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The Cuban Affair and All Questions Involved.

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Paris, Oct. 24.—The consideration by the peace commissions of the Porto Rican and Ladrone questions has now been merged with the Cuban question and all the points involved are being carried forward to a simultaneous conclusion.

When this has been arrived at the Philippine question will be taken up. Of course there is a possibility of a disagreement and the Spaniards, if the American commissioners decide not to assume any portion of the Cuban indebtedness, may announce their unwillingness to proceed any further with negotiations based on the protocols.

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HARRITY IS FOR JENKS. But He Denies That There Has Been a Deal.

Philadelphia, Oct. 24.—The declaration of William F. Harritt that he is for George A. Jenks, the Democratic candidate for governor, has given rise to a story that a deal has been made between Colonel Guffey, of Pittsburgh, and Mr. Harritt, by which the latter is to be the recognized Democratic leader of Philadelphia and to have a large hand in the distribution of the patronage in the event of the election of Jenks.

"There is no foundation to the story to which you refer, except that my friends and those of Colonel Guffey as well as practically all of the Democrats of Pennsylvania are thoroughly united in the support of the Democratic state ticket, headed by George A. Jenks."

PHILADELPHIA'S PEACE JUBILEE The City Wears a Holiday Garb.

Distinguished Guests Arrive. Philadelphia, Oct. 24.—The city tonight wears her holiday garb. On the downtown streets, which are flanked with surging crowds of sightseers from this and other cities, there is scarcely a building which does not flaunt a display of bunting, while many of the theatres are ablaze with brilliant illumination.

On Wednesday evening the president will hold a reception at the Union League. He will review the military parade of Thursday from a stand erected in the court of honor. Early in the afternoon the United States military band will also be among the regulars in line.

General Shafter's presence was assured today by a telegram from him accepting the committee's invitation. A like message was received from General Andrew Chaffee, who also did conspicuous work at Santiago.

Secretary—Mr. and Mrs. Long will be promptly escorted to the yacht May, from which they will view the naval display. At the end of this, the secretary will receive the commanding officers of the warships, Major General Wheeler will be accompanied by his daughter and two girls.

HOLLINGER GUILTY. Harrisburg Jury Did Not Believe in Insanity.

Harrisburg, Oct. 24.—Disbelieving in his insanity when he committed the deed the jury this evening, after being out fifty-one minutes, found Joseph Hollinger, a Derry township farmer, guilty of the murder of his wife on the afternoon of August 28 last. Hollinger cut his wife's throat with a pocket-knife in the presence of several witnesses while the latter were gathering grapes at Hollinger's home.

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COMMISSION AT CUBA'S CAPITAL CAPTAIN FORAKER IS ON THE SICK LIST.

Other Officials Who Are Ill—Captain Griscom Has Selected a Site for Camp Capable of Accommodating Two Thousand Men at Pinar del Rio—Cubans Are Destitute—An Epidemic of Smallpox.

Havana, Oct. 24.—Captain Foraker, of the United States military commission, who has been suffering for the past few days with severe indigestion, awoke today in a very high fever and the excessive noise of the headquarters of the commission rendered it advisable to find him a separate house at Vedado, into which he will be moved. Dr. Laine refuses to allow anybody to see the captain.

Captain Hart today delivered a note to the Spanish commissioners, reiterating the protest of the United States commissioners against all sales and removals of so-called immovable property, the United States claiming the right to such property.

MR. LOPER DESIRES A RETRACTION An Open Letter to John Wamamaker Concerning the Statements Made at a Meeting.

Hon. John Wamamaker, Dear Sir—My attention has been called to an address delivered by you at a meeting on Saturday, Oct. 22, and in which you publicly in the name of the anti-trust party, but assuming to be yourself, a citizen of this city, you have made the allegation that upon one thousand shares of the stock of the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Coal and Coke Company, a purchase was made, to the extent of \$30,000, by the Guarantors' Finance Company, of which I was the general manager, under the name of a purchase from William H. Andrews; second, that, appreciating that this stock was of doubtful value, I either individually or in connection with a certain financial company, transferred some of the People's bank, and that under such transfer, I or somebody, obtained from said bank a loan of \$25,000, for the purpose of a loan to me, and I now desire to give you an opportunity to retract the statements made by you at the meeting, and to retract, in as public a manner as they were uttered, I submit to you the following proposition:

ADMIRAL SCHLEY LAUNCHED. Another of the New American Mail Steamships Afloat.

