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THE FOURTH IS OVER.



And You Bet He Had a Good Time.

## TREATIES SIGNED

### CUBA GIVEN SOVEREIGNTY OVER ISLE OF PINES.

### U. S. GETS COALING STATION

Palma Believes Senate Will Ratify All Outstanding Agreements Before Adjourning and Cement the Two Countries Solidly Together.

HAVANA.—The treaty covering the naval and coaling station bases and the treaty placing the Isle of Pines wholly under Cuban sovereignty were signed Thursday at noon.

The two treaties, which are the last of the six between the United States and Cuba, were subscribed in duplicate at the secretary of state's office. Minister Squires, Senor Garcia Montes, secretary of the treasury and secretary of state in Senor Zaldo's absence, signing for their respective countries.

The Isle of Pines Treaty, while turning over the island to the absolute sovereignty of Cuba, safeguards the rights and privileges of the American residents in the island as though they were on American territory. Property, judicial and educational rights are especially guaranteed. It is pointed out that the American land holders are better off in respect to taxation than they would be under United States sovereignty.

The occupation of the naval and coaling stations will be perpetual, the rental price being purely nominal and based on the cost of acquiring the stations and sites by the Cuban government, the United States advancing any money necessary for the purchase of private lands at Guantanamo and Bahía Honda.

The senate committee on foreign relations is delaying the ratification by postponing action on the treaty signed February 16, conceding the two naval stations to the United States. The reason the committee gives is that it is desirable to await the report of the joint commission of United States and Cuban engineers, which is now marking out the site for the largest station at Guantanamo.

President Palma and the leading administration senators maintain that all the treaties will be ratified before the adjournment of congress.

WASHINGTON.—Secretary Moody expressed great satisfaction on hearing that the coal stations treaty had been signed. It is earnestly hoped the Cuban senate, before its adjournment, will ratify the treaty, as the navy department is anxious to proceed at once with work on the stations.

Preliminary surveys of the land already have been made at Guantanamo and Olympia has been retained in Caribbean waters to be ready to land material and begin work as soon as authorization comes from Washington. About \$100,000 is immediately available for beginning the work at Guantanamo and will be used probably in the construction of a wharf and small hospital.

## GOV. CUMMINS RENOMINATED.

Only One Contest for Place in Iowa Republican Convention.

Governor... A. B. CUMMINS of Polk Lieutenant Governor .....

..... JOHN HERRIOTT of Adams Railroad Commissioner .....

..... D. J. PALMER of Washington Judge Supreme Court .....

..... CHARLES A. BISHOP of Polk Supt. of Public Instruction .....

..... J. F. RIGGS of Sigourney

DES MOINES.—The republican state convention nominated the foregoing ticket and adopted the platform of principles. All the candidates were renominated by acclamation with the exception of the state superintendent, for which office Mr. Riggs was nominated on the third ballot, his opponents being the present superintendent, R. C. Barrett of Osage, and H. L. Adams of West Union.

Harmony marked the proceedings of the convention, all of its actions being by unanimous vote, with the exception of the nomination of state superintendent, but after the ticket had been completed and the platform adopted, speeches were made which indicated that the republican leaders of the state are not entirely agreed as to the details of the tariff policy. The tariff plank adopted was one prepared by Senator Allison, after conferences with representative republicans of the state. No objection was made to it in the committee of resolutions nor in its presentation to the convention. Governor Cummins in his speech accepting renomination approved the platform in its entirety, but announced that he would continue to hold to all the views expressed in his speeches within the past two years.

## DRAWNS JAPAN TOWARD RUSSIA.

Visit of Kropatkin to Japan Seems to Pave Way to Peace.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The visit of the Russian war minister, General Kropatkin, to Japan, has, according to the Japanese newspapers, had a very satisfactory effect on the relations between Russia and Japan and has paved the way for a rapprochement.

The newspapers of Japan, in expressing satisfaction at this state of affairs, allude to General Kropatkin as the harbinger of peace and point out that he has been the mikado's guest at the Shiba palace, where no foreigner, except princes of the royal blood, had ever before resided.

Government Sues for \$2,000,000.

BUTTE, Mont.—The United States government has instituted suit in the federal court against the Anaconda Copper company, the Bitter Root Development company and the Marcus Daly estate, William Scallon and others for \$2,000,000, being the value of timber alleged to have been unlawfully cut from the public domain in western Montana. F. A. Mavnard, special United States attorney, was sent from Washington to bring this suit and prosecute similar cases.

