

CUBA FEARS A CRISIS

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FRAUGHT WITH MUCH ANXIETY.

One of President's First Acts Was to Cancel Magoon's Proposal for Loan of \$15,000,000—Business Checked in Island as Result of Shortage.

Financial problems constitute the gravest feature of anxiety on the part of the Cuban government, and with the protracted delay in the presentation of the budget for the coming year the general feeling of uncertainty and lack of confidence becomes accentuated.

While there is no doubt that President Gomez is fully alive to the seriousness of the situation and is doing everything in his power to effect reductions in the cost of all departments, it is feared that political exigencies will compel him to refrain from insisting upon retrenchment on the scale that is believed to be absolutely necessary.

Gov. Magoon's budget for the current fiscal year ending on June 30 was \$24,250,000, and the estimate of revenue a little more than \$27,000,000. Careful estimates of the revenues for the coming year indicate a total of probably not more than \$24,000,000, exclusive of the taxes available for the payment of the interest and sinking fund of the \$35,000,000 loan for the payment of the army of the revolution.

President Gomez is opposed to burdening the country with an additional issue of bonds and one of his first acts was to decide against the issue of the loan of \$15,000,000 authorized by Gov. Magoon to meet the cost of the contracts for the sewerage and paying of Havana and the waterworks of Cienfuegos.

ENGINE AND CARS IN RIVER

Ore Train Wrecked on Montana Central Road.

An ore train on the Montana Central division of the Great Northern was wrecked Sunday at a point between Helena and Great Falls, Mont., and eighteen cars of ore were precipitated into the Missouri river. Brake-man Rogers was killed and Engineer Sieben seriously injured.

Three other members of the train crew were more or less seriously hurt. At the place of the accident the Missouri river runs beside the track. The river has been rising for the past few days and softened the roadbed. There were no visible signs of weakening, but when the train struck the soft place in the road bed the engine plunged into the river, taking eighteen cars after it. The engine now lies at the bottom of the river bed, completely submerged, and the cars are partly covered. Following closely behind the freight was the regular passenger train from Helena, but it was stopped in time to prevent an accident.

In Memory of Meredith.

A service in memory of George Meredith, the novelist, was held in Westminster Abbey, London, Saturday and was attended by a large gathering of persons prominent in diplomatic, literary, political and art circles. Ambassador Reid represented the United States.

Murdered Her Mother.

Mrs. Hattie Pope has been found guilty of the murder of her mother, Mrs. Mary King, at Monroeville, Ala., on March 4 last, and was sentenced to serve ninety-nine years in the penitentiary. Mrs. Pope broke down when the verdict was announced.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$6.05. Top hogs, \$7.15.

Artist Pleads Guilty.

Henry Weidenbach, the artist who robbed a number of homes in Cincinnati, O., where he was employed to work, pleaded guilty to larceny Saturday and was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. Weidenbach is known the country over as a restorer of old paintings. He was arrested at St. Louis.

HELMS IS A WITNESS.

Frisco Officer Takes Stand in Calhoun Trial.

Patrick Calhoun's trial at San Francisco on a bribery charge ended the most important week of its five months' session Friday with the adjournment of court.

Rudolph Spreckels, who financed the prosecution, and Detective John Helms alternated as witnesses Friday, and it was evident that a crisis in the case had been reached. Interest was sustained until a late hour in the afternoon, when Assistant District Attorney Heney, ignoring two restraining orders issued by a court of similar jurisdiction, announced that he would ask Judge Lawlor's permission to open sealed packages seized in the raid upon the offices of William M. Abbott, general counsel for the United railroads, and alleged to contain documents stolen from the office of William J. Burns, head of the prosecution's corps of special detectives. Arguments upon this issue were deferred until Monday, when the prosecution will attempt to support the charges made by Detective Helms against Abbott, under whose direction he claims to have operated.

