is the "cedula," or head tax, which varies in amount from a few cents to \$100, according to the rank and importance of the individual. Curiously enough, this tax when not collected becomes a greater source of injustice and annoyance than when collected. It is generally allowed to run until some occasion comes for the unhappy victim of Spanish rapacity to require a public document or permit to bury a child or relative, a license to marry, a transfer of real estate or a notarial acknowledgment. Then it is that the petty rascals in charge of public business bear down heavily, and unless the fines and back "cedulas" and a handsome "gratification" to the official is forthcoming, the body must await interment, the marriage must be postponed or a transaction delayed."

Mr. Porter then takes up the question of education. There are free public schools in Cuba, but the teachers have the right to take pay scholars, and naturally those who do not pay get little or no attention. The proportion of people who are illiterate is very great. Some statistics show only one in forty of the laboring classes able to read and write. There can be no stable government in Cuba, Mr. Porter says, until this has been remedied.

Mr. Porter closes his recommendations by giving an account of the condition of labor in the island, in which he says: "There is at this moment a steady increase in the demand for labor on plantations, and in Santiago province labor for the mines. While in Cuba your commissioner received one cable dispatch calling for 1,600 laborers for the mines, while three large plantations stood ready between them to employ a thousand men to work in the sugar fields. In the neighborhood of the sugar plantations all the able bodied men had either been killed in battle, died of disease or starvation, or were too weak to withstand the hard labor."

THE WAR TAX MEASURE

Will Not Be Repeated at the Coming Session of Congress.

Washington, Nov. 15.—The Washington Post states that the war tax will not be abolished at the coming short session of congress, and that there will be no revision of the tariff whatever. It bases this announcement upon the positive statement made by Chairman Dingley, of the ways and means committee, who in an interview says: "The government will need for some time all the revenue produced by the war taxes. During the month of October the war expenditure exceeded the war revenue by some \$14,000,000, and this month they will be \$10,000,000 in excess. This being the case, there will be no change, at least this fiscal year. The war revenue act will continue in force and unchanged, except perhaps in a few minor administrative features, for at least a year longer."

"It is hardly necessary to add," continued Mr. Dingley, "that there will be no revision of the tariff, although I have seen some statement to the effect that such a revision is contemplated. "The session is limited to three months," continued Mr. Dingley, "and that short period will be mainly occupied in passing the appropriation bills, in enacting new laws for the regular army and in deciding upon the legislation necessary for the government of Hawaii. In addition to these important matters the usual number of routine matters will arise. From the present outlook the session will be well under way before the treaty of peace with Spain will be laid before the senate, and the ratification of that document may not be accomplished long before the 4th of March arrives."

CARLIST UPRIISING PREDICTED.

Spain Will Probably Have More Trouble Within a Few Weeks.

London, Nov. 16.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "A leading Carlist tells me he will be astonished if a formidable rising does not occur in Spain within a month after the peace treaty is signed. The Carlists have abundant supplies of money, and, my informant says, only something very big and unexpected can prevent a rising. "This appears to agree with the news that Don Carlos has succeeded in raising an important loan in London and in Paris, and that wealthy Carlist families are insuring their property against war risks."

"I questioned a prominent official at the Spanish war office today on the subject, and he told me he was well aware of the Carlist activity, but that the government was even more ready than the Carlists. The bulk of the actual standing army of Spain, he said, is now occupying Aragon, the Basque provinces and North Catalonia. There is a larger number of troops under the colors than the law authorizes in ordinary times, the government having decided that this is necessary to preserve internal order. During the last two months—still according to my informant—the government has greatly increased its war material and has replaced most of the artillery and ammunition sent to the West Indies. My own opinion is, however, that Spanish people will not tolerate a Carlist rising, because civil war would only complete Spain's ruin."

South Carolina Lynchers.

Greenwood, S. C., Nov. 12.—Eleven negroes and one white man are dead as the result of the race war here. The trouble began on election day, when J. I. Etheridge, white, was killed at the polls. Then the whites organized and went hunting negroes, with the above result. R. R. Tolbert, the Republican candidate for congress, declares that Etheridge was killed by one of his own party. Tolbert has presented a complaint to President McKinley, going to Washington for that purpose. The Tolberts are denounced as the instigators of the trouble, and all of them have been compelled to flee.

