



TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 23, 1897.

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CONDEMNING RUIZ AFFAIR

DeLomc Makes Public a Letter From Congosto.

OPINION OF THE SHOOTING Designated as a Cruel Act of Villainy.

The Press of the Island and the Public Opinion Generally Express the Sentiment Above—He Welcomes That the Blood of Ruiz Will Bring Peace to Cuba.

New York, Dec. 22.—Senator Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister, who is in town, gave out tonight the contents of a cablegram from Senor Jose Congosto, secretary of the government in Cuba, which includes the following telegram from Senor Marcos Garcia, Autonomist governor of the province of Santa Clara to General Blanco.

"The press of the island and the public opinion generally, even those that sympathize with the insurrection, express the same sentiment."

SEAFIGHTING FOR FILIBUSTERS.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 22.—Schooners leaving port last night that were unaccompanied by the summary methods adopted by Uncle Sam in intercepting filibusters were treated to a gunboat.

BLANCO'S POLICY.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—The Press tomorrow will publish a sensational letter written to a resident of this city by "A Distinguished Resident" of Havana, whose name is withheld for obvious reasons.

"The first scheme is most important. Dr. Congosto has sent an emissary to New York. I do not know his name. He is a tall man, with full beard, black eyes, and a masked Spanish accent, though I am not sure of his nationality."

SECRETARY GAGE WANTS ARGUMENT

He Replies to the Denunciatory Resolutions.

A LETTER TO PRESIDENT GOMPERS.

The Secretary Believes That the Federation of Labor Has Been Unjust in Denouncing His Financial Theories—Is Willing to Abandon Them if the Federation Can Show That They Are Not Salutary to the Great Economic Body.

CRACKERS FOLLOW DOLLAR WHEAT.

A Marked Advance in Prices is Announced by the Officials of the Biscuit Trust.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Times tomorrow will say: The largest corporations engaged in the cracker business—the American Biscuit and Manufacturing Company, the New York Biscuit Company and the United States Biscuit Company—who have been negotiating for a combination for some time have announced a general and marked advance in the prices of their products.

"It is true that we have put up our prices by the increase has simply been the cost of production to something approximating the cost."

WAS GRINER INSANE?

Financial troubles, it is thought, have unbalanced his mind. Willard Griner, Dec. 22.—It is now claimed that ex-representative James R. Griner, who yesterday shot and killed his stepdaughter, Mrs. Caroline Schaeffer, is insane. There are many who know Griner well who say that he has not known Griner right mentally for many years, and that of late he has been worse than usual, his financial troubles being the assigned cause.

Stories are told of his queer actions when at all engaged, and his strange remarks about men whom he considered his enemies. This, it is said, was especially notable after his defeat for renomination. Ever since then he has been saying that certain men "did him" and if certain things happened they would be sorry. This sort of talk has not only disappointed politicians, but Mr. Griner's remarks were strikingly remarkable for their lack of sense.

He said in full today: "The newspapers know my story. They know the truth of how I was harassed and hounded by those who should be my friends. I can say nothing but what is already known. He sat down on his cot, rested his hands on his head and repeated: 'Yes, they robbed me, and when it was done they would not even give me one kind word.'"

"How about Mrs. Schaeffer? Why did you shoot her?" "I took her into my home and she took advantage of me. When I think of it, I do not know how I did it. I shot her when I shot. I was dazed and crazed. I don't know what I did."

He continued to weep as he spoke of the family and said: "I raised them and this is the result. When I had typewritten and disseminated political views, and Mr. Griner's remarks were strikingly remarkable for their lack of sense."

DESDEMONA NOT UNTRUE.

A Colored Jago Lectured by a Police Justice. Wilmington, Del., Dec. 22.—Before 'Squire Kelley, Sarah Rollins, colored, accused Garrett Christy of circulating false reports about her. After hearing the testimony, the 'squire said: "Christy, you are a mean jago. You whined in the ear of Othello that his Desdemona was untrue. Such men as you are going about lying about women are dangerous."

Plat at Washington.

New York, Dec. 22.—Senator Thomas C. Platt left for Washington today. Earlier in the day he had in short consultation with Governor Black. It is said he will discuss various pending appointments with the president during the holiday recess.

Armor Plate for Keeney.

Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 22.—Nearly six tons of armor plate for the superstructure of the battleship Keeney were shipped tonight by the Bethlehem Iron Company to Newport News.

World's Record Broken.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 22.—Walter C. Sanger this afternoon broke his own world record for a mile unpaired, riding the distance in one minute flat.

SENATE SUB-COMMITTEES.

New Appointments Announced by Senator Allison.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Senator Allison, as chairman of the senate committee on appropriations, has announced the sub-committees on the regular appropriation bills for the present session as follows: Agriculture—Cullom, Quay, Perkins, Pettigrew and Berry.

