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## SIGN THE TREATY

### CUBA AND UNCLE SAM CONCLUDE COMPACT.

### THEIR SIGNATURES ARE PLACED

All Provisions of Platt Amendment Are Incorporated—Objections Made Are All Overcome—An Urgent Message from President Palma.

HAVANA.—The permanent treaty between the United States and Cuba, in which is incorporated all the provisions of the Platt amendment, was signed Friday afternoon.

The signing of the treaty took place at 4:30 at the office of the secretary of state. The signers were Secretary of State Zald and United States Minister Squiers, who constituted special plenipotentiaries for that purpose. Señor Zald and Mr. Squiers simply met, accompanied by their secretaries, and the signing was accomplished and copies of the treaty exchanged within a few minutes.

The permanent treaty contains no provision for its abrogation and no extraneous conditions of any kind. It simply incorporates the entire Platt amendment into the form of a treaty. The length of time consumed by the negotiations was principally due to the fact that the Cuban government desired to include in the treaty various extraneous conditions, especially one to the effect that there should be no intervention into Cuban affairs by the United States, except through the intervention of the United States. All these conditions were rejected.

The Associated Press correspondent saw a number of senators with respect to the ratification of the naval stations treaties during this session of congress, but they were not inclined to be communicative. It remains evident that there is a tendency to allow the treaties to go over this session.

An urgent message from President Palma, which will accompany the sending of the treaty to the senate, will have a strong effect.

Senor Sangulley, the most active opponent of the treaties with the United States, said he would oppose the permanent treaty, because under it the United States, being the stronger power, could itself decide when intervention was desirable, regardless of the wishes of Cuba. Other senators say that the paragraph relating to the Isle of Pines should have been eliminated.

It is now expected that an agreement covering the details of the United States naval stations will be reached by President Palma and United States Minister Squiers within three weeks.

Albanians Are Humbled. The Turkish officials observed much reserve regarding the details of the fighting which occurred during the advance of the Turkish troops in Ipek, Albania, which was occupied May 15. Several hundred Albanians are reported to have been killed or wounded. The Albanians, it is declared, have telegraphed to the sultan announcing fidelity and readiness to accept the measures necessary for the pacification of their submission and expressing their Albanian.

Death to Be the Penalty. SAN JUAN, P. R.—In the Humacao district court of first degree, Pedro Diaz was convicted of murdering during a political riot at Humacao last August in killing a boy named Octavio Reyes. Diaz will be sentenced Saturday to be hanged sixty days later. This is the first conviction under the new code and the hanging will be the first to occur in Porto Rico. It is certain the governor will not interfere.

Kansas Swept by Cyclones. CLAY CENTER, Kan.—A severe cyclone passed over Clay county Friday afternoon, striking the southeast part of the county, going just east of Broughton and west of Gatesville, Kan. As far as known no one was killed in Clay county but at Bala, a little town in Riley county, two little girls named Daub were killed and a number of persons injured. Five houses were blown away at Bala and many cattle killed.

Disturbances in Russia. BERLIN.—The Lokal Anzeiger's correspondent at St. Petersburg telegraphs that serious disturbances and rioting have broken out in the province of Saratov and that the peasants are burning and sacking the residences of the land holders in many places.

Government Accepts Bids. WASHINGTON, D. C.—Colonel Patton, acting quartermaster general of the army, decided to accept two bids for carrying freight from the Pacific coast to the Philippines. The bids were the same on miscellaneous freight and passengers. The contract will be made with the Pacific Mail Steamship company for San Francisco freight and with the Boston Steamship company for freight from Seattle.

Shamrock Sails May 28. GLASGOW.—Sir Thomas Lipton's squadron of four vessels will sail for the United States May 28, two days ahead of time. Sir Thomas himself will sail for New York between June 15 and June 20.

Gold for South America. NEW YORK.—The London and River Plate bank, limited, will ship \$1,000,000 gold on Monday to Buenos Ayres.

## WHAT THE TREATY CONTAINS.

Some of the Features of the Cuban Agreement.