## POPE IS PASSING

### DOCTORS ON WATCH BY THE DYING PONTIFF.

### HIS DAYS SEEM NUMBERED

Last Sacrament Administered to Him and He Has Given Directions Concerning His Wishes—Is Being Kept Alive By Stimulants.

ROME.—"God's will be done. Who would have believed it, when only ten days ago I was presiding over a public consistory?" murmured feebly Pope Leo as he felt himself late Sunday evening sinking into a deep sleep, which lasted about three hours until excruciating pain brought the dying pontiff back to consciousness. He groaned and complained of pains on both sides of the thorax. Tenderly Dr. Laponni, assisted by Pope Leo's valet, Pio Centra, and the physician's second assistant, lifted his form and, changing the position, succeeded in giving the patient some relief.

Though hovering on the brink of death, the life of the pontiff is prolonged by means of strong stimulants and concentrated nourishment and while he is still alive his wonderful vitality may again resist and conquer the attack of his illness.

Late Sunday evening, after the excitement of the ceremony of the last sacrament was over the pope seemed less restless, partly soothed by the religious service and partly by a dose of chloral, which was given to him in considerable quantity.

The great vatican testifies to the conviction that the passing of Pope Leo is very near. The court yard of St. Damaso is filled with carriages of the cardinals. Cardinal Satolli drove to Rome from Frascati, the beautiful carriage horses covered with dust and perspiration. In the cortile are drawn up carriages of the cardinals and many notables. Servants and messengers hurriedly cross the court with huge bundles of wax tapers, and with the robes of ecclesiastical dignitaries awaiting within the palace. The ante-chambers of the palace were all through the night thronged with princes of the church, high noblemen and members of the diplomatic corps. Telegrams of inquiry have been received from several monarchs of Europe.

All kinds of speculation is already in circulation as to the probable successor to the throne of St. Peter's. Opinion is much divided, owing to the many interests which will be affected according to the choice made by the sacred college. The first question the cardinals will have to solve is whether the conclave will be held in Rome or outside of Italy.

## ONE CASE OF CANCER CURED.

Vienna Medical Men Interested in a Report Made.

VIENNA.—Medical circles here are greatly interested in a report communicated from the Vienesse so city of physicians and read at a recent meeting of the Imperial academy of science, to the effect that a long standing case of cancer was cured by radium rays at the clinic of the late Prof. Gausenbauer. The patient, who was 61 years of age, had long suffered from cancer of the palate and lip and had repeatedly been operated upon fruitlessly. In the autumn of 1902, when the physicians of Vienesse hospital declared it was absolutely useless to operate again, one physician determined as a last resort to try radium rays.

## Agree to Pass Aldrich Bill.

WASHINGTON.—As a result of numerous conferences held here during the past few weeks it has been agreed, so those in well-informed circles say, to pass the Aldrich bill in the form desired by the president. Representative Cannon, who has been opposed to the measure, has it is said, been finally won over, and will lend his support as speaker of the new house to the bill. Others who were opposed have also been won over.

## Fleets Hover Over China.

TIEN TSIN.—The local newspapers comment on the significance of the gathering of the American, British and Japanese fleets in the northern part of the gulf of Pe Chi Li. It is asserted that no less than fifty-seven Russian warships of one sort and another are assembled at Port Arthur. The Japanese reserve officers who were on leave in North China are said to have been called home.

## TARIFF QUESTION CONSIDERED.

### Lord Rosebery Asks for Plans of the Cabinet.

LONDON.—Lord Rosebery, in the house of lords, renewed the debate over the preferential tariff proposition, making a further request for information regarding the cabinet's plans. In the course of a long speech he ridiculed Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's program and said he did not believe the government intended to prosecute any further into the matter.

The Duke of Devonshire, lord president of the council, said it was impossible now to give the exact scope of the inquiry. He could say that the position of the government at present was somewhat different from that of Mr. Chamberlain; but they did not conflict. The whole cabinet had agreed that the time was ripe for an investigation of the possibilities of a closer fiscal union with the colonies.

## YEAR'S RECORD AT THE MINT.

### Great Increase in Production Without Increase in Expense.

PHILADELPHIA.—The fiscal year of the United States mint here just ended was a record breaker in the number of coins, medals and dies struck and the increase in the production was accomplished without any material increase in expenses. According to the report made by Superintendent Landis to the treasury department at Washington, the coinage was \$19,573,766 pieces greater than the previous year, an increase in medals of 7,032 pieces and an increase in dies of 309. About \$250,000,000 worth of coined bullion was counted and weighed, as follows:

Gold coin, \$56,000,000; gold bullion, \$46,000,000; silver dollars, \$92,000,000; silver bullion, \$23,000,000. Besides this there was a large amount of subsidiary silver nickel and bronze.