SENATE SUB-COMMITTEES.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Gage has written the following letter to President Gompers, of the Federation of Labor:

OUR AFFAIR WITH JAPAN.

Steps Will Be Taken to Protect American Citizens in the Orient. It Might Lead to Serious Affairs.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Further details of the killing of the two American sailors attached to the United States frigate Albatross have been brought to the attention of the department of state, which has begun an investigation. Montgomery, it appears, was killed in Yokohama Sept. 2 last. He was not intoxicated, but was murdered by boatmen. Eppe's case was similar, but the sailor was killed at Nagasaki during the present month. He had been on leave and was returning aboard the ship when murdered. The testimony gathered shows that he was perfectly sober and some sailors on a passing ship, hearing cries for help, looked over the water in time to see him being thrown from his boat. Lacking a small boat, they could not rescue him. His body was found several days later floating in the bay.

HUNGARIANS AGAIN ACTIVE.

The Rightists and Leftists Continue to Make Things Lively in Hungarian Parliament.

PECULIAR DEATH OF A GIRL.

Guest of an Indian Family Found Speechless and Dying.

Mishawaka, Ind., Dec. 22.—Miss Rose H. Oliver, aged 20, of Scottsburg, Franklin county, Pa., was found in an unconscious condition at the home of a Mrs. D. Bushman, about 4:30 o'clock last night. Two physicians were summoned at once, but the young woman never rallied from her stupor and died an hour later.

DRUG CLERK HELD UP.

The Mystery of a Daring Robbery is Cleared Up.

New York, Dec. 22.—The daring hold up of a clerk in a drug store on Sunday night last in this city was cleared up today when Samuel Mills and Frank Powers, under arrest on suspicion of being connected with the affair, confessed that they were the two men who held up the clerk.

SUICIDE OF EPSTEIN.

Unable to Obtain Employment He Drinks Chloral.

New York, Dec. 22.—A man who registered as Edward Irving, but whose proper name is supposed to have been Edward J. Epstein, committed suicide today at the Mills hotel by drinking chloral. He was about 46 years of age.

Charged with Embezzlement.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 22.—John J. Shepherd, the broker who is charged with embezzlement by Frank DeHass Robinson, was bound over in the common pleas court by Justice Bauser in the sum of \$2,000 this afternoon. Bond was furnished for the amount and Shipper released.

Appointed by the President.

Washington, Dec. 22.—It is understood that Leander P. Mitchell, of Indiana, will soon be appointed by the president assistant comptroller of the treasury in place of Mr. Hovest, resigned.

GERMANY WILL NOT RECIPROCATE

Negotiations With Uncle Sam Practically Suspended.

SUGAR IS THE BAR TO PEACE.

The Building Up of the Sugar Trade in the United States Will Probably Bring All Reciprocity Negotiations to a Standstill—France and England Also Affected.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The reciprocity negotiations between the United States and Germany are practically suspended. They never got beyond the initial stage. There appears to have been a willingness on the part of both governments to look into the subject, but the inquiry did not develop any prospect of material concessions on either side.

THE PILGRIMS AT PHILADELPHIA.

Governor Roger Wolcott the Chief Guest at the Quaker City New England Dinner.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Governor Roger Wolcott, of Massachusetts, was the chief guest at the dinner of the New England society, of this city, held in Horticultural hall tonight in celebration of Forefathers' day.

WRECK AT A DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN GRADE CROSSING.

New York, Dec. 22.—Twenty persons were injured, three perhaps fatally, at a grade crossing on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, between Passaic and Delaware, N. J., when 1629, in 1776 and in 1881, and, that we, in 1829, in the course of his address, said:

RAILWAY OFFICIALS ARRESTED.

Failed to Provide Vestibules for Their Trolley Cars.

St. Louis, Dec. 22.—Warrants were issued today for the arrest of Edward S. Whitaker, president of the Lincoln Railway company; Corwin H. Spencer, president of the Southern Electric company; John South, president of the Union Depot railway; and Captain Robert McCulloch, general manager of the Cass avenue and Fair Ground railways.

Prussian Mine Disaster.

Dortmund, Prussia, Dec. 22.—An explosion of fire damp took place today at the Kaiser Stuhlitz pit, with terrible results. Eight corpses have been brought to the surface and seven men injured severely. There are five still missing.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Partly Cloudy; Cooler.