WASHINGTON.—These provisions, among others, are succinctly stated in the Cuban contract:

"Cuba is never to enter into any treaty or other compact with any foreign power which will impair or tend to impair its independence. The government is not to assume nor contract any public debt to pay the interest upon which and to make reasonable sinking fund provision for the ultimate payment of which the revenue of the island, after paying the government expenses, shall be inadequate.

"Cuba consents that the United States may intervene for the preservation of the Cuban independence. Cuba ratifies all acts of the United States in Cuba during the military occupation. Cuba will make provision for the sanitation of the cities of the island to the end that a recurrence of epidemic and infectious diseases may be prevented."

## MEET DEATH IN THE FLOOD.

Three Persons Are Drowned at Sterling.

STERLING, Neb.—Four inches of rain in two hours Friday night has thrown the Nemaha river out of its banks and the ruins of spring-planted crops are now rushing down the current.

At Sterling, a few miles above here, a family of three, consisting of a mother, brother and child, were drowned while attempting to ford a torrent from the hillsides. Two of the bodies have been recovered. The bottom lands are all under water, while the hill lands are washed bare and a large per cent of the corn will have to be replanted. The Burlington reports several small washouts, but not so serious as to impede traffic. The river is now falling, but another severe rain threatens to do more damage.

## SOME MORE BOODLE EVIDENCE

Ten Thousand Dollars Used to Defeat One Bill.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Testimony before the grand jury Monday was to the effect that \$10,000 was paid to defeat the bill to reduce the fees of the excise commissioner of St. Louis. This money, it was testified, was distributed in blocks of \$500.

W. T. Carrington, state superintendent of schools, and R. P. Thompson, chief deputy excise commissioner, were witnesses before the grand jury. Despite the money used to influence members of the legislature against the bill, a compromise was finally adopted which gave to the excise commissioner only 40 per cent of the income of the office.

Just who paid the boodle money has not yet been divulged.

## Treaty Negotiations With China.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Treaty negotiations between the United States and China commissioners are again moving forward and the prospect is bright for a successful issue. Practically only two points of importance remain to be agreed on and one of these is the provision for the opening of the new ports in Manchuria. This has been the most serious obstacle to the consummation of the treaty.

## Lieutenant Walker Killed.

MANILA.—Lieutenant Walker of the constabulary, who was reported missing during the recent fighting in the island of Cebu, was, it became known later, killed by a superior band of fanatics which surrounded the lieutenant's party. Two privates of the constabulary were also killed and three were captured. Two of these prisoners were murdered. One of them escaped.

## Itch Grows on Kansas Stock.

TOPEKA, Kan.—The State Live Stock Sanitary commission is in session here to consider the best method of combating the Texas itch. As a result Governor Bailey will impose a still more rigid quarantine and an order will likely be made to dip all cattle coming into the state.

## American Does Homage at Tomb.

ROME.—General Jacob Smith visited the tombs of King Victor Emmanuel and King Humbert in the pantheon Tuesday. He was received by a group of Italian veterans, to whom he said he wished to pay his tribute of respect to the two late kings, who were soldiers, like himself.

## Sprinter Lowers World's Record.

LONDON.—Alfred Shrubb on the London Athletic club grounds ran three miles in fourteen minutes, seventeen and three-fifths seconds, beating the world's record by nearly two seconds.

## Sweden's Sum for St. Louis.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden.—The Riksdag passed the bill granting \$32,000 for the expenses of participation in the St. Louis exposition.

## Roadmaster Ahern Killed.

CRESO, Ia.—While attempting to board a northbound train at this point T. Ahern, roadmaster of the Iowa and Minnesota division of the Milwaukee road, fell under the wheels and was killed.

## Children Killed by Sunstroke.

NEW YORK.—Two children—a boy and a girl—died on the street in Brooklyn Wednesday from the excessive heat.

## CANCEL OF RISES

### THREE THOUSAND PROMOTIONS WITHDRAWN BY PAYNE.

### LEGAL MAXIMUM IS REACHED

The Postal Probe Continues, Mr. Heath Being Notified of the Tuloch Charges on Which Reports Were Expected and Came Forth.

WASHINGTON.—The promotions of over 3,000 postoffice clerks throughout the country, recently authorized, were cancelled by Mr. Payne.

