

FOR STRATEGIC ENDS

Germany Negotiating with Spain for the Purchase of Carolines.

IMPORTANT MOVE FROM NAVAL STANDPOINT

Price Set Upon the Islands is Considered Somewhat Excessive.

DONS EXPECT TO GET 10,000,000 FRANCS

Proviso That Deal is Contingent Upon No International Complications.

GERMANY GOING TO PREPARE FOR FUTURE

Acquisition, Reports of Which are Confirmed by a German Government Official, Considered Significant Only from Naval View.

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—A German government official, in an interview with the correspondent here of the Associated Press, confirms the report that Germany is negotiating with Spain for the purchase of the Caroline islands.

It is understood that Spain expects to get 10,000,000 francs for them, which Germany considers excessive.

Germany also makes the proviso that the negotiations shall be contingent upon no international complications arising, especially with the United States.

Prince von Arnberg, president of the Colonial society, assures the correspondent of the Associated Press that the "acquisition of the Caroline islands is important, less from the standpoint of commerce, which is insignificant there, than from a naval point of view."

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph expresses the opinion that Germany would prefer to buy a coaling station in the Philippine islands from the United States.

MURDERER GIRL WHO JILTED HIM

Woman Literally Cut to Pieces by Her

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Dec. 1.—Don Perrier, a young Frenchman, brutally murdered his former sweetheart, Jennie Andrews, an English girl, here last night.

She was shot in the back, and the bullet entered her chest and lodged in her lungs. She was taken to the hospital, but died before she could be removed.

The murderer was arrested at the scene of the crime. He is now in custody of the police.

The girl's body was found in a field near the house. She had been jilted by the man.

Perrier is a sailor, but is well educated. He is reported to belong to an aristocratic family of Marseilles.

CUTS OFF SMALL AMOUNT OF TRADE

French Decree Prohibits Import of American Trees and Shrubs.

PARIS, Dec. 1.—The French officials today published a decree forbidding the admittance into France of fruit and plants from the United States.

A dispatch from Washington on November 28 announced that the French chargé d'affaires, M. Dejean, called at the State department that day to advise Secretary Hay that the French government was upon the point of adopting "precautionary measures" against the introduction into France from the United States of the San Jose scale, a disease which would be fatal to the fruit and plants of the United States.

It is understood that the French officials are of the opinion that the introduction of the San Jose scale would be fatal to the fruit and plants of the United States.

Count von Thun Must Retire

After Jubilee Festivities He Will

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—In government circles there is an intense feeling against the Austrian premier, Count von Thun-Hohenstein, because of his recent speech in the Austrian Reichsrath regarding the expelled Austrians from Germany.

It is understood that after the jubilee festivities Emperor Francis Joseph will be informed from Berlin that Count von Thun-Hohenstein's continuance in office would be detrimental to the intimate relations between the two countries.

BOUDANNE WILL BE EDUCATED

Gordon Memorial College Will Be

LONDON, Dec. 1.—William Waldorf Astor has donated \$35,000 toward the Gordon Memorial college at Khartoum for the purpose of educating the inhabitants of the Sudan.

Fortune Left to Shelter Society

PARIS, Dec. 1.—At the request of a brother of Mrs. Maxwell Huddle, a Canadian who recently died suddenly in London, M. Fabre, the Canadian agent general, has sealed up the woman's fine residence here and her villa at Cannes, owing to a dispute relative to the will.

The first will found left Mrs. Huddle's property to her sister, but a later document was discovered giving her whole fortune, estimated at 10,000,000 francs, to a society which is conducting night shelters in Paris.

Royalty Officially Welcomed

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—The emperor and empress of Germany arrived here from Potsdam today to review the guards corps. Their majesties were loudly cheered and on their arrival at the Brandenburger gate they were welcomed by Burgomaster Kirschner in behalf of the city.

Reported Wreck Utrana

LONDON, Dec. 1.—There is no foundation for the report circulated in the United States that a large steamer, supposed to be a North German Lloyd liner, is ashore off Margate.

Going to Fight Mad Mullah

versary of his accession to the throne, occurring tomorrow, will grant full amnesty to all lease majesty prisoners and remit the remainder of the sentences of 540 other prisoners.

ARRESTS OF NUMEROUS CARLISTS

To Maintain Army Adequately Against Them Will Cost \$3,000,000

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Biarritz correspondent of the Daily Mail says: Several Carlists have been arrested at Mora Rubiols in the province of Teruel, for trying to enlist soldiers for Carlism. The soldiers themselves denounced them. Their success would have been serious, since the whole district is Carlist and the garrison is small.