One of the lines of probable inquiry was indicated when Helms, after testifying that he knew Luther Brown, former partner of Earl Rogers, said:

"Abbott and Brown met me at the steamer landing on the day I left the city, after quitting the service of the United railroads. Abbott asked me what I knew about the dynamiting.

"What dynamiting, inquired Heney. "The dynamiting of Gallagher's home," said Helms, referring to the blowing up in Oakland last spring of the home of former Supervisor James L. Gallagher.

Helms declared several offers had been made to prevent his appearance as a witness in the Calhoun trial. Since his arrival in this city, he declared, a plot had been laid in the office of W. H. Metzger, a prominent attorney, to trap him in a conversation over the telephone. The testimony followed an inquiry by Mr. Rogers, who asked the witness if he knew that a graphophone had been attached to the telephone while he was speaking from the other end of the line.

A dramatic outburst occurred when Helms charged that Abbott had once expressed to him a wish that someone would shoot Heney, and that Stanley congratulated him on his performance in following Burns.

OVER 60,000 CEASE WORK.

Standard Oil Employees Pay Tribute to Rogers.

The funeral of Henry H. Rogers, president of the Amalgamated Copper company and active head of the Standard Oil company, Friday at New York brought together many men prominent in the business and financial districts of this city. Although the attendance at the services in the Church of the Messiah at 10 a. m. was limited to intimate business associates and personal friends, these included so many of the leaders of the New York business and financial world that their absence from their usual activities had a notable effect upon the business of the financial district. Throughout the country wherever the Standard Oil company had a station or a branch there was a pause during the hours of the funeral to mark the passing of the first vice president of the company and one of the men who had helped materially to make it a great organization. Orders had been issued that all operations of the company cease between 10 and 12 o'clock, and these applied to every one of the 67,000 employees—a condition which had not existed in the giant corporation since its foundation more than thirty-five years ago.

PARIS STRIKE COLLAPSES.

General Federation Decides to End the Struggle.

Following the vote of the builders and masons Friday afternoon at Paris favoring a return to work, the federal committee of the General Federation of Labor decided officially to announce the end of the strike.

The members of the committee agreed that the present movement was hopeless and in bitter words they attributed the failure to the leaders and the agitators, especially M. Guerdard, secretary of the railroad employees, and M. Pataud, secretary of the electricians, who they declare had not fulfilled their promises to procure effective collaboration at the psychological moment.

Meredith's Body Cremated.

The body of George Meredith, the English novelist, who died May 18, was cremated at Dorking Friday at London in the presence of a few members of his family. There was no religious service. The ashes were deposited in a black metal urn and taken back to Mr. Meredith's house in Dorking for interment.

Tries to Kill Wife; Ends Own Life.

Frank Slack, a business man and real estate agent of Middletown, Pa., shot and killed himself at his home Thursday after attempting to kill his wife.

Horse's Kick Kills Boy.

Elmer Goldie Lee, aged 16, of Chicago, who went to Pontiac, Ill., to spend his summer vacation, was killed Thursday morning by being kicked by a horse.

FACE DEATH IN FIRE.

Many Persons Injured in a Chicago Blaze.

Twenty or more persons were injured, some of them seriously, by dropping from second-story windows, in a fire starting from a gas explosion, which destroyed the Toledo flats, Sixty-fifth street and Minerva avenue, at Chicago Thursday.

The first explosion occurred in the basement and was followed by others in various parts of the building. Flames burst forth in several quarters and halls and stairways became choked with flames and smoke. Those in the building were thrown into a panic.

Mrs. E. C. Updegraff, who occupied a flat on the second floor, rushed to a window holding her 4-year-old baby in her arms. Her screams attracted a crowd, who tried to her to throw the child and it would be caught. Mrs. Updegraff, leaning far out of the window, dropped her boy, who fell safely into a dozen upstretched arms. Mrs. Updegraff herself then climbed out and after hanging to the ledge dropped. She was seriously injured and taken to a hospital.