First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne reported to Mr. Payne that the tabulation of clerks in each grade in postoffices of the first class had been completed. This work was undertaken in accordance with the order to rearrange the salaries of clerks already classified, so that the number in the several grades should not exceed the number specifically prescribed by congress. The former classification was made by George W. Beavers, just prior to his sudden resignation as chief of the division of salaries and allowances.

The new schedule approved by the postmaster general, after transferring 5 per cent from grades where there are vacancies, as authorized by a recent decision of the comptroller of the currency, makes it necessary to cancel 3,046 promotions in the several grades in which there is an excess above the legal number and in which 7,042 promotions have been authorized. The report says:

It will not be necessary in any case to reduce any clerk, but simply to cancel 3,046 out of 7,402 promotions heretofore authorized to take effect on July 1, 1903. We will proceed at once to ascertain exactly the number of promotions in each grade that it will be necessary to cancel at each postoffice and will then inform the postmasters and allow them to secure the increases which must be cancelled.

Most of the excesses in the number in the respective grades of clerks exist throughout the United States at first class presidential offices are in the \$900 and \$1,000 per annum classes. The excesses in grades are divided among those grades as follows: Two hundred and fifty-eight excess in the \$700 grade, 852 in the \$900 grade, 336 in the \$1,000 grade, 451 in the \$1,100 grade, 243 in the \$1,200 grade, 220 in the \$1,300 grade, 82 in the \$1,400 grade and 18 in the \$1,500 grade.

The postmaster general to-day sent to Mr. Heath a copy of the charges filed by Mr. Tuloch, together with a letter requesting any suggestion he may submit on the subject. It is the first official communication with Mr. Heath during the investigation. None of the supplemental answers to the postmaster general giving Mr. Tuloch's definite charges have been received.

## G. A. R. SPURNS LEE'S STATUE.

Veterans Declare Capital Should Admit No Monuments.

MPHERSON, Kan.—The Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Kansas, the twenty-second encampment of which is in session here, passed a resolution protesting against Virginia's proposal to place a statue of Robert E. Lee in the rotunda of the capitol at Washington.

The resolution protests against the "placing in said rotunda the statue of Robert E. Lee or any other person who has been disloyal to the government of the United States and has voluntarily borne arms against it."

## Same Terms as United States.

WASHINGTON.—Great Britain has decided to accord China the same terms in the settlement in the Boxer indemnity as those accepted by the United States. The state department has been informed that the English charge at Peking has signified the willingness of his government to accept payment on a silver basis for a term of years, serving of under bond the right to receive payment of any deficiency that might exist should it hereafter be decided that the payments should have been made on a gold basis. This very much strengthens the attitude of the United States.

## High Water Hurts Santa Fe.

TOPEKA, Kan.—The Santa Fe is having trouble with high water on the southern Kansas division. Rain began falling Thursday and continued all night and is still falling. The rivers began to leave their banks and are now so high that the trains cannot run. William Burke was drowned at night while fording Symon creek near Independence, Kan., in a wagon.

## Uncle Sam's Cash.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund shows: Available cash balance, \$222,000,166; gold, \$105,748,115.

## Race Leads to Duel Challenge.

PARIS.—M. Charron, a prominent sportsman, has challenged M. Marghman to fight a duel, as the result of a controversy over a race at Chantilly.

## Modocs to Go Home.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The commission of Indian affairs has been informed by the Indian agent at the Quapaw agency in Indian territory that most of the forty-seven Modoc Indians who constitute the remnant of the tribe which in 1876 perpetrated the massacre at the lava beds, are preparing to leave for their old home on the Klamath reservation in Oregon. The Indians give as a reason their preference for the Pacific coast.

## ST. GAUDENS' STATUE OF GEN. SHERMAN.



On Memorial day the Chamber of Commerce will present to the city of New York Augustus St. Gaudens's heroic statue of Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, a work that has been called the finest piece of sculpture created in 400 years. When the statue was exhibited in the Salon of the Champs de Mars, in 1899, the place of honor was given to it, that being the first time that a mark of artistic appreciation was ever shown to an American sculpture.