Reciprocity Negotiations Suspended.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Negotiations on the proposed reciprocity treaty between this government and Great Britain relative to the British West Indies have come to a halt, with no present indication that the treaty will be concluded in the near future. The negotiations had proceeded to an advanced stage last spring, it being hoped that the treaty would be appended before congress adjourned. In order that the senate might have an opportunity to ratify. Since then, however, obstacles have developed, and the negotiations which were so far along have lapsed into a condition of inaction.

Says Spaniards Will Not Sign.

Madrid, Nov. 16.—According to semi-official statements here the Spanish peace commissioners will maintain their present attitude in regard to the Philippine Islands, and will certainly not accept the conditions of the United States. Further, if the discussion does not return to the limits of the protocol, as viewed by the Spaniards, the Spanish commissioners have decided, in spite of contrary reports, not to sign a treaty of peace. It is also learned from the same sources that complete accord prevails between the Spanish government and its peace commissioners.

Officers of the W. C. T. U.

St. Paul, Nov. 16.—The W. C. T. U. yesterday elected Mrs. Stevens, of Maine, president, she receiving 217 of the 256 votes cast. Mrs. Susannah M. D. Fry, of Minnesota, was elected corresponding secretary, Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman, of Missouri, re-elected recording secretary, and Mrs. Frances E. Beauchamp, of Kentucky, assistant recording secretary. Mrs. Helen M. Baker was elected treasurer.

Death of Archbishop Gross.

Baltimore, Nov. 15.—William Hickley Gross, archbishop of Oregon, Roman Catholic church, died at St. Joseph's hospital, this city, yesterday, of heart disease. Archbishop Gross came to this city to attend a celebration at St. Charles college, Ellicott City, Md., and was taken sick on Nov. 6, since which time he has been confined to his bed in St. Joseph's hospital.

Mme. Patti Agnini Betrothed.

London, Nov. 16.—Mme. Adelina Patti-Nicolini announces her betrothal to Baron Corderstrom, a Swedish nobleman. The marriage will take place next February.

BRYAN ON ELECTIONS.

The Nebraska Colonel Submits to a Press Interview.

THE RESULT NOT SURPRISING.

People Voted Not on Party Issues, But to Sustain the Administration That Conducted a Successful War.

Chicago Platform Will Be Reaffirmed. Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 16.—Colonel W. J. Bryan last night gave to the press the following interview relative to the late election. "While I do not understand that service in the volunteer army prevents a soldier from expressing his opinions upon political questions, I declined to take part in the late campaign lest I should be accused by partisan opponents of attempting to embarrass the administration. Now that the election is over I shall exercise a citizen's privilege of discussing the returns. "Compared with the election of 1896, the Republicans have gained in some places and lost in others. It was not a sweeping Republican victory. On the whole the result is not surprising when it is remembered that the administration is just concluding a successful war. While a majority of the soldiers are probably anti-Republicans, the management of the war has been entirely in Republican hands, and the strongest argument used during the campaign was that a Republican defeat would discredit the president in the eyes of foreign nations, while his commissioners were engaged in making a treaty. "It was not a trial upon the issues now before the people, but a successful plea for a continuance of the case. The people have not accepted the gold standard; they have not fallen in love with the plan to give the banks a monopoly of the issue of paper money; they have not decided to retire the greenbacks; they have not surrendered to the trusts. "These questions were forced into the background by the declaration of war, but they must be faced again as soon as peace is restored. The Chicago platform presents for public consideration certain vital economic questions. That platform has not been abandoned by those who indorsed it in 1896. It will be reaffirmed in 1900, because it gives expression to the hopes and aspirations of a large majority of the party."

"When the Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans favored Cuban independence they understood that war would give a temporary advantage to the party in power, but they were willing to risk defeat in order to aid the people fighting to be free. "Neither can the election be regarded as an indorsement of any definite foreign policy. Until a treaty of peace has been entered into and the terms made known the people cannot pass judgment upon it. Whether the war will raise any question of peace, it will raise any question of peace. If a Republican senator is chosen by the new legislature he will go to Washington to represent a minority of the people of the state, and to thwart the will of the majority."

