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## THE CUBAN WANT

SAY RECIPROCIITY WOULD HELP BOTH COUNTRIES.

### OBJECT TO COALING STATION

Minister Quesada Says that Havana Will Never Be Given Up and He Sees No Reason Why United States Should Want Cienfuegos, Either.

WASHINGTON.—Senator Quesada, Cuban minister to the United States, in commenting on the negotiations now being conducted for a commercial treaty between Cuba and this country, said on Friday:

"The reciprocity treaty is a purely commercial convention and has absolutely nothing to do with the Platt amendment. The Cuban government has been studying the draft of the treaty submitted by Mr. Hay and has been consulting the different interests in the island and the custom house receipts, and in due time will return it with observations, suggested modifications. It has been shown by past experience, during the reciprocity arrangement under Mr. Blaine, that commerce between the two countries materially increased, and it is expected that under any other reciprocal arrangement, trade will be still greater than it was ten years ago, at which time it reached upward of \$100,000,000."

He said the best of feeling existed between Cubans and Americans and found the proof in the fact that every steamer arriving at Cuban ports brought a great many American investors, who not only were putting money in the island, but were establishing more themselves. He spoke of the popularity of Mr. Squiers and the gratitude of the Cubans to the United States for services rendered.

When asked regarding the proposed coaling stations in Cuba, he said four days before President McKinley was shot he had, at the instance of Estrada Palma, gone to Canton and secured a solemn promise that while he was president, Mr. McKinley would not give his consent to the establishment of a naval station at Havana, and that President Roosevelt knew of the promise.

Continuing, he said President Palma would never have gone to Havana, the Cuban capital, where a diplomatic corps was established, while a foreign flag was flying over the city.

He could not see the necessity for a coaling station at Genoa, which had been recommended by Admiral Bradford, chief of the bureau of equipment, in view of its proximity to Guantanamo, which also was recommended as a coaling station.

### LARGE IRRIGATION PROJECT.

Propose to Build a Ditch One Hundred and Fifty Miles Long.

LINCOLN.—One of the largest irrigation projects conceived in Nebraska is involved in a hearing begun before State Engineer Adna Dobson, being the matter of a protest filed by the Farmers' Canal company and the Farmers' Irrigation District against the application of William Frank, Mr. Frank's application for water from the North Platte river in Scotts Bluff county was filed last April and the irrigation district filed one subsequent to that date, but the real contest dates back five or ten years. Bonds to the amount of \$400,000 were once voted by the irrigation district, but they have never been disposed of. The Farmers' Canal company built twenty-five miles of what was intended to be an extensive line of ditches and then stopped work. Now two contending companies desire to complete the original plan. Mr. Frank proposes to build a ditch 150 miles long, at an estimated cost of \$600,000. The district expected to build eighty miles with the \$400,000 bonds voted. Robert Walker succeeded in the rights of the Farmers' Canal company. He has sold his rights to William Frank, who has associated with him H. G. Leavitt of the Ames Sugar company. Mr. Frank was admitted to have a prior claim, dating from 1887, but the other side claims that these rights have been abandoned.

### MAJOR DUNHAM OF SEWARD DEAD.

SEWARD.—This community was shocked upon the receipt of a message from Davenport, Ia., to the effect that Major James P. Dunham of this city was very seriously ill at a hospital in that city. Mrs. Dunham left at once for Davenport. Soon after she left another message was received by telephone warning that Mr. Dunham was on his way to the hall to attend a meeting of "Woodcraft," and was stricken down in the street with apoplexy. Another message was received soon after announcing Mr. Dunham's death.

### PLATSMOUTH HAS AN INVENTOR.

PLATSMOUTH.—Will Peterson of this city has invented an automatic car, called the "Midget," which is of a novel character. It probably makes a trip to the city. He is now in a workshop, where he copies the car's plans, this being away with the necessity of copying them by hand. It is expected to be ready for exhibition in the near future.

### CHOLERA EPIDEMIC DECREASING.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Cholera is decreasing in the Amur districts and in all other infected districts. There has been only one fatal case of suspected plague at Odessa since October 21.

## TREATY OF CUBA.

Belief that it Will Be Ready for Next Congress.

WASHINGTON.—The fact recorded in the news dispatches from Havana Tuesday that President Palma has returned to Washington the draft of the reciprocity treaty without his approval has not shaken the belief of the officials here that they will have a treaty ready to submit to congress by the date of its next meeting.