The statue, which is of bronze, is to stand at the entrance to Central Park, at Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street. Mr. St. Gaudens's work represents the hero of the "March to the Sea" seated on his charger, in full uniform of a general in the field, his head bare as if in response to the acclaiming voices of his soldiers, his campaign hat in his right hand held in the fine free motion of a salute.

Immediately in front of the charger is a woman's figure symbolizing Victory, her robes fluttering backward in the breeze created by the forward movement, and in her upraised hand the palm branch of peace. Artistically the work is unquestionably the finest in America.—New York Press.

## NEW RULES FOR INSPECTION.

Special Fitness of Men Will Be Considered.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—General Burton, inspector general of the army, with the authorization and approval of Secretary Root, has prepared an order designed to bring the inspector general's department into closer relations with the army. Hereafter all officers assigned to the different departments as inspectors general will be exclusively under the control of the department commander, who will control their assignments. Reports will be transmitted through the adjutant general's department to the inspector general.

All inspectors of armories, arsenals, depots, etc., and of important posts and commands, including West Point, Leavenworth, Fort Riley, Fort Monroe and Fort Totten, will be directed by the secretary of war and major officers recommended by the inspector general with a view to their special fitness for the work enjoined.

## REPORT TEN FEET OF SNOW.

Figured that 90,000 Head of Stock Perished.

BUTTE, Mont.—Ten feet of snow is reported from Couette, Mont., near the boundary, and the thermometer is ranging from 4 to 8 degrees below zero. Traffic on the Great Northern is seriously interfered with by the drifting snow and the trains are being operated only under the greatest difficulty.

Conservative estimates place the loss of stock at about \$2,000,000 and the number of head of stock lost is figured at about 90,000. This loss will be swelled by the ruin of the fruit crop throughout northern Montana, which, it is understood, is a total failure.

## Indignant at Count Cassini.

LONDON.—The Jews of London are very indignant at the assertion of Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador at Washington, that the troubles at Kishineff were the outcome of the usury of the money lenders. The editor of the Jewish World offers to give \$50 to any American charitable institution named by Count Cassini if the latter can substantiate his assertion to the satisfaction of three Americans.

## TOO MUCH MONT PEELE MONEY.

Committee Has \$84,000 Which May Go to Filipinos.

WASHINGTON.—The committee appointed by the president and the other committees formed to raise funds for the relief of the sufferers by the Mont Pelee eruptions have completed their work. They report that of the \$157,000 collected only \$73,000 has been expended and it is not considered expedient to disburse the remainder.

President Roosevelt has suggested that the funds still on hand be sent to Governor Taft in the Philippines for relief work there and the committee announces that this suggestion may be followed, or contributors may have the remainder of their subscriptions returned to them.

## Up in a Balloon.

PARIS.—Santos-Dumont made a successful ascent in his steerable balloon at Neuilly Thursday afternoon in the presence of 3,000 spectators, including the minister of finance, M. Bouvier. At the Bois de Boulogne a number of evolutions were gone through amid the applause of the spectators. After maneuvering for half an hour at a height of 600 feet above the polo grounds Santos-Dumont returned to Neuilly.

## Hay Receives Resolutions.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Some of the resolutions adopted last Sunday by various mass meetings and conventions respecting the Kishineff massacre reached Secretary Hay Tuesday. They will receive careful consideration, and it may be some way will be found by which the substance of these resolutions can be communicated to the Russian government as an evidence of the feeling aroused in the United States.

## Chinese Treaty a Standstill.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—No progress is reported from the United States treaty commissioners in China. The exact nature of the obstacle to the consummation of the trade treaty is not known. The Chinese commissioners make one statement in the matter; the Russian government makes another and conflicting statement, and the commissioners do not know which of them to believe.

## President Honors Hanna.

CLEVELAND, O.—President Roosevelt accepted an invitation to attend the wedding of Miss Ruth Hanna and Joseph Medill McCormick of Chicago on June 10. The president and Mrs. Roosevelt will arrive at Cleveland on the morning of June 9, probably returning home on the following afternoon. The ceremony will be performed in St. Paul's Episcopal church, on Euclid avenue, by Bishop Leonard.