GOOD NEWS FOR DREYFUS.

The Prisoner of Devil's Island to Be Immediately Notified.

Paris, Nov. 16.—The minister of war was informed yesterday by the court of cassation that it had been decided to call to Dreyfus, on Devil's Island, instructing him to prepare his defense. Information as to the decision of the court ought to reach Dreyfus on the Isle Du Diabie within two days. When the news was imparted to Mme. Dreyfus she was so overcome with joy that she was unable to utter a word. The Courier Du Soir says that M. Cavagnac, former minister of war, and M. Deroudele, one of the most violent opponents of Dreyfus revision, called upon the premier, M. Dupuy, and asked him not to extend the decision of the court of cassation to notify Dreyfus. M. Dupuy refused to comply with their request, whereupon they threatened to make an interpellation in the chamber.

Wilmington's Race War Ended.

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 14.—The race war in Wilmington has ended, though nine negroes have been killed and the negro newspaper office was wrecked by a crowd of whites. The paper, The Record, had published an article defamatory of white women, and the whites demanded that the editor leave town, and the paper be suppressed. Prominent negroes being called on to enforce the decree. As no answer was returned the office was wrecked and burned. Then the town officials were forced to tender their resignations and an entire new city government was chosen, with ex-Representative Waddell as mayor. Three of the retiring officials were forced to leave the city, and have presented a complaint at Washington.

Trenton People Profit by Gas War.

Trenton, Nov. 16.—Trenton people are being furnished with gas at 25 cents per 1,000 cubic feet. The new plant of the People's Gas Improvement company, of which William L. Elkins, of Philadelphia, is the head, was put in operation yesterday, and a war is on between this company and the old one, the Trenton Gas Light company, which until the new company was organized was charging \$2 a thousand. Since then both companies have been underbidding each other. The old company yesterday reduced its price to 45 cents, and the new company came down to 25 cents.

The Maria Teresa Cannot Be Rescued.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Captain McCala, after examining the wrecked Maria Teresa, has wired the navy department that in his opinion it will be impossible to rescue the ship.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Nov. 12.—The coroner's jury investigating the Exceter mine accident returned a verdict yesterday afternoon placing the blame on Engineer Price and brakeman Anthony. They had charge of the coal cars which fell down the shaft and killed the eight men on the carriage.

Harrisburg, Nov. 12.—Governor Hastings issued a writ to the sheriff of Allegheny county last evening authorizing him to hold a special election Nov. 29 to fill the vacancy in the Twenty-third congressional district created by the resignation of Governor-elect William A. Stone, who tendered his resignation the day after his election.

Philadelphia, Nov. 12.—Thursday Senator M. S. Quay issued an address announcing his candidacy for United States senator and offering a reward of \$10,000 for the conviction of any legislator accepting a bribe or any person offering a bribe. Today ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker offers a reward of \$20,000 for such conviction.

Pittsburg, Nov. 15.—Window glass factories, with a capacity of about 1,000 pots, started work yesterday, and nearly 10,000 men and boys are earning their first money in over half a year. Of the total number of about 1,500 pots controlled by the American Glass company only about 500 were operated before the agreement was reached Sunday. The remaining idle pots will be in complete working order early this week.

Sharon, Pa., Nov. 12.—An explosion of slag occurred at the Buhl steel mill at midnight, the concussion of which shook houses all over the city. John Van Horn, who operates the electric crane, was perhaps fatally burned, and John Shipp and George Addicks seriously injured. The explosion was caused by water coming in contact with the slag. Fire followed the explosion, and the mill was damaged slightly.