Australian Wheat Crop

SYDNEY, W. V., Dec. 1.—According to the official forecast for 1898 the wheat crop will be 1,917,000 bushels in excess of that of 1897 and there will be a surplus for export of 2,250,000 bushels.

STORY OF GOULD BLACKMAIL

Mrs. Margaret Cody Takes Stand in Her Own Behalf and Tells of Her Connection with Mrs. Angell.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 1.—The third day's trial of Mrs. Margaret Cody for the alleged blackmailing of the heirs of the Jay Gould estate was devoted almost exclusively to the examination and cross-examination of the defendant, who was placed on the stand after two important witnesses were examined this morning and her counsel had opened their side of the case.

The cross-examination was not concluded when the court adjourned this afternoon until tomorrow morning.

In response to a question from Mrs. Cody told a straightforward story as to her connection with Mrs. Angell's case and her cross-examination was of a preliminary nature and did not weaken her story up to the corresponding points in the cross-examination.

Mr. Cody said that his first attention was called to the case by an interview in the Rocky Mountain News of Denver in December, 1894, with Mr. Pierce, in which the latter was quoted as saying his wife, Mrs. Angell's daughter, was the daughter of the late Jay Gould, who had deserted his first wife. She had on several occasions been employed to look up relationships and family trees and the like and when she saw this item in the paper she began a correspondence with Mrs. Pierce concerning the matter and eight months later visited Mrs. Angell at her home in Albany.

The matter was then advertised in the papers and later a Mr. Sperry called upon her and asked her to assist in the matter. She was then induced to enter into a contract to act as attorney for Mrs. Cody.

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QUAY MUST UNDERGO TRIAL

Judge Finletter Denies Motion to Dismiss Five Indictments.

HEARING IS SET FOR DECEMBER 12

Judge Says Case Must Proceed Like Others on Criminal Docket and Refuses to Grant Defendant Unusual Trial.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—Judge Finletter in the court of quarter sessions today overruled all the motions of objection entered by defendant's counsel to the five indictments found by the grand jury against United States Senator M. S. Quay, his son, Richard S. Quay, and ex-Senate Treasurer Benjamin J. Haywood. The defendants were not in court, but R. F. Shapley, their senior counsel, announced to the judge's questions that he instructed the clerk to enter pleas of not guilty.

This being done, District Attorney Graham stated that the commonwealth was ready to proceed to the trial at once and asked the court to fix an early date for the trial. Shapley stated that the books and accounts presented at the magistrate's hearing were voluminous. These matters of evidence he and his colleagues had not had an opportunity to examine. They desired to have an expert go over these accounts carefully before they would be ready to combat the allegations of the commonwealth and he suggested that the date earlier than December 12 be fixed. He said furthermore that his colleague, F. L. Shields, had an important case in the United States court on Monday next, which would probably occupy his time several days. He would therefore be obliged to conduct the trial should the date be fixed for next week.

Trial Will Not Be Delayed

Judge Finletter, in reply to Mr. Shapley, stated that he would treat this case as that of any other ordinary criminal proceeding on the docket, and he could not, therefore, grant the defendant's request to extend the trial. He intended fixing Monday next as the date for trial, but in deference to Mr. Shields' professional engagement on that day he would appoint the following day, Tuesday, December 6, for the opening of the trial. He stated that he considered that ample time for counsel to prepare their defense.

Four of the five bills of indictment found by the grand jury charged the defendants with conspiracy to misuse the funds of the state on deposit in the People's bank for their own benefit and profit, and the fifth indictment charged Benjamin J. Haywood with illegally loaning \$100,000 of the state funds over which he had control. Demurrers were entered by defendant's counsel last week to the first four indictments, but Judge Finletter today declared these demurrers not sustained. A motion to quash the fifth indictment was also overruled by the judge.

Judge Finletter later in the day reconsidered his decision fixing the date for the trial, and he fixed Monday, December 12, as the day.

INDICTS GOVERNOR TANNER

Chief Executive of Illinois Charged with Omission of Duty and Malfeasance in Viridian Riots.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 1.—A special to the Republic from Carlinville, Ill., says: The Viridian riot grand jury made its formal report to Judge E. B. Shirley at 6:30 this evening. Judge Shirley came down from Springfield, where he was holding court, and held a short half hour session to receive this report.

The grand jury dealt pertinently with the affair and, as far as it was able to ascertain, returned true bills against the principal participants in the tragedy of October 12.

Ten indictments, involving fifty-four persons, were returned. Against John R. Tanner, governor of Illinois, there are three counts for palpable omission of duty and malfeasance in office. Fred W. Lukins, general manager of the Chicago-Viridian Coal company, is charged with malfeasance in office. With Lukins, his deputies, Frank Wilder, J. E. Sikes and J. H. Smith, are indicted for the killing of Joseph Gitterle, a Mount Olive miner. Sixteen Thiel guards are held for riot.