Philadelphia, Oct. 24.—The Admiral Schley, another of the new steamships for the American Mail Steamship company, was successfully launched today at Cramp's ship yard. She is christened by Miss Jennie Peare, of this city. A large party, including some of the officials of the American Mail Steamship company, came over from New York to witness the launching.

CAPTAIN CARTER DEAD. The Civil Service Officer Found in Bed.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 24.—Captain Thomas B. Carter, chief of the secret service bureau for Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee, was found dead in bed in his room in the Hotel Hamilton this morning. Coroner McCullough rendered a verdict of heart disease. Captain Carter was appointed several months ago to the vacancy caused by the sudden death of Captain Michael Bauer, and was one of the best known secret service men in the country.

Ryan Defeats Bonner. New York, Oct. 24.—Amy Ryan, of Syracuse, met Jack Bonner, of Summit Hill, Pa., in a 20-round bout at the midland, before the Greenock New York Athletic club tonight, and although the contest went the limit of twenty rounds, Ryan was never in difficulty and clearly outclassed his opponent. Ryan won by a very big margin, and showed himself to be by far the cleverer man.

SWALLOW AT SOMERSET. He Speaks to Crowds and Scores His Opponents.

Somerset, Pa., Oct. 24.—Two large crowds greeted gubernatorial candidate Swallow in the county today. The doctor spoke at Somerset this afternoon and at Myersdale this evening. He paid his respects to Auditor General McCauley on the latter's explanation concerning the rose house item and the \$3,600 charged for carpenter work done by Charles Miller, saying it was very strange that four months were necessary to find so ingenious an answer.

He also spoke of the campaign pamphlet issued by Professor Hamilton in defense of John C. Delaney and Charles Miller and stated that Professor Hamilton was a part of the quay machine and that he drew two salaries from the state, one as deputy secretary of the department of agriculture and the other as secretary of the state college. He said that the professor wanted to explain in detail what had been done with the \$124,000 appropriated to the department of agriculture and the \$12,000 received by that department for contingent expenses.

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DISASTROUS WHARF FIRE. Property Valued at Half a Million Goes Up in Smoke.

New York, Oct. 24.—Fire broke out shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon at pier 20, East river, Brooklyn, and did damage to the amount of half a million dollars. Pier 20 adjoins the naval stores of George L. Hammond, extending from the East river wharf to Pier 20, and the four masted British ship Andromeda was lying discharging a cargo composed principally of jute bolls, salt petre, shellac and raw silk. A north wind fanned the flames fiercely and in a few moments the water front for a block was in flames.

FIGHTING AT PEKIN. Chinese Soldiers Attack a Party of English Engineers.

London, Oct. 25.—The Pekin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "Chinese soldiers attacked a party of English engineers yesterday (Sunday) at the Marco Polo bridge on the Peking Hankow railway. Two engineers were injured and a railway coolie was killed. The situation there is serious. The telegraph wires have been cut at Pao-Ting-Pa in the province of Pe-Chili. The foreign envoys will hold an emergency meeting tomorrow (Tuesday)." Maria Libera Lost. Columbia, S. C., Oct. 24.—A special from Georgetown brings the news of the loss of the bark Maria Libera, sailing from Savannah for Beaufort, France, with a cargo of cotton. She was seen ashore off Cape Romain several days ago in a gale, the captain and crew of seven reporting to Georgetown. The vessel is a total loss but it is thought part of the cargo can be saved. The crew await foreign advice.

THE RAILWAYS WILL BE LOSERS DECISION AGAINST THE JOINT TRAFFIC ASSOCIATION.