Canonsburg, Pa., Nov. 15.—This town was visited yesterday by a furious fire, which, before it could be gotten under control, wiped out fully a third of the business portion, two of the principal hotels, many dwellings and did damage estimated at \$150,000. No lives were lost, so far as can be ascertained. During the progress of the fire thieves reaped a rich harvest in the west end of the town. After the fire a dozen or more families found their homes torn upside down on their arrival, almost everything portable being carried away.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Nov. 15.—Two passenger cars were wrecked, six trainmen killed and five injured by a head-on collision on the Lehigh Valley railroad, nine miles east of this city, last Friday morning. The names of the killed are: John McNally, engineer, Lehigh; William Toxheimer, fireman, Lehigh; Harry Fred Glasser, fireman, Mauch Chunk; John McGregor, express messenger, Wilkesbarre; Jacob Engleman, brakeman, Easton; D. E. Price, engineer, Easton. The latter died last night. The accident was due to the failure of the air brakes to work.

Erie, Pa., Nov. 12.—In court yesterday Attorney Higby filed a formal protest on behalf of Mr. George Higgins, Republican candidate for congress, who was defeated on the face of the returns, against the count of the votes in the First and Second wards of the city of Corry. He alleges that the election boards were not organized according to law, that they received the votes of persons not entitled to vote, that they received the votes of minors, did not attend to their duty, closed the polls during the hours they must be open, and allowed persons to be present in the booths and talk to voters.

Pittsburg, Nov. 12.—Sult was entered in the county courts yesterday afternoon against H. Sellers McKee, Murray A. Verner and others by the Pittsburg and Birmingham Traction company charging them with fraudulently securing the sum of \$1,000,000. The bill charges conspiracy, and alleges that in the reconstruction and equipment of the road for operation by electricity \$1,700,000 was paid to Verner, when \$600,000 had been a fair price for the work. The court is asked for a decree ordering an accounting and to grant a bill of discovery, also to grant a decree that the pretended contracts were devices to obtain the company's money.

Pittsburg, Nov. 15.—Edward Beilstein, brother of Bertha Beilstein, who killed her mother and attempted to kill herself six weeks ago, added another chapter to the tragedy which surrounds the family by killing himself Sunday night on the grave of his mother. His body was found yesterday, cold and stiff, and beside it was a note which indicated that he had committed suicide by poison. Bertha is still living, but cannot recover. Edward Beilstein's widow is in a dying condition from the effects of the shock. The news of her husband's suicide caused a collapse, as she has been in a frail condition for some weeks past. Her death is expected momentarily.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., Nov. 11.—Two sensational homicide cases in the Blair county courts ended yesterday, when Frank Wilson and James Farrell, charged with the murder of Henry Bonnecka, were discharged. Both men had been convicted of the charge, but the supreme court ordered new trials in their cases. District Attorney Hammond claimed that the second trial was held under the rulings of the higher court, and upon his motion the court ordered the release of Wilson and the commitment of Farrell to the Western penitentiary to serve out a sentence for a separate crime. These murder cases have saddled \$35,000 in costs and detective fees upon the county's taxpayers.

Middletown, Pa., Nov. 16.—Camp Meade will exist only in memory after tomorrow. The troops are being shipped away at the rate of three regiments a day, and inside of 24 hours all will have gone to the southern camps. A battalion of regulars will be brought here to guard the commissary and quartermaster's warehouses and other government property. The war department officials are much pleased with this location for a camp, and it is probable that the Second corps will return here in the spring. This is, of course, if these troops are not sent to Cuba for garrison duty or the war with Spain is renewed. There is a probability that this will be made a permanent barracks if the regulars keep well during the winter.

BARAINS, WANTS, ETC.

WANTED—The present address of William Raymond, formerly of Bellefonte, Pa., by The Centre Democrat.

WANTED—The present postoffice address of John Gifford, recently of Osceola Mills, Pa., by The Centre Democrat.

WANTED—The present address of L. B. Davis, formerly of this city, by The Centre Democrat.

WANTED—Any information of the present address of G. W. Smith, recently of Boyceville, Va., will be considered a favor if sent to this office.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A good Hartford Hicy. will be sold for \$145.00 cash. The best is almost as good as new and can be seen at this office.

FOR SALE—A copy of "Commemorative Record," biographies in Clinton, Union and Snyder counties, just published. The book will be sold at a reduction. Inquire at this office.

WANTED—Information as to the present address of Jared C. Logan, former address Akron, Ohio. An account of \$200, for unpaid subscription, against said party, will be sold at a liberal price. Address this office.