GILLETT REPORTED CAPTURED

Said to Have Been Caught in Mexico with \$25,000 Cash on His Person.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 1.—It was rumored at the stock yards this afternoon that Grant C. Gillett, the absconding cattle king, had been captured at Mexico and \$25,000 in cash recovered. The report is generally discredited.

Charles A. Shaeffer, president of the F. George Holmes Commission company, swore out a warrant here today charging Gillett with having obtained \$15,000 in false pretenses. The warrant was placed in the hands of an officer and the latter left the city tonight. M. A. Pike, attorney for the Holmes company, tonight made this statement:

"Gillett is under arrest in Mexico. An officer has gone for him and we will get him back with a hop, a skip and a jump. In other quarters it is stated almost positively that Gillett is not in Mexico, but that he is in custody on American soil, that he has a large sum of money in his possession and that his captors are negotiating with him for his release. The percentage of the money as their price for turning Gillett and the funds over to his creditors.

It was stated quite positively here tonight that Gillett was under arrest at Chihuahua, Mex., but the statement could not be confirmed. A dispatch from the Journal received at Chihuahua, stating that so far as known Gillett was not in custody there.

MONEY WAS NOT MISUSED

Treasurer of Board of Erie County Soldiers' Home Explains What is Done with Inmates' Pensions.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—In discussing the petition presented to Governor Hastings yesterday by State Senator Gibson on behalf of the inmates of the Soldiers' and Sailors' home at Erie, Pa., in which the charge is made that a large proportion of their pension money is taken and turned over to the state board of trustees, General Louis Wagner, treasurer of the board, said today:

"Some one is trying to create a mountain out of a molehill. This is an old story and like everything else of the kind it has two sides. As treasurer of the board I act under its instructions and it has been the custom for years to take the pension money of each inmate over and above \$4 a month and deposit it to the credit of the treasury in banks, receiving 2 per cent interest thereon. This plan has been approved by

the courts of Erie county and also by the supreme court of the state.

"We use the money for the purpose of extending relief in cases where inmates have dependents, but there are cases where relatives are not dependent. The state is supporting the veterans and we can see no reason for turning the money referred to over to the sons who are capable of earning their own living. All the soldiers' homes in the country are conducted in the same way."

LOSSES REACH ONE MILLION

Late Big Storm Hits the Eastern Marine Underwriters Hard.

PROVINCETOWN WRECKS REACH \$510,000

Reports of More Missing Vessels Will Bring the Aggregate of Losses of Life and Money Still Higher.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The marine underwriters of this city say that the losses sustained by their companies as the result of the storm, beginning last Saturday, will probably amount to the aggregate of something more than \$1,000,000.

Owing to the lack of sufficient data of a trustworthy character it will be some days before a definite statement of the full extent of the losses can be made. There will be, in all likelihood, a large amount of salvage realized from the wrecks. Most of the vessels carrying insurance were covered to the full amount of their value, though some of the smaller craft known to have been lost were not insured. The premium charges for the different vessels upon which insurance was paid varied considerably, but they were in no way as high as those of the season of the year. There is yet no truth in the report that it has been decided to increase rates as a result of the losses of the last few years. When, however, the full effect of the storm upon marine risks shall have been ascertained, the abolition of duties on machinery and free admission to the markets of the United States.

Regarding tobacco, the chamber desires that the importation of the foreign leaf be absolutely prohibited in order to avoid the manufacture of the same, which is then sold abroad as the product of the Cuban manufacturer and agriculturist. The chamber requests, too, an extension of the privileges granted to Spain in the Cuban mining industry for an additional ten years, expiring in 1913, owing to the fact that the war during the last three years has seriously injured the mining industry.

MEMORIAL FROM THE CUBANS

Commissioner Porter Receives Recommendations on Economic Conditions in Islands.

SANTIAGO, Dec. 1.—Robert P. Porter, United States special commissioner to Cuba and Porto Rico to study the economic conditions in both islands, had a long interview today with General Leonard Wood, who afterward gave him office at the palace.

This afternoon a committee of the Chamber of Commerce waited on Mr. Porter and presented a memorial upon a problem of paramount importance, imperatively demanding the attention of the government.

According to the memorial, the financial situation of the country and its very economic life depends upon the sugar industry. A severe blow during recent years, falling from 1,000,000 tons in 1894 to 40,000 tons in 1897.

Meanwhile prices are lower and the difficulty of transportation is greater, while there is a deficiency of apparatus and interest is all the time accumulating on debts. The chamber recommends freedom from all taxes for a reasonable number of years, the abolition of duties on machinery and free admission to the markets of the United States.

