

WHAT ALL THE WORLD IS DOING

Trend of Civilization in All Lines From Week to Week

POLITICS and GOVERNMENT

Legislative.

Rathbone Arraigned Wood.

Major E. G. Rathbone, who as director of Cuban posts was indicted for misuse of public funds, has laid before the senate committee on military affairs evidence to sustain his serious charges against General Leonard Wood, whose nomination for major general is dividing the senate. The hearings of the committee were secret, but it is known that General Wood is charged with interfering with postal prosecutions and with improper connection with the gambling monopoly at Havana, from which valuable presents were accepted by him.



General Wood.

Cuban Bill Passed 335 to 21.

As has been foreshadowed by the action of the Democratic caucus in deciding to support the Cuban reciprocity measure proposed by the majority, this bill, for which the extra session was convened, went through almost unanimously Nov. 19 when the test vote showed 335 for it to 21 against it. The Democrats had sought to amend the measure by taking off the differential on refined sugar, which they claimed gave the sugar trust \$8,000,000 annually, and Leader Williams arraigned the Republicans for their refusal to make a general revision of the tariff, but the usual rule preventing amendments was brought in, thus confining the debate to the passage of the bill as it was brought in from committee. Five Republican members kicked over the traces by voting against this limitation of amendments.

Williams' New Move.

Leader Williams of the Democratic minority in the house has made a new political move by introducing resolutions for reconvening the joint high commission to consider trade relations with Canada and also a bill for a 20 per cent reduction in taxes on the products of all countries which admit the natural products of the United States to their markets free of duty.

Foreign.

Colombia's Ultimatum.

General Reyes, who arrived at Colon late last week as the special representative of the Colombian government to make peace overtures to the people of Panama, was prevented from landing, but was allowed to conduct his negotiations on board an American warship. All proposals for a reunion with Colombia were rejected by the Panama junta. Thereupon General Reyes in a letter to Rear Admiral Coghlan, commander of the American naval forces on the isthmus, protested against the American exclusion and demanded permission to land troops in Panama territory outside the zone of the Panama railroad. This, too, was refused. Fears for the safety of the American minister, Mr. Beaupre, were felt owing to the growing excitement of the people at Bogota. Two other Colombian provinces, Cauca and Antioquia, lying nearest to Panama, were reported to have taken steps toward joining the isthmian republic. General Reyes was expected to come to Washington to urge his peace ultimatum.

Result of Italian Visit.

The event of the week in England was the great popular and official reception given to the king and queen of Italy, and one definite political outcome of the interchange with King Edward was the agreement upon terms for an arbitration treaty between Great Britain and Italy somewhat similar to the recently promulgated Anglo-French treaty.

Santo Domingo Again Bombarded.

The siege of Santo Domingo again resulted in an active bombardment by the insurgents. For several days the city was constantly under fire, but the government forces still held out and repeatedly drove the insurgents back. American marines from the cruiser Baltimore were landed to protect American interests. A report was circulated that the present government at Santo Domingo was trying to turn the country over to American control.

British Invasion of Tibet.

The diplomatic mission recently sent by the British government of Tibet at Lassa regarding its nonobservance of treaties having received but scant courtesy from mere subordinates of the rulers of that country, more drastic measures have now been undertaken. Advice from Karachi, India, announced that the expedition under Colonel Younghusband would start in a few days to occupy the Chumbi valley and thence advance on Gyantse, 150 miles from Lassa. It is thought that the Tibetans are preparing for war and that in this event Russia will support them as against England.

Three Hundred Moros Blain.

In the running five days' fight the forces under General Leonard Wood

scattered the opposing Moros in the island of Jolo, 300 of the latter being slain. Several Americans were wounded.

Foreign Notes.

The trial of 400 prisoners taken in connection with the Jew massacre at Kishineff, Russia, has begun. * * * Viceroy Curzon of India has gone on a tour of Persian bay countries, escorted by a fleet. * * * Russia continues to pour troops into Manchuria to overawe China. * * * Emperor William continues to improve from effects of his operation. * * * Belgium has a new concession for a railroad in the Yellow river region of China. * * * The trial of the Chinese reformers was begun.

Executive.

Fleets Nearer to Isthmus.

Evidence that the administration is anticipating possible hostilities with Colombia is found in the orders issued by the navy department. The Asiatic fleet, under Rear Admiral Evans, is to cruise at once 4,000 miles eastward to Honolulu, while the ships of the north Atlantic fleet are soon to start for the West Indies, as well as those of the south Atlantic, ostensibly to attend the annual winter maneuvers.

Treaty with Panama Signed.

Secretary Hay and Philippe Bunau-Varilla, the minister from Panama, Nov. 18 signed a treaty providing for the construction of the Panama canal by the United States. The ceremony took place in Secretary Hay's study. The United States gets a ten mile strip of the isthmus in perpetuity, cities at both ends and islands in Pan. Minister Bunau-Varilla, with virtual sovereignty, Panama is to get \$10,000,000 in a lump and \$250,000 annually as rent.

"Fighting Bob" Upheld.

Secretary of the Navy Moody Wednesday rendered his decision in the matter of the protest of Paymaster Biscoe against Rear Admiral Evans and upholds the admiral in his condemnation of the judges who excused the disorderly acts of Assistant Paymaster Nicholson in China.