D. GEORGE B. KLUMP, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, Bellefonte, Pa. In Office the Larimer building, opposite the Court House, High street. Telephone 1263. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., 9 to 10 p. m.

FOR SALE CHEAP—An account of \$150.00 against John A. Mirock, Phillipsburg, Pa., for ten years' subscription. This account sold at a very liberal reduction. Address THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT, Bellefonte, Pa.

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LEGAL NOTICE

REGISTER'S NOTICE—THE FOLLOWING accounts have been examined, passed and filed of record in the Register's office for the estate of heirs and legatees, creditors and others in anywise interested, and will be presented to the Orphan's Court of Centre county on or before Wednesday, the 30th day of Nov. A. D. 1898.

1. The account of Elijah Weston, administrator of the estate of Wm. Merryman late of Taylor township, deceased.

2. The account of Alfred Thompson, administrator of the estate of John Thompson, late of Gregg township, deceased.

3. The account of John E. Linn, guardian of Claude C. Williams, minor child of Annie Williams, late of College township, deceased.

4. The account of Merritt I. Adams, administrator of the estate of Wm. M. Adams, late of Boggs township, deceased.

5. The first and final account of Daniel Ripka, administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Ripka, late of Gregg township, deceased.

6. The second partial account of William E. Grove and Nathan Grove, executors of the estate of William Grove, late of College township, dec'd.

7. The final account of Henry Melcher, administrator of the estate of John G. Hall, late of Union township, deceased.

tract of land situate in the township of Walker, County of Centre, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: On the north by lands of J. Johnsonbaugh, on the west by lands of Hon. Cyrus Gifford, John White, and the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, on the south by lands of Samuel Hind and on the east by lands of H. Sprunt and Samuel Zimmerman, containing one hundred and ten (110) acres and eighty five (85) perches more or less. M. CRONISTER, Sheriff's Office, Bellefonte, Pa., Oct. 21, '98.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following accounts will be presented to the court for confirmation on Wednesday Nov. 30, 1898, and unless exceptions be filed, thereon on or before the second day of the term the same will be confirmed, to wit: The first partial account of Henry Meyer, co-administrator of Arthur Evans, a lunatic. The first and final account of Ellis L. Orvis, assignee of W. Miles Walker.

The second partial account of Nathaniel Beery committee of Harry Bayler, a lunatic. The second partial account of Nathaniel Beery committee of Jesse N. Cowher, a lunatic. WM. SMITH, Prothy.

DIVORCE NOTICE. ELLIE THOMAS vs. In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, Pa. HARRY THOMAS vs. April Term, '98. To Harry Thomas: Whereas Ellie Thomas your wife has filed a libel in the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, Pa., praying for a divorce against you, now you are hereby notified and requested to appear in said Court on or before Monday the 28th day of November next, to answer the complaint. If the said Ellie Thomas, and show cause if any you have, why the said Ellie Thomas should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, and in default of such appearance you will be liable to have a divorce granted in your absence. Sheriff's office, Sheriff of Centre county Bellefonte, Pa. Oct. 17, 1898.

DIVORCE NOTICE. JENNIE T. HENDERSON vs. In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, Pa. To Bert K. Henderson: Whereas Jennie T. Henderson your wife has filed a libel in the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, Pa., praying for a divorce against you, now you are hereby notified and requested to appear in said Court on or before Monday the 28th day of November next, to answer the complaint of the said Jennie T. Henderson, and show cause why you have, why the said Jennie T. Henderson should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, and in default of such appearance you will be liable to have a divorce granted in your absence. W. M. CRONISTER, Sheriff October 17th, 1898.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Wm. J. THOMPSON, dec'd, late of Potter township. Letters testamentary upon said estate having been granted by the Register of Wills to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims, to present them for settlement. All claims against estate should be presented to J. G. IRVIN, of Oak Hill, Pa., who is authorized to act for the executor. EDWARD E. MITCHELL, Executor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Elizabeth C. Eckley, of Pine Grove Mills, Ferguson township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons having claims against said estate will present them duly authenticated, for settlement, and those indebted to the said estate will please make prompt payment. D. W. MILLER, ADMR.

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