## A POSTAL DEFICIT

### THE P. O. DEPARTMENT IS \$227,300 BEHIND.

### MACHEN IS MUCH TO BLAME

Postmaster General Payne Decides to Ask Congress for Special Appropriation in December, but Meanwhile Rural Delivery is Badly Crippled.

WASHINGTON.—Congress will be asked at the opening of its next session to make an appropriation to cover deficiencies in both the regular delivery service and the rural free delivery service of the postoffice department. Postmaster General Payne on Thursday announced that this deficiency now aggregates exactly \$227,300, of which \$105,700 is in the free delivery branch.

The postmaster general said that he much regretted the existence of the deficit and for the first time publicly criticized the administration of A. W. Machen, the general superintendent of the free delivery system, who is on indefinite leave of absence.

"This is not the first time that a deficiency has occurred in the free delivery service," said Mr. Payne, "but I regret its existence. At the opening of the last congress Mr. Machen pointed out that without additional appropriations no more routes could be established beyond those ready to be installed January 1. He said, however, if congress appropriated \$500,000 for the purpose the work could be continued during the rest of the fiscal year. This appropriation was promptly made, but it was exhausted.

"Despite this fact the office (the free delivery office) was going on increasing the deficiency, and if we had not taken steps to curtail the expenditures and suspend the establishment of routes until the beginning of the next fiscal year, the deficit would have been much larger. It was not good administration."

Continuing, the postmaster general said that part of the deficiency was discovered before Mr. Machen was given his leave.

"He reported a part of it himself," Mr. Payne added. "First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne recently reported to me that \$20,000 deficiency existed in the rural service, and Mr. Wynne and myself agreed that by economical measures the department might eliminate that. A bureau officer should not incur a deficit without consulting his superior officer, the postmaster general. I cannot stand for that kind of administration. An official must be held to a more strict accounting. I do not say that there was anything criminal or anything wrong in Mr. Machen's action, but it was certainly loose administration, and he should have had his business more in hand. I believe, however, that congress will quickly vote the money to cover the deficiency."

## To Test Anti-Trust Law.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Two cases intended to test the validity of the Texas anti-trust law were docketed in the United States supreme court. The cases are those of the state of Texas vs. the National Cottonseed Oil company, and the Southern Cottonseed Oil company, both New Jersey companies. The two companies were consolidated and the consolidation acquired other oil factories, the combination resulting in the formation of a trust, as alleged by the state and not denied by the companies. It is stated that one result of the combination was the fixing of the price of cottonseed at \$17 a ton. The combination was pronounced illegal by the Texas courts and the oil companies bring the cases to the supreme court on writ of error, alleging that the Texas anti-trust laws are in contravention of both the federal and the state constitutions.

## FENCES MUST COME DOWN.

Hitchcock Denies the Report That Time Has Been Extended.

WASHINGTON.—Secretary Hitchcock said Thursday that the report that there had been extension of time to July 1 for the removal of fences around public lands used for grazing purposes was incorrect.

An inquiry of this character came to the interior department from Nebraska. Shortly after the adjournment of congress the department issued orders to its agents directing the removal of the fences, and the law, the secretary said, would be carried out. "In some of the other states the removal of the fences has been in progress for a year or more.

## Eight Thousand Homeless.

MANILA.—Two thousand native houses have been destroyed by fire in Tondo district of Manila. About 8,000 persons are homeless and are being fed and sheltered by the municipality. The damage is estimated at 2,000,000 pesos.

## Divorce Law Unconstitutional.

SAN JOSE, Cal.—Superior Judge Rhodes Friday declared the new state divorce law unconstitutional.

## Lord Milner Talks of Africans.

JOHANNESBURG.—Lord Milner, high commissioner of South Africa, addressed a meeting on the native question, contending that natives who raised themselves to a civilized level with the whites were entitled to equal privilege. He sympathized, he said, with the feeling in South Africa against an influx of the Asiatics, but that influx should be resisted on economic grounds and not on the score of color.

## BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The village of Kent, near Creston, has decided to incorporate.

The quarterly pensions awarded to the veterans in the Soldiers' home at Marshalltown just received amounts to \$17,159.63.