As soon as Mr. Quesada, the Cuban minister here, receives the document he will submit it to Secretary Hay. Negotiations will then be continued on the basis of the original draft. Generally stated, the Cuban objections are based on a belief that the United States has demanded undue concessions in the remissions of duties on United States products entering Cuba ranging all the way from 10 per cent to 50 per cent in return for a 20 per cent cut on Cuban sugar and tobacco coming into the United States.

As the difference is one strictly of figures and not of principle it is the opinion at the State department that it can be settled amicably. If not, and the Cuban government insists upon terms that the State department cannot grant, the two countries will simply drift along without any trade treaty of any kind. As Cuba will undoubtedly be the principal sufferer, it is expected here that it will be the first to make another advance toward a treaty.

There has been an important change in the program respecting the whole fabric of Cuban treaties. It had been originally intended to perfect a reciprocity treaty before undertaking to deal with other relations that must be defined by treaty. As it is now seen that the subject of reciprocity is one that will require considerable time for its disposition, the government here is about to undertake negotiations looking to the arrangement of an extradition treaty, which is very much needed, inasmuch as Cuba threatens to become a sink hole for American criminals.

The also the navy is pressing for the coaling stations promised under the terms of the Platt amendment. Therefore the Cuban government will be at once invited to open negotiations on this point. It is not expected that this can be done without some friction, because there has been a growing disposition on the part of the Cubans to the idea of surrendering coal stations to the United States.

### BURT IS GENERAL MANAGER.

President of Union Pacific Assumes Place Left by Dickinson.

OMAHA.—Horace G. Burt becomes general manager of the Union Pacific railroad from November 1 to succeed Edward Dickinson, who resigned to accept the vice presidency and general management of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient. This pronouncement, made at the general headquarters building in Omaha, is the medium through which President Burt announces the appointment of General Manager Burt.

Mr. Edward Dickinson having resigned the position of general manager of this company to enter the service of another company, taking effect the 1st proximo, until further notice, the duties of general manager will be assumed by the undersigned.

"HORACE G. BURT."

### LOUBET COPIES ROOSEVELT.

French President Tries to Settle the Miners' Strike.

PARIS.—President Loubet is now interesting himself in the attempt to end the miners' strike. On Friday he had an extended conference with M. Vincent, prefect of the department of Du Nord, who has been acting as intermediary between the strikers and the mine owners in that department. The mine owners have given the prefect the names of four persons who are to represent them in a conference with an equal number of strikers. In a semi-official statement President Loubet expresses hope for an early settlement of the strike and declares that this would be a political accomplishment beyond precedent.

### DATE OF WAGE SCALE.

Board Decides Any Alteration Shall Be Paid from November 1.

SCRANTON, Pa.—The anthracite strike commission officially decided that if any change is made in the rate of wages of the men it shall date from November 1. This announcement was made by the commission through Recorder Wright in the following brief statement:

### KANSAS MAN GETS POST.

WASHINGTON.—Secretary Hitchcock has appointed the following additional members of the board of pension appeals: E. J. Dallas, Topeka, Kan.; Frederick W. Lenniston, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; James E. West, Washington, D. C.; William L. Symons, Cleveland, L. C.; Walter, Kentucky, and G. A. Leavitt, Houston, Mo.

### THOMAS OSUM DEAD.

NEW YORK.—Thomas Osum, better known under his pen name of "Alfred Ayre," died Sunday following an apoplectic attack sustained September 29. Mr. Osum was in his 74th year. His best known works were "The Verbalist," "The Orthopedist" and "Some Us'ed Words." He was also a writer of stories.

## THANKSGIVING

PRESIDENT PROCLAIMS NOVEMBER 27 AS THE TIME.

### MUCH CAUSE FOR REJOICING

Since the Day of its Independence America Has Been More Blessed Than Majority of Nations, and Now in Midst of Great Prosperity.

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt on Wednesday issued his proclamation designating Thursday, November 27, as a day of thanksgiving. The proclamation is as follows:

According to the yearly custom of our people it falls upon the president at this season to appoint a day of festival and thanksgiving to God. Over a century and a quarter has passed since this country took its place among the nations of the earth and during that time we have had on the whole more to be thankful for than has fallen to the lot of any other people.

Generation after generation has grown to manhood and passed away. Each has had to bear its peculiar burdens, each has known its special crisis, and each has known the trial, when the hand of the Lord was heavy upon it in drouth or food pestilence, when in bodily distress and anguish of soul it paid the penalty of folly and a forward heart.