Mrs. A. Ellmore, a third floor tenant, also was injured by jumping from a second-story window. She lived on the third floor, but escaped to the second, where further progress was cut off by flames and smoke. From this floor she jumped and was badly hurt.

Mrs. C. Ballard, said to be deaf and dumb, was in her flat on the fourth floor when the fire broke out. She was assisted to safety by other occupants. John Miller, the janitor, who was in the basement, was severely burned by the first explosion and was taken to a hospital.

Mrs. Catherine Garmody escaped through the hall and was severely burned. She and an elderly woman, whose name could not be learned and who jumped from a second-story window, were taken to hospitals.

Among those who escaped was a Mrs. Hern, who rushed into the street carrying her parrot, and then she realized that she had forgotten her mother, 89 years old. Mrs. Hern rushed back into the flames, but fainted before she had gone far. Meanwhile her mother had reached the lower floor and both women were rescued by a neighbor.

The explosions which followed that in the basement blew out nearly every window in the building, and within half an hour of the first explosion the entire building was a mass of flames. Firemen were unable to check the fire and some of them narrowly escaped when two of the walls fell.

CRIME EPIDEMIC IN PITTSBURG.

Three Persons End Lives, and a Negro Tries to Kill Woman.

Three persons succeeded in taking their lives, two made failures and a colored man attempted to kill a woman companion by shooting in Pittsburg early Thursday.

George Phillips, of Greenburg, Pa., took calobolic acid and then threw himself in front of a passenger train.

The bodies of two men were taken from the river, both, it is said, having committed suicide.

Ethel Atkins, a negress, of Cleveland, was shot and seriously wounded by Walter Jones, also of Cleveland. The couple arrived here Wednesday. Mrs. Tessie Gallagher, 22 years old, took calobolic acid. Her condition is critical.

Harry Quillan, a bridegroom of twenty-four hours, attempted suicide by drinking lye and then jumping into the river. He was hauled out.

NEW ORGANIZATION FORMED.

Union Society of Civil War Incorporated in New York.

The Union Society of the Civil War, with its principal office in New York, was incorporated Thursday "to perpetuate the memory of those loyal officials who outside the military and naval services of the United States rendered invaluable aid and assistance to the national government and union cause during the civil war; to promote fellowship among them and their descendants, encourage historical research in relation to the civil war period and preserve records of individual services of loyal officials, documents, relics and landmarks."

FOUR ROADS FINED \$9,700.

Plead Guilty to Law Violation in St. Louis Federal Court.

Four railroads upon pleading guilty were fined \$9,700 by Judge Dyer in the United States district court at St. Louis Thursday for violation of the interstate commerce law providing that cattle be taken from cars every twenty-eight hours and fed.

The railroads fined were the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railroad, \$1,300 on thirteen counts; the Terminal Railroad association, \$7,600 on seventy-six counts; the Wabash railroad, \$100 on one count, and the Missouri Pacific, \$700 on seven counts.

Postal Cashier Embezzler?

William S. Myer, assistant cashier of the postoffice at Baltimore, Md., was arrested charged with the embezzlement of \$1,400. He had been an employe at the postoffice since 1884.

Helen Cortelyou Dead.

Helen Cortelyou, the 9-year-old daughter of George B. Cortelyou, former secretary of the treasury, died Wednesday night at the Cortelyou home, Huntington, L. I., of the grip.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

CAIRO BANK ROBBED.

Robbers Blow Open Safe and Obtain Over \$5,000.

Robbers blew the safe and the bank building of the Cairo State bank at Cairo, sixteen miles north of Grand Island, to pieces with three different charges and secured between \$5,000 and \$6,000 Tuesday night. How the robbers came or whether they went is a mystery. Sheriff Dunkel left with a party of armed men in automobiles early Wednesday morning.

Local authorities have been hunting up what clues were offered but with no results. One suspect is in jail, his name being O. A. Anderson, but there is nothing directly to connect him with the crime. A stranger who has been stopping at the Koehler for the past few days with a small flexible grip which he carried almost constantly, disappeared with it Tuesday night and efforts are being made to trace him.