1 General—Republican State Committee Names a Day for the Convention. Reciprocity Negotiations With Germany Suspended.

2 Local—Gage Replies to the Federation of Labor. Spaniards Condemn the Ruiz Shooting.

3 General—Cubans Win a Notable Defeat from the Spaniards. Local—Programme of Christmas Services in Various Churches.

4 Editorial. Comment of the Press. Local—Official Bulletin of the L. A. W. Bishop Talbot's Acceptance.

5 Local—Edward Reeves Shot by Tramps. New York Coal Trade Revives.

6 Local—Estimated Expenses of the City. Inspector Bishop and the Merchants.

7 Local—West Side and Suburban. 8 Lackawanna County Happenings.

9 Nightingale County News. The Markets.

THE STATE CONVENTION

June 2, 1898, the Date Upon Which It Will Be Held.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE Called to Order by Chairman Elkin.

The Auditing Committee—Lieutenant Governor Watres and Senator Penrose Present—Ralph Hutchinson Light Has a Grievance—Declines to Become a Fraction of a Delegate—Charles A. Stebbins Also Enters Complaint.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—June 2, 1898, was today selected by the Republican state committee as the date for the holding of the next state convention at Harrisburg, when candidates for governor, lieutenant-governor, secretary of internal affairs and congressman-at-large will be nominated.

State Chairman Elkin called the meeting to order and made a brief address, stating the objects, which, inside the appointment of a day for the convention, included the auditing of his accounts. In concluding, Mr. Elkin said: "With dollar wheat and the wages of the laboring man increasing every day, we can look forward to an era of agricultural and industrial development in 1898 that should gladden the heart of every Republican."

E. N. Eckels, of Venango; ex-Lieutenant-Governor Watres, of Lackawanna; and Charles H. Mullen, of Cumberland, were appointed a committee to audit the state chairman's accounts. They found the accounts correct and reported that the expenditures had exceeded the receipts by \$2,338.88. The report was accepted.

When the state committee convened, Ralph Hutchinson Light appeared as one of the members for Lebanon county. His right to membership was disputed by Chairman Elkin, but he was finally recognized, with a fraction of a vote. Mr. Light declined to accept any such compromise, and withdrew from the committee.

He subsequently made this statement: "Under the rules of the party, each senatorial district is entitled to two state committeemen, who are named by the state delegates, at the state convention. At the state convention on last August, the four state delegates from Lebanon county were divided, two representing one faction and two the other. They were appointed a committee to audit the state chairman's accounts. They found the accounts correct and reported that the expenditures had exceeded the receipts by \$2,338.88. The report was accepted."

"Today Chairman Elkin at first ignored me altogether, recognizing a man named Noll, a supposed free silverite, as Mr. Hovest's colleague, but finally agreed to admit all three, giving Mr. Noll and myself a vote each. This, of course, I declined to accept. I was either a member or I was not. Chairman Elkin's conduct was an arbitrary usurpation of authority. Such action, at a time like this, when the people of the state are thoroughly incensed against the rule, cannot do the party any good."

A LIKE COMPLAINT. Charles Stebbing, of Potter county, had a like complaint. He said: "I am a member of the state committee of 1896, and was also named as a member of the committee for 1897, but was entirely ignored in the organization of the committee today. Our county, Potter, is entitled to one committeeman. At the recent state convention, in August last, our two state delegates could not agree."

"I, T. Hauber named me and W. B. Wrightman named another party. This left a vacancy which, immediately after the state convention I was selected to fill, by three-fourths of the members of the state committee, in accordance with the custom prevailing in the state, all vacancies having been so filled heretofore."

The county chairman notified Chairman Elkin of my selection, but Mr. Elkin replied that he had filled the vacancy himself. His action in the premises is without warrant in law or simple justice, and is contrary to the wishes of the Republicans of Potter county. This is not a good time for Caesars to ply their vocation in the Republican party. Surely the people have some rights."

Among those present at today's meeting were Congressman Arnold and ex-Secretary of the Commonwealth Reeder, Auditor General Mylin, State Treasurer Haywood, Auditor General-elect McCauley, ex-Lieutenant-Governor Watres, Senator or Future Senator Andrews, M. High, of Reading; 'Squire Jones, of Allentown, and ex-Congressman Robinson, a majority of whom are members of the state executive committee.

League of Republican Clubs.

Kite, Pa., Dec. 22.—President Sobel, of the League of Republican clubs, sent out notice today of a meeting of the executive committee at the Lachel hotel, Harrisburg, January 28, at 2 p. m. Among other business of importance will be the selection of a place for the next convention, Lebanon, White-Horse and Pittsburg are applicants, and it is contrary to the wishes of the clubs, of Pittsburg, have united in an effort to get the convention.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 22.—Arrived: Majestic, Liverpool; Amsterdam, Rotterdam; Cleverly, Edam, Amsterdam; Sailed: New York, Southampton; Priesland, Antwerp; Baltimore, Liverpool; Liverpool, Antwerp; Teutonic, New York.