The Supreme Court Declares It to Be in Restraint of Trade—Constitutionality of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law Upheld—Justices Gray, Shiras and White Dissent—Decisions of Lower Courts Upset—The Great Trunk Line Systems Parties to the Litigation—History of the Case.

Washington, Oct. 24.—The United States Supreme court today decided the Joint Traffic Association railroad case in favor of the United States and against the railroads. Justice Peckham announced the decision. He said that the court could distinguish no difference between this case and that of the Trans-Missouri case decided a year ago, which was decided against the railroads. He said the only new point involved was as to the constitutionality of the anti-trust act. The court had reached the conclusion that as railroad corporations performed duties of a semi-public character it was within the constitutional power of congress to regulate them as prescribed by the anti-trust act. The only question then was as to the policy of congress in adopting such a measure, and as to questions of policy the court, he said, had nothing to do.

The opinion, which was very brief, was concurred in by Chief Justice Fuller and Justices Harlan, Brewer, Brown and Peckham. Three justices dissented, namely, Justices Gray, Shiras and White. Justice McKenna took no part in the case, as the prosecution of the Joint Traffic association was begun while he was attorney general. After Justice Peckham had announced the opinion, Justice Harlan verbally expressed, with some evidence of satisfaction, his concurrence, on the same ground, he said, as that set forth in the Trans-Missouri case.

Under the decision today the decisions of the United States Circuit court for the southern district of New York and of the United States Court of Appeals, both of which were favorable to the Joint Traffic association, are reversed. The case is considered one of the most important that has ever come before the Supreme court, not only to the railroads but to the general public, and because of the vast railroad properties represented by the traffic association. The association was formed on Nov. 10, 1895, by thirty-one railroads, representing the great trunk lines and the independent railroads of the west. The purpose of the association, as stated in the articles of agreement, was to establish and maintain reasonable and just rates, fares, rules and regulations on state and interstate traffic. A similar association on a smaller scale was established in the south-western roads known as the Trans-Missouri association.

The association was soon attacked in the courts, on the ground that they were in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and also of the interstate commerce law. The Trans-Missouri first reached the United States Supreme court, which, in a notable opinion, held that the association was illegal, being in effect a combination in restraint of trade and commerce and, therefore, violative of the anti-trust law.

GEN. MERRITT MARRIED. The Ceremony Took Place at the Savoy Hotel.

London, Oct. 24.—General Merritt and Miss Williams were married at 6 o'clock this evening in the bride's apartments at the Savoy hotel. It had been planned to have the ceremony take place in St. Andrew's church, Westminster, but an illness which Miss Williams contracted during the voyage necessitated the simplest possible ceremony and the avoidance of exertion and excitement. Consequently only a few most intimate friends were present. They were Mrs. Norman Williams, the bride's mother; Norman Williams, Jr., brother of the bride; Lord and Lady Arthur Butler, and Henry White, the United States charge d'affaires.

MRS. BOKIN NOT A FUGITIVE. Judges of California Courts Refuse to Allow Her Removal.

San Francisco, Oct. 24.—The superior court, five judges sitting on banc, has decided that Mrs. Bokin, accused of the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning and her sister, Mrs. Joshua Deane, of Dover, Del., is not a fugitive from justice of the state of Delaware. The court holds that the flight from justice must be actual, not constructive. Mrs. Bokin was remanded to the custody of Chief of Police Lees, but date and place of her trial will be set later. The decision was unanimous.

McIntyre's Sentence Approved. Washington, Oct. 24.—The president has approved the sentence of the court martial dismissing from the naval service Chaplain McIntyre, of the Oregon, for remarks made in a lecture at Denver reflecting on Admiral Sampson and others.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING Weather Indications Today: Fair; Southerly Winds.

- 1 General—Progress of the Peace Settlement. Belief That the Fashoda Incident Will Be Satisfactorily Adjusted. Decision Against Joint Traffic Association. Havana Peace Commission's Work. 2 General—A Night in Scranton's Play Houses. Financial and Commercial. 3 Local—Desperate Band of Outlaws. Sessions of Argument Court. 4 Editorial. 5 Local—Board of Control Will Not Investigate Diphtheria Epidemic. Green Ridge Woman's Club. 6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 7 News Round About Scranton. 8 General—News of the Soldiers at Camp Meade.