The bankers' association, in which the bank had \$10,000 burglar insurance, will offer a reward of \$50, and the Cairo bank will increase this by at least \$250. Some of the money was in new crisp \$20 silver certificates and \$800 in gold.

GETS LIFE TERM.

Jury at Alma Convicts Ben Heddendorf of Killing W. C. Dillon.

Benjamin Heddendorf, the 18-year-old boy who shot and killed W. C. Dillon in his cabin near Stamburg March 19, was found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to life imprisonment by a jury in district court at Alma Wednesday.

The case went to the jury at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening and the verdict was returned into court at 4 o'clock Thursday morning.

The case was a sensational one, eighteen witnesses being examined for the state and twenty for the defense. Dillon was shot from the window of the hut in which he lived, while he was eating supper. The body was found afterward by neighbors. Blood-hounds followed a trail which resulted in the arrest of Heddendorf and George Crites, aged 16 years. Crites afterward told a story implicating Heddendorf as the one who fired the shot. Crites is also in custody.

FOUR SALOONS IN SEWARD.

Council Decides on that Number and Aims to Stop Scorching.

The city council of Seward has passed an ordinance conforming to the new state law relating to the licensing of saloons and closing at 8 o'clock. Also limiting the number of saloons in Seward in the future to four. An ordinance was also passed regulating the speed and handling of automobiles within the city limits, the speed limit being fixed at eight miles an hour, and providing heavy penalties for the violation of the same. There are several reckless drivers of machines in Seward and the wonder is that there has not been an accident. A resolution was also passed closing the pool rooms at 10 instead of 10:30 o'clock, as at present.

WATER POWER AND ELECTRIC.

Surveyors in the Field Near Valentine on Improvement Work.

W. K. Palmer, an engineer of Kansas City, arrived at Valentine Wednesday with assistants and camp equipment, organized a surveying party and is now engaged in working out details for a water power from the Niobrara river owned by C. H. Cornell.

It is understood he will have another party in the field within a few days locating a route for an electric railway, starting at Valentine and ending somewhere on the Dallas branch of the Northwestern, thus connecting those two branches. From those surveys it will be determined whether or not securities can be marketed for development of the water power and constructing and operating an interurban.

HAD A "GOOD TIME."

Salesman for Omaha Firm Acknowledges He is an Embezzler.

Stephen Schmidt, city salesman for a large Omaha jobbing firm, walked into the police station Thursday and demanded that he be locked up for embezzling from his employer. He told the desk sergeant the amount might reach \$2,000. His employers say this is the first time they knew of Schmidt's peculations. Schmidt says he spent the money on a "good time." He was locked up and his accounts are being investigated. Schmidt is 45 years of age and has a family.

Must Face Uncle Sam.

Deputy United States Marshal Simmons arrested J. E. Kennedy and Fletcher Taylor at Holdrege Wednesday. Kennedy, it is alleged, shot up a mail box several months ago. Taylor is charged with sending obscene matter through the mails. Both prisoners were taken to Hastings.

Afraid of Neighbors.

Walla Roth, a farmer living about ten miles south of Dickens, has been adjudged insane and taken to Hastings. He had been under the impression for several days that neighbors would shoot him and he constantly carried a gun. It is believed his condition will improve in a few days.

No Deaths from Tornado.

Delayed reports from the tornado swept section of southern Nebraska shows there were no fatalities and only two serious cases of injury. Some stock was killed and one house and a number of outbuildings were wrecked.

Gibbon to Celebrate.

Gibbon will celebrate the Fourth this year and is looking for challenges from neighboring baseball teams for match games on that day. The largest amount of cash ever raised there for a celebration was raised recently.

LOW COMBINATION RATES.

Western Railroads Probably Will Reduce Fare to Chicago.

That the western railroads will soon announce a combination passenger rate to New York and other eastern points on the basis of a \$15 round trip fare to Chicago from Missouri river points is the belief of W. H. Rowland, of Omaha, traveling passenger agent for the Pennsylvania lines.