## A BIG POSTAL DEFICIENCY.

### Deficit for Past Year Double that of Previous Year.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Captain Castle, auditor of the treasury for the postoffice department, made the official estimate that the postal deficiency for the fiscal year just closed will be \$4,617,203. The deficit for the previous fiscal year was \$2,961,170. This big increase is attributed to the enormous increase in expenditure for rural free delivery service during the past year.

The receipts of the postal service for the year were \$134,268,609 and the expenditures \$138,885,812. The deficiency in the free delivery service is not yet definitely known beyond the estimate made weeks ago by the postmaster general that it would be \$227,000 by the close of the fiscal year. The deficiency, however, may prove considerably larger than that figure.

## INHERITANCE TAX LAW VOID.

### Minnesota Supreme Court Decides It Unconstitutional.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—The supreme court handed down a decision Saturday in which the inheritance tax law was declared unconstitutional.

The decision was made in the case of Alice A. Russell, executrix of the estate of Sol Smith Russell, deceased, formerly a well known actor.

After the estate of her husband had been settled in the Hennepin county probate court, Mrs. Russell asked for a final accounting. The court held that the estate was subject to the inheritance tax and urged a claim of \$575 under this law. The Hennepin county district court held that the law was unconstitutional. The supreme court sustained this decision.

## Did Not Cheer the King.

DUBLIN.—A special meeting of the corporation of Dublin called to consider the proposal to present an address to King Edward on his approaching visit to Ireland, was broken up by an uproar in the public galleries. The lord mayor, Timothy C. Harrington, finding he could not quell the disturbance, left the chair abruptly and adjourned the meeting. The people in the gallery then sang "God save Ireland" and cheered for Ireland incessantly until removed by the officials.

## Count Campello Dead.

ROME.—Count Paola Campello is dead. He was at one time canon of St. Peter's, abandoned Catholicism later, preached violently against the vatican in Italy, England and the United States, recanted, did penance, and was restored to the priesthood.

## NO HOPE OF LIFE

### ALL MEN IN THE MINE ARE DOUBTLESS DEAD.

### HOWEVER RESCUERS TOIL ON

### The Mine Penetrated and Many Dead Discovered—Twenty Bodies Found Mingled with Debris that the Unfortunates Tried to Pass.

HANNA, Wyo.—Special to the Omaha Bee: Work for the men, suspense for the women, certainty made more certain and men's worst fears realized. This summarizes the day's proceedings. All through the daylight hours the weary rescue parties toiled on, hoping to reach possible survivors of Tuesday's mine disaster, while new-made widows and orphans walked the streets or gathered in mute agony about the various entrances to the pit.

Members of the rescuing parties tell of pitiful scenes about the seventeenth level, as deep as it has been possible to penetrate. Some of the survivors were driven insane and fought like fiends against the rescuers. Dazed, listless survivors were found sitting on cars or lying on the floor, careless of whether they lived or died. At the seventh level a pile of twenty bodies was found strewn over a pile of debris, which the men had tried to surmount before overcome by the deadly fumes. Some were seared and blackened by flames, but all had died crawling toward fresh air. The eleven rescuers who penetrated thus far were too weak to bring out a body.

For hours the scene at the entrance of the mine was heart moving. With clothes and hair awry, mothers, wives, sweethearts and children huddled together, weeping and wringing their hands. Many sat on shattered timbers blown from the mine's mouth, insensible to their surrounding. The most frantic pushed to the edge of the gap and tried to force a way into the slope.

Among the dead is Alfred Hapgood, who turned the first shovel of dirt in starting the slope.

The fire bosses, who had reported all safe before working time Tuesday, met death while making a second inspection.

Many gathered in small crowds on the hill overlooking the mouth of the ill-fated mine. Many believed the victims would be brought through the rear shaft, and congregated therefore on the brow of a hill overlooking that opening and waited anxiously through the entire day, but their vigil was not rewarded, for no bodies were removed from the mines during the day.

The women and older children are apparently stupefied and do not realize the awful calamity that has befallen them. Many firmly believe that their dear husbands, sons and brothers are still alive and will reach the surface in safety, but these grief-stricken people have not yet learned the truth, and will not fully realize the awful situation until they are confronted by the blackened, partially burned and, in many cases mangled bodies of their husbands, sons, relatives and friends.