Nevertheless, decade by decade, we have struggled onward and upward; we now abundantly enjoy material well-being, and under the favor of the Most High we are striving earnestly to achieve moral and spiritual uplifting. The year that has just closed has been one of peace and of overflowing plenty. Rarely has any people enjoyed greater prosperity than we are now enjoying. For this we render heartfelt and solemn thanks to the Giver of Good, and we seek to praise Him not by words only, but by deeds, by the way in which we do our duty to ourselves and to our fellow men.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, do hereby designate as a day of general thanksgiving, Thursday, the 27th of the coming November, and do recommend that throughout the land the people cease from their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship render thanks unto Almighty God for the manifold blessings of the last year.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington this 29th day of October, in the year of our Lord 1902, and of the independence of the United States the 127th.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

By the President: JOHN HAY, Secretary of State.

### MINERS HONOR THE LEADER.

"Mitchell Day" Generally Observed in Anthracite Region.

WILKESBARRE, Pa.—Mitchell day was celebrated by all the union miners in the anthracite region Wednesday. There was a general suspension of work. A few washeries were working, but their output of coal was very small. There was a big parade here, followed by speeches. Mr. Mitchell being the last to appear on the rostrum. He said:

"I want union miners to prove better workmen than non-union men. I desire the men and operators to meet. I do not want to make enemies of the operators. In closing I wish to impress upon you that membership in the union is the only safeguard. The operators are not going to pay the bill of the strike. They will make the workers pay it if they can, but if not they will make the public pay it. It behooves the mine workers to see that they are not made the victims. Stick by the union and the union will stick by you."

### CUBAN SUGAR TRADE DOOMED.

LONDON.—General Leonard Wood, former military governor of Cuba, questioned on Wednesday, said: "In view of the present crisis the Cuban sugar industry is absolutely doomed unless reciprocity with the United States is arranged. I have the strongest reasons for believing that a reciprocity bill will be passed during the next session of congress."

### EDWARD IS REAL KING.

LONDON.—The last coronation connected with the inauguration of the reign of King Edward VII occurred Sunday, when the king, accompanied by Queen Alexandra, the Prince of Wales and almost all the members of the royal family drove to St. Paul's cathedral and offered up thanks for the recovery of his health, which had enabled him to be crowned. Small crowds marked the royal progress through the metropolis.

### RUSSIA SEEKS MEAT TRADE.

WASHINGTON.—The consul at Birmingham reports that Russia is taking the steps which will prepare the way for that country to supply London markets with beef in opposition to America. The report says special steamers have been built with freezing chambers, the Russian government assisting by subsidies, and that it is intended they shall play here on a Russian port and London with huge cargoes of fresh meat.

## HONOR MITCHELL.

Presented with Gold Watch and Diamond Ornaments.

WILKESBARRE, Pa.—John Mitchell was in conference with the district presidents, Nichols, Duffy and Fahy, for several hours Sunday. He outlined the case he will present to the board of arbitration on behalf of the miners and received the approval of his colleagues.

In the afternoon Mr. Mitchell was presented with a gold badge and gold watch by the Polish, Lithuanian and Slavonic members of his union. The badge bears the monogram in diamonds, under the bar containing the pin, which is fastened to the coat lapel. Below this is the button of the United Mine Workers of America, from which hangs a pendant, with a tiny pick and shovel, with a miner's lamp in the center; underneath this again is a medalion.

The seal of the organization, in the center, is a breaker boy standing in the midst of a bank of coal. The presentation took place at headquarters and a large crowd listened to the speeches.

Mr. Mitchell in the course of his remarks said:

"These gifts will ever remind me of the duty I owe to the great army of workers who have reposed confidence in me and followed my leadership during trying times. I shall regard it a great favor if you will express to the Polish, Lithuanian and Slavonic people my gratitude for the confidence they have so freely given me. I beg you to say that my highest ambition will be to promote the welfare and advance the interests of all in their labor for a livelihood."

"I look forward to the time when strikes shall be no more, when peace and justice and right shall be secured for those who toil, when labor and capital, each recognizing its rights and obligations to society, shall work in harmony for the common welfare of our country and the general good of all our people."

"Gentlemen, I thank you with all my heart. I cannot express my feelings by words only, but by deeds, by the way in which we do our duty to ourselves and to our fellow men. Shortly before 4 o'clock Mr. Mitchell left for Washington, where he will on Monday attend sitting of the board of arbitration. He was accompanied to the station by a large and enthusiastic crowd and when he boarded the train was cheered.

### MANILA EXPECTS RELIEF NOW.

Order Allowing Foreign Boats to Trade May Avert Famine.