The regular round trip rate to Chicago from Omaha is now \$26.50, and a corresponding rate is charged from all Missouri river points. It is proposed to cut this fare to \$15 on business destined for extreme eastern points.

It is not only declared that the roads are planning to make this combination rate from Missouri river points, but that they will put these tickets on sale at cities farther west, the reduction, however, to be in effect only east of the Missouri river.

According to Mr. Rowland, the many conventions being held in the west this year are turning the course of travel in that direction and the roads leading east are preparing to offer inducements which will take some of the traffic eastward. The Pennsylvania lines have announced special rates from Chicago to New York and other eastern points, and it is understood other roads are doing the same. The western roads, it is said, are ready to co-operate with these eastern lines in making low rates from the middle west.

LAND OWNERS FAVOR DRAINAGE.

Nemaha River Commission Makes Progress in Its Work.

The committee selected at the drainage meeting in Tecumseh a week ago to select the land owners along the Nemaha river bottoms in Johnson county has put in a good week's work. The reports are most encouraging. Almost without exception the committee finds the land owners for the movement to go ahead that they may find relief from the high waters which have been destroying crops with great frequency. It is believed by most people who have given this proposition more than passing thought that if it is possible to push the drainage project to completion it will mean much to the county in general and to the owners of bottom lands in particular. If it is possible to prevent the Nemaha bottom from overflowing, and expert opinion is to the effect that it is, a large per cent of the very richest farm lands in the county will be reclaimed.

The possibilities in the way of crop production on these rich lands, with the water kept off the fields, is almost incomprehensible. The values of these lands would double the moment it was demonstrated that the water is controlled, and the outlay to secure the result in proper drainage would amount to but little, if the figures of experienced men can be counted.

REV. MR. CROFTS DEAD.

Neligh Congregational Pastor Expires at Advanced Age.

Rev. G. W. Crofts, D. D., pastor of the Congregational church at West Point, died Monday at the parsonage in that city at an advanced age. His health had been failing for some time, but his demise occurred quite unexpectedly, his friends and the congregation looking forward to his complete recovery on the advent of warm weather. The doctor went to West Point two years ago from Beatrice, and from the day of his arrival established himself firmly in the esteem of the community. He was a man of profound learning and deep piety and possessed the happy faculty of making friends everywhere by his cordial and unaffected manner and his Christian life. He leaves an aged widow and a married daughter. The remains will be taken east for interment.

SOLD FEED AND DRINK, TOO.

Farmer Gives Up Name of Man Who Sold Him Liquor.

Frank Riens, a German farmer, who was arrested Saturday night at Beatrice, informed the police after he had been fined \$25 and costs that he had purchased liquor of Henry Frerichs, who operates a feed barn at Beatrice. The officers visited Frerichs' place and searched the premises. They found a barrel of pint bottles of whiskey and two quarts of beer. A warrant was sworn out for Frerichs' arrest, charging him with selling liquor without a license. Riens' fine was remitted after he told the officers who sold him the liquor.

Nebraska Boy Special Agent.

Louis K. Sunderlin, a former Tekamah boy, has been appointed by the United States government as special land agent to investigate land frauds in the state of Oregon at a salary of \$2,280 per annum. He has been located at Portland, Ore. Mr. Sunderlin prepared for college in the Tekamah public schools.

Norfolk Drouth Ends.

After two weeks' drouth six Norfolk saloons reopened Monday morning, having secured licenses at a stormy council meeting. Under the ordinance seven saloons can operate, but the council could not agree as to the seventh man.

Stanton Child Loses an Eye.

While playing in the yard with his older brother, Ronald, the youngest son of Prof. and Mrs. Welch, of Stanton, had the misfortune to injure one of his eyes to such an extent that it will have to be removed. The children were playing with a broom handle, one end of which was pointed. In trying to get the stick away from his older brother he forced the sharp end into his own eye, bursting the eyeball. Ronald is 16 months old.