## Cuban Veterans Clamorous.

HAVANA.—The radical wing of the revolutionary veterans at Havana have petitioned congress for the immediate appointment of a congressional committee to pass upon the validity of the soldiers' claims. They ask that 25 per cent thereof be paid out of the government's present surplus. Some of the most radical veterans denounce the government because these payments have been delayed.

## Russia Prepared for Trouble.

LONDON.—It is believed that the fast cruisers of the Russian volunteer fleet, which are lying idle at Sebastopol and Odessa, are being held in the Black sea for military exigencies, says the Odessa correspondent of the Times. He adds that it is reported that an intimation was given June 20 to the commanders of these vessels that there is a possibility of their being requisitioned to fly the naval flag.

## Decrease in Price of Silver.

WASHINGTON.—The quarterly estimate of the value of foreign coins issued by the director of the mint shows that for the three months ended June 30, 1903, the value of silver decreased from 53.144 cents an ounce to 48.695 cents an ounce, a total of 5.449 cents an ounce.

## Dan Godfrey Dead.

LONDON.—Dan Godfrey, the famous bandmaster of the Grenadier Guards, died Tuesday of paralysis.

## A MINE DISASTER.

### Explosion Terminates in Fearful Loss of Life.

HANNA, Wyo.—Two hundred and thirty-four dead and several others slightly injured out of 280 is the record of the most fearful disaster which ever struck the mining camps around here.

Shortly after 10:30 Tuesday morning a miner entered a closed shaft leading into the No. 1 mine of the Union Pacific Coal company with a naked light. Through years of idleness gas had been allowed to escape and accumulate till it needed but a spark to set it alight and wreck the pit. This was supplied by the miner. Instantly there was a roar as if of echoing thunder. Mine timbers, rock and iron were torn down and hurled athwart the entrances, completely blocking the escape of almost 300 men employed below ground. The sound of the report echoed and resounded below and above the surface and brought men hurrying from every direction, fearing they knew not what, but knowing something untoward had happened. Gradually survivors began to appear, forty-six of them, ragged, disheveled men, with gaping wounds and clothes torn by the explosion. From these the first stories of the disaster and the closed condition of the various underground tunnels were learned.

Almost before they appeared, however, rescuers had volunteered for the task of carrying succor to their stricken comrades below ground, and headed by E. S. Brooks, superintendent of the mine, a hundred willing hands were speedily at work clearing away the debris and opening up an avenue of escape for the imprisoned men and a shaft whereby pure air might be conveyed to them.

For a time it was feared the explosion had bred a worse disaster and rumors of fire sweeping the workings were bandied about among the crowd of watchers and workers which headed the pit mouth. Fortunately, however, these rumors proved of false origin, and the entombed men, surrounded with sufficient horrors without, were spared a holocaust.

## GERMANY HAS SOME CLAIMS.

### Cubans Are Puzzled, Not Knowing What They Are.

HAVANA.—Garcia Velez, the Cuban consul general at Hamburg, reports that at a banquet at Hamburg at which Emperor William and Foreign Secretary Baron von Richthofen were present, the latter remarked to him that the first matter to be taken up by the German minister to Cuba was the claims of German citizens. The officials here do not know what claims the Germans have, since the war claims are closed, so far as Cuba is concerned, by the treaty of Paris. The consul was not in a position to enlighten them on the point and the circumstances have been communicated to Senor Quesada, Cuban minister at Washington.

## MINE DEAD CREMATED.

### Flames Baffle Willing Workers and Consume Victims' Bodies.

HANNA, Wyo.—Of the 234 men entombed by the mine explosion on Tuesday the bodies of only five have been recovered and all hope than any of the others are alive has been abandoned.

Fire and smoke are preventing exploration of the lower workings, and it is feared that many, if not all, of the bodies now in the mine will be consumed.

It was officially announced Thursday that no more bodies would be taken out for several days unless some were found in the main slope. As depth is attained a few of the handy men and drivers may be found on the main slope, and these bodies will be removed as rapidly as they are found. The majority of the dead men are in the entries below No. 15 and cannot be reached.

## Lockout in Building Trades.

SALT LAKE, Utah.—The Building Contractors' association, composed of practically every contractor and builder in this city, has decided to suspend all building in this city on July 6. The lockout will directly affect more than 3,000 workmen and will continue in force until an understanding is reached between the contractors and their workmen. In a statement issued Thursday the contractors complain that men at work on various operations about the city have been called out and no explanation offered. This appears to be the principal grievance.