An attempt to hold up Thomas McCarthy's restaurant at West Liberty resulted in the death of Arthur Meade, who attempted to assist the proprietor.

War on the dandelions was begun at Marshalltown under the leadership of the Woman's club. Public school children have been enlisted for the work of extermination.

Justice Bonner of Webster City refused to hold Dr. Ida Louise Lyons, a physician and magnetic healer, charged with practicing without a license. The ground for release is that the Iowa law refers only to drug doctors.

D. Yeomans, interstate commerce commissioner; George R. Peck, general counsel of the Milwaukee railroad, Chicago, and Colonel Ainsworth, chief of the pension bureau at Washington, arrived in Onawa to look at the stock at the Park farm of Mr. Yeomans.

Wilkesbarre (Pa.) dispatch: At an impressive ceremony at the Malackrodt convent fifteen girls took the white veil and twenty sisters the black veil. Bishop Hoban presided. Among those who took the holy vows was Sister Cuedia Stein Koeng of Sioux City.

In the last few months the state has been enriched about \$150 a month on account of insurance by the state auditor of the certificates which insurance companies send out to agents and customers showing that they have securities on deposit to cover the value of the policies.

The \$10,000 breach of promise suit of Miss Leona Mackison against Dr. J. W. Frazier of Honey Creek, which has been assigned for trial at Pottawattamie county in the district court, was settled out of court, a compromise having been reached by the parties interested. Miss Mackison concluded to accept \$1,050 in settlement.

Nearly all the farmers around Afton and Creston are now engaged in tacking up signs at the entrance of their farms notifying all hunters and others not to trespass on their premises and threatening them with prosecution in case they disregard the notices. This action has become necessary from the frequent loss of stock by careless people with guns and the frequent trespass of parties with dogs who have made the stock so wild that it is impossible to properly care for it.

John Foss a well known cigarmaker of Creston, was taken to the inebriate ward of the state hospital at Mount Pleasant by Sheriff Marshall, under sentence of three years, as pronounced by Judge Macy after a hearing in the district court. Foss is the first Atlantic man to be brought up under the new diplomatic law, but Mayor McWaid has notified several others that the next time they come before him for drunkenness he will file information against them and have them sent to the hospital with Foss.

A determined effort is to be made by the state officials to put an end to the sale of uncolored oleomargarine in Iowa. Some time ago the state dairy commissioner caused a test suit to be brought by the indictment of agents selling so-called uncolored oleomargarine. On the first trial the jury disagreed, but a conviction was secured on the second trial. The oleomargarine sold was not pure white, but rather of an ivory color, like poor butter, but it was that which passes under the United States classification as uncolored, and is in fact not artificially colored.

The receipts in the general funds at the Christian Home, Council Bluffs, last week amounted to \$178.53, being \$21.42 below the needs of the week and increasing the deficiency to \$1,569.43 in this fund to date. In the manager's fund the receipts were \$22.25, being \$12.75 below the needs of the week and increasing the deficiency in this fund to date to \$78.55.

Onawa was visited by a perfect deluge of rain, 3.30 inches falling in a short time. According to the weather observer this makes the total for the month of May to date 9.82 inches, which is the greatest rainfall since 1888, when the rainfall for the entire month of May was 9.82 inches.

At Ames the board of trustees of the State college let the contract for the central building at the college for \$266,000 to H. W. Shueter & Co. of Chicago. The plans were modified from the original draft so as to admit of building.

The special election for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Council Bluffs the question of granting a franchise to the Western Iowa Independent Telephone company to operate in this city cannot now be held before June 15.

Leading members of the Church of Latter Day Saints at Lamoni, Ia., have organized a co-operative mercantile company under the name of the Lamont Supply company, the articles of incorporation for which were filed with the secretary of state.

Congressman Hull held a conference in Des Moines with persons interested in the headquarters of the rural free mail delivery and agreed to give his assistance to the movement to make Des Moines the headquarters for the district instead of Denver.

Miss Eva Hattery, a teacher in the Collins school, was probably fatally burned while trying to light a fire with gasoline.

John Alexander Dowle has paid \$100 to F. L. Eickelburg of Cedar Falls in payment of a suit for hall rent.

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