8 TO 16 YEARS IS SENTENCE FOR HAINS

Captain Convicted of Killing W. E. Annis Gets Indeterminate Term in Prison.

JUDGE DENIES A NEW TRIAL

Defendant Seems Overcome by Court's Words and Father and Brother Deeply Affected.

Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., U. S. A., convicted of manslaughter in the first degree for killing William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht Club last August, was sentenced Monday by Justice Garretson in the Supreme Court in Flushing, L. I., to an indeterminate sentence of not less than eight years, nor more than sixteen years, a hard labor in State's prison.

John F. McIntyre, counsel for the defendant, made the usual motion for a new trial on the ground that the verdict was against the weight of evidence and also contrary to law. Justice Garretson denied these motions. Mr. McIntyre then raised the point of jurisdiction of the Supreme Court over the defendant, contending that he had never been released from jurisdiction of the federal government and therefore the case was not properly before the court. Mr. McIntyre also stated that Dr. Brush, who had been an expert witness for the defense, had examined Capt. Hains since he was convicted and found him insane. Justice Garretson said there was no evidence to that effect before the court and he declined to consider the motion in regard to jurisdiction.

The court clerk then instructed Capt. Hains to come to the bar and proceeded to ask him the formal questions put to a man about to be sentenced. The prisoner seemed dazed and seemed to have some difficulty in understanding the questions. Lawyers McIntyre and Young of the defense stood on either side of Capt. Hains and assisted him in answering the questions of the court clerk.

Referring to the nature of the case the court said that Capt. Hains had been indicted for murder in the first degree, the severest crime against society, and, although there had been a great deal of sympathy injected into the case, the law did not allow a man to punish another for wrong he had suffered or to wreak vengeance on the man who had wronged him.

After Justice Garretson had imposed the sentence Capt. Hains sat down and dropped his head on the table before him. He seemed overcome with emotion for a few moments, but soon recovered himself and sat upright, staring at the court. Gen. Hains, the defendant's father, and Maj. John Powers Hains, who were in court, displayed much emotion. Immediately after sentence the prisoner's lawyers asked for a stay of sentence for a few days to take an appeal. Justice Garretson said the case would take the usual course, and gave the defense twenty-four hours in which to file an appeal.

PITCHER IN RAGE KILLS MOTHER

Charles Rapp of South Bend Stabs Himself to Death After Crime.

Charles Rapp, aged 32 years, well known as a former pitcher of the old South Bend Green Stockings, a crack independent base ball club, Saturday evening murdered his mother with a hammer and butcher knife and then committed suicide with the same knife, death occurring at the county jail in South Bend, Ind., where he was taken by the police. The murder was most revolting and brutal, and beyond a statement made by Rapp just before his death, that he intended "to get the whole family," there is no explanation for the crime. Until Rapp fell a victim to the liquor habit he was one of the most popular young men in the city.

POSSE KILLS A MURDERER.

Men Who Pursue Wife Slayer in South Dakota Shot Him Down.

The body of Mrs. William L. Lansing was found in the cellar of her home in Presho, S. D., the other night, with her head crushed by a hammer. The husband was missing and a posse began a search. After scouring the country all night the men found him twenty-two miles north of Presho, in a claim shack on the Brule reservation. Lansing showed fight and was shot through the chest. He died in a few hours. Lansing had threatened his wife and her brother because of divorce proceedings which she had started. He started north at dark after failing in an attempt to kill his three children.

BIG DITCH TO BE CONSTRUCTED.

Will Drain Big Area of Farm Land in Hutchinson County, S. D.

A dredging company has commenced the work of constructing an immense drainage ditch in Hutchinson County, South Dakota, southwest of Sioux Falls. The ditch will drain a large area of valuable farm land which is now out of commission because of being flooded, and will entirely remove a lake covering 1,555 acres of ground, which also will be reclaimed and made to produce crops during future seasons.