MANILA.—It is believed here that President Roosevelt's order permitting foreign vessels to engage in coast trade among the Philippine islands will immediately relieve the inter-island freight situation and improve the supply and lessen the cost of rice in which a famine is threatened. The civil commission intends to act at once on the president's order, hoping thereby to avert suffering among the poorer Filipinos.

### LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER.

Anton Christenson Must Pay Heavy Penalty for Killing His Wife.

OMAHA.—The solemn hush that attended the sentencing on Monday afternoon of Anton Christenson to spend all the rest of his days behind prison walls was broken by the quick, vehement clapping of the sister of the wife whom he had murdered. Never has it been more startling to those who heard it. The little group about the condemned man had been breathless as the judge pronounced his blasting words, and shuddered to hear that sound of exaltation which is so rare in court rooms, even when the pronouncement is one of hope instead of withering doom. The prisoner uttered not a sound, but bowed beneath the blow, meekly and with all hope gone. Christenson shot and killed his wife last August.

### WOLVES ATTACK HOGS.

TECUMSEH.—For many years Johnson county farmers have been troubled but little with wolves, but this is not the experience of W. P. McCoy, who lives northeast of this city. His herd of hogs has been pestered with the animals considerably of late. One evening recently Mr. McCoy heard a disturbance at his hog pen, and upon going out found two big wolves attacking an old porker. Before Mr. McCoy succeeded in driving them off they had wounded the hog to the extent that he died soon after.

### ATTEMPTED MURDER.

NORFOLK.—George Hodges, colored, was found about 1 o'clock in the morning a block east of the Main street bridge, by a hackdriver, with his throat cut almost from ear to ear. The hackman called a policeman and the two conveyed the injured man to the office of Dr. Mansson, where his wound was attended to. The cracks was cut through the way through, and the external layer of the jugular vein severed. It is thought the man will live.

### ALLOWS WELKIEJAN'S CLAIM.

FULLERTON.—Ex-Assistant Secretary of War George D. Welkiejan has been advised by the government of Mexico that his claim on some 2,000 acres of mineral lands in one of the richest gold districts in Old Mexico has been allowed. He leaves for Mexico after election and will remain the coming winter.

### GOOD CROP OF POTATOES.

TABLE ROCK.—Frank Dehrovolny, an industrious Bohemian farmer, has raised three or four miles northwest of here, in very busy these days digging and curing for his immense potato crop. He having raised over 1,000 bushels on a part of ground containing four acres.

## NEBRASKA IN GENERAL

### SHOOTING IS A MYSTERY.

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The bloodhounds are on the trail of the murderers, in charge of Sheriff West and a large posse of citizens. The city has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest of the criminals and the citizens have offered \$800 in addition.

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## BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Attorney General Knox, who investigated the Panama canal title, will probably hold that the company can give a perfect title.

Secretary Root approves the preliminary plan for the establishment of clubs at military posts, to take the place of the army canten.

Generals Botha, DeWet and Delarey have returned to London. DeWet expects to sail for South Africa, on account of family matters, November 1.

At the meeting of the government secretaries of Havana, Cuba, the sum of \$7,500 was appropriated to repair the Cabana fortress and make it sanitary.

President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to be present at the annual banquet of the chamber of commerce of New York, December 11. He will make an address.

Kentucky's building at the world's fair will probably be permanent. There is now a prospect of raising considerably more than \$100,000 for the state exhibit.

The United States consul at Shanghai reports to the state department the death of Sheng, father of the Chinese member of the treaty commission now in session.

Archib Woodin, who murdered Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gulick, his wife's parents, and then shot his own baby, October 15, was sentenced to the Jackson, Mich., prison for life.

The general order for the reduction of the army to its minimum strength applies to the Porto Rico provisional regiment of infantry as well as to other organizations of the army.

Wellington R. Burt offered the city schools of Saginaw, Mich., a donation of \$150,000 for the establishment of a manual training school, \$100,000 for a building and \$50,000 for equipment.

Leading Macedonians at Sofia assert that the insurgents inflicted severe losses on the Turkish troops during the recent fighting in the Prespa Pass by the use of a dynamite mine.

Rear Admiral Merrill Miller, at present commandant of the Mars Island navy base is to be relieved at the end of his tour of shore duty some time this winter by Captain Bowman H. McCalla.

W. A. Avery and C. H. Green, Michigan lumbermen, have just completed a deal for the purchase of 22,000 acres of timber land in Lane county, Oregon. The purchase price is said to be \$200,000.

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