JUDGE DAY IS THE RIGHT MAN The President's Choice Has Been Justified at Paris—Judge Day's Labors Will Win Fame—Smooth Sailing for Our Commissioners as Long as a Determined Front Is Presented to the Spaniards.

Washington, Oct. 24.—The proprietor of the Washington Post cables the following to his paper from Paris: "Few men have had a part in an immense and bitter national transformation, and issued from it unimpaired by the deluge of party feeling or the bad faith of the enemies of his country. I venture to say, however, that when the history of the Hispano-American commission shall be written, the wisdom of William McKinley in choosing William R. Day as the president of the American embassy will be amply demonstrated. Intensely for his country first, he is so thoroughly loyal to McKinley that the personality of Day, or Day's existence, so far as Day himself is concerned, is lost sight of. But when this history is written, the result of his untiring, patriotic labors will be written upon its pages as conspicuous in diplomacy as that of Bismarck, or Gambetta, or Li Hung Chang, or Count Tse, all of whom have had to do with making terms of peace in modern wars. I give in my own words the estimation of Day held by the unprejudiced over here, who are much better able to judge than I."

SPANISH ARE DISHEARTENED. The Ambassador, High in the Councils of His Country, Who Seemed Greatly Discouraged at the Attitude of the United States in Declining to Consider the Assumption of Cuba's Debt, Has Been Summoned to Paris to Entertain any Proposition on Cuba's Finance, and We Are Set Down in Surrow. It is Worth Our Lives to Return to Madrid. We Should be Stoned in the Streets. But if your country insists we shall say 'No'—are at your mercy. You are the victors. We shall submit hard as the terms may be, and take all the consequences. What is martyrdom in Madrid compared to plunging our country into war again? Your side, he added, has been handled with skillful maneuver, and all this is seriously increasing the difficulties surrounding the regency."

The determined unbending on the part of President McKinley is making smooth sailing for our commissioners, and all he has to do now is to stand pat, whatever that may mean. The British cabinet council has been fixed for Thursday next. The Salisbury dispatch in conclusion said: "The extreme intractability of Baron de Courlet's propositions made it impossible for me to express or form an opinion relative to the territory claimed by France in the Bahra-el-Ghazal region. Under the circumstances the discussion has been fruitful of misapprehension. It informed him that it was no way my duty to discuss the French claims now, but that in abstaining therefrom I must not be understood as in any degree admitting their validity."

AGUINALDO'S TROUBLES. Jealousies of His Officers Cause Much Anxiously. Manila, Oct. 23.—General Pio del Pilar, who is looked upon as being the foremost rival of Aguinaldo for the leadership of the Philippine insurgents, has been summoned to Manila, on the insurgent headquarters and arrested. The charge against him is disregarding Aguinaldo's authority and attempting to defy the Americans. Aguinaldo has tried to remove several of the insurgent officers who are unopposed and unafraid for their positions. "But he has been compelled to reinstate them."

THE STRIKE BROKEN. Miners' Organization Is Disrupted at Pomeroy, Ohio. Pomeroy, O., Oct. 24.—The miners strike, which has existed since March, is broken and the miners' organization is disrupted. The Pomeroy mine started up today and the men are scrambling to get in at reduced wages. The Spillman mine at New Haven, W. Va., is the only one in the Pomeroy bend now idle.

PENNSYLVANIA PENSIONS. Washington, Oct. 24.—Three Pennsylvania pensions have been issued: Original—Charles S. Page, Lakeside, Susquehanna; Special—Oct. 25, Isaac M. Peters, Idoltown, Luzerne, \$10 to \$12.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Oct. 24.—Forecast for Tuesday: Fair; Eastern Pennsylvania, fair; Tuesday: possibly showers by night; fresh southerly wind.