Legal and Criminal.

The Green-Beavers Trial.

The conspiracy case of State Senator Green and George W. Beavers in connection with the sale of time clocks to the government when Beavers was division chief in the postoffice department came to trial at Binghamton. The prosecution traced checks from Green to Beavers at the time government payments for the clocks were made to Green's company.

Postal Conspiracy Acquittal.

The second trial of Daniel V. Miller and Joseph M. Johns, charged with conspiracy to extort a bribe from the Ryan turf enterprise of Cincinnati for a favorable decision, has resulted in a verdict of acquittal by the jury in the United States district court of Cincinnati.

Desperado Mortensen Shot.

The execution of the Mormon murderer, Peter Mortensen, Nov. 20 at Salt Lake City attracted much attention because of the threatened interference of his comrades and because he chose to be shot instead of hanged, as the Utah law permits. Four expert marksmen fired simultaneously. It was thought that death was quicker than by hanging or electrocution. Even reflex pulsation had ceased in fifty seconds.

Attacks on Signalmen.

Special trains on three lines in northern Pennsylvania have been held in readiness night and day and hundreds of armed men have been beating the

woods in the hope of catching the murderous assailants of night signalmen in lonely towers in the vicinity of Jersey Shore. On Nov. 19 Operator Clendenen telegraphed that he was shot and dying. When help arrived, he was dead. Other signalmen have been assaulted and robbed.

Million In Bail Forfeited.

Recent investigations by the North American into certain irregularities of the courts of Philadelphia revealed the fact that out of \$1,000,000 in bail forfeited in the last six years about \$800,000 is said to be composed of "straw." Steps are being taken to improve the bail system.

SCIENTIFIC

Dr. Raby Rivals Lorenz.

Attention is being drawn to recent remarkable achievements of a Dr. Raby in London, who is rivaling Dr. Lorenz, the Vienna surgeon of bloodless fame, in the successful treatment of hip dislocations. Dr. Raby prepares his patients several weeks in advance of the operation by applying poultices of olive oil and mustard. The operation is then performed in three and one-half seconds, and the patient walks in forty-eight hours. Dr. Raby does not attempt to cure cases where the bone is diseased.

Ten New Stars Found.

Professor Hussey, who has been camping at Sydney, N. S. W., making observations to further the scheme of Lick observatory to establish a chain of astronomical stations around the world, discovered while there ten new double stars. He is now in the Blue mountains making further observations.

Remarkable Consumption Cures.

Kisel Zagoranski, a Russian mining engineer, now specially licensed by the Russian government to practice medicine in cases of tuberculosis, has been making some wonderful cures of consumption. M. Zagoranski, while in Siberia some years ago, got from an old mine foreman the formula of a remedy with which he had cured consumption among miners. It is this medicine that he is now using successfully in Russia. He claims that it kills the germs and makes the body clean, but does not rebuild wasted lung tissue. This must be done by careful dieting after the disease is cured.

Notes.

The work of restoring the ancient Rostra at Rome is reported nearly completed, the position of almost every fragment in its cornice having been determined. * * * Dr. Hermann von Schrotter of Vienna predicts that aerial navigators desiring to reach great heights will shut themselves up in hermetically sealed double walled aluminum and glass cages and wear masks, in which they can inhale oxygen. * * * Mrs. William H. Workman, daughter of former Governor Bullock of Massachusetts, won the distinction of being the loftiest mountain climber of her sex by attaining the record altitude of 23,394 feet in the northwest Himalayas.

Art, Music, Letters

Three more popular novel dramatizations have won the public's applause at New York. J. M. Barrie's "The Admirable Crichton" gave William Gillette a chance to do his best. Mrs. Ward's "Lady Rose's Daughter," with Fay Davis in the leading part, was favorably received, and Mrs. Hodgson Burnett's work, "The Pretty Sister of Jose," has proved Maude Adams' greatest success.

From Europe comes the announcement that Calve, Rejane and Bernhardt, the three leading French actresses of the day, are planning to take a theater together, to be run under their joint management, the plan being to give the public an alternate treat of comedy, tragedy and opera. A tour is contemplated, and America is slated as the first foreign country.

Duel of Capitalists For Supremacy

With the control of the great Pennsylvania railroad system, of which A. J. Cassatt is president, as the ultimate point of attack, the financial forces of the house of Rockefeller have been openly pitted against those of the house of Morgan, and Wall street already acclaim the victory of the man of oil over the man of steel. The steel trust stock, battered to low record prices by the public pressure and loss of water, has been gobbled extensively by Rockefeller agents. Cassatt is said to have sued for peace in Morgan's name.



A. J. Cassatt.

The report first published by the Pittsburg Post and now generally credited was that a secret combination formed by John D. Rockefeller, George Gould, J. J. Hill and others virtually had secured control of the great steel trust headed by Morgan. The same report says that the New York Central and its feeders have been acquired in furtherance of a plan to secure control of all railroads from the west to the seaboard, including the Pennsylvania itself. One alleged reason for this latest outbreak of the Standard Oil power is said to be the approaching expiration of its twenty-five year secret contract with the Pennsylvania railroad for a preferential freight rate. The advantage to the Gould system of railroads is also involved. It is said that Rockefeller had threatened to build a parallel line from Pittsburg to Philadelphia unless President Cassatt should surrender.

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