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SUNSET LIMITED IS DITCHED

Jumps the Track and the Engine Turns a Somersault, But, Miraculously, No One is Killed.

JENNINGS, La., Dec. 1.—The Sunset Transcontinental Limited train of the South-eastern Pacific was badly wrecked at 4:30 this evening two miles west of Jennings on what is known as Grand Maria.

It was miraculous that there was no loss of life. Engineer W. E. Ragland of Houston was caught in the cab and his left foot badly mangled. Fireman P. H. Booth of Houston had his back and shoulder severely sprained. Conductor Richard Quatrone of Houston had his spine seriously injured and Chief Airbrake Instructor Ope of Houston was caught in the engine in which he was riding and fatally injured.

The limited carried forty-three passengers, none of whom was injured. The train was seen to have jumped the track about two miles out by a passenger named Jennings and a large crowd of people gathered to see the wreck. It is impossible to tell the exact cause of the wreck, but it is surmised that an axle on the locomotive gave way. The pony trucks left the rails and ran 300 feet on the ties. The engine and train which was under full speed. The engine finally left the track entirely and plunged down an embankment, the forward end dropping and the engine turning completely over, where it lies on its left side over half submerged in water and mud.

VALUE OF KANSAS CROPS

Combined Values of Wheat, Corn and Oats Amount to \$67,540,001 or \$735,211 More Than in 1897.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 1.—The crop bulletin of the Kansas Board of Agriculture, showing the final returns of the state's crop yields, and their home value, together with the number and value of live stock for 1898, was issued today.

The figures on yields of wheat, corn and oats do not differ essentially from those given out earlier in the season except that the yield of corn in some of the northeast counties, which ordinarily have the great area and yields, but were supposed to have only a very small output this year, makes a much better showing than was anticipated.

The winter wheat crop is 59,674,150 bushels; worth \$32,431,772. Spring wheat, 1,116,556 bushels; worth \$505,269. Corn, 126,999,132 bushels; worth \$30,289,698. Oats, 21,707,537 bushels; worth \$1,285,800.

The combined value of the wheat, corn and oats amount to \$67,540,001, or \$735,211 more than in 1897.

BREAKS INTO COAL MONOPOLY

Northwestern Mining Company Seizes Control of Seven Thousand Acres Bituminous Coal Land.

DUBOIS, Pa., Dec. 1.—The consummation of what is without doubt the largest coal deal ever made in this center of the bituminous coal regions was effected today. The Northwestern Mining and Exchange company, which has been operating for the last quarter of a century in Elk county, is the purchasing party and the deal of today places them on an equal footing, so far as holdings are concerned, with the Rochester and Pittsburg and the Berwind-White companies that have so long held the monopoly of production in the Berwind-White territory.

The deal is a purchase of seven thousand acres of the finest bituminous coal lands in the state. The exact amount which changed hands on the deal is not obtainable. The Erie railway, which is the controlling power of the Northwestern, will extend its line to this place, thereby giving another competing line to the Great Lakes and the east.

WIS. Decision Over Western Union

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 1.—A special to the Republic from Carthage, Mo., says: Judge Perkins rendered a decision today in the case of Senator Hobard Gray against the Western Union Telegraph Company. The claim was for 3 cents for stamps charged the plaintiff after the first adoption of the war tax, his claim being that the defendants were by law required to bear that burden. The decision was in favor of the plaintiff for the amount of claim.

Advance of Miners' Wages

HOUGHTON, Mich., Dec. 1.—The Oliver Mining company today gave its 2,500 employees at Ironwood, Mich., a 5 per cent advance in wages. Similar advances at other mines are expected January 1. A new \$100,000 smelter of the Quincy Mining company was into blast today. It is expected to refine copper for half the former cost, a saving of fully \$50,000 annually.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Partly Cloudy; Westerly Winds

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg.

5 a. m. 31 1 p. m. 36

6 a. m. 29 2 p. m. 38

7 a. m. 28 3 p. m. 40

8 a. m. 28 4 p. m. 40

9 a. m. 28 5 p. m. 37

10 a. m. 30 6 p. m. 35

11 a. m. 34 7 p. m. 33

12 m. 35 8 p. m. 34

at the dock. Dozens of smaller craft were destroyed. The damage to shipping at Port Jefferson bay is estimated at more than \$100,000.

ANOTHER FATALITY ON THE OCEAN

Schooner Beebe Wrecked and All on Board Drowned.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—Information was received today that the schooner Leander V. Beebe from Philadelphia for Boston had been totally wrecked off Black Rock, Mass., and that all the members of the crew were drowned.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—A private dispatch from Boston says the schooner L. V. Beebe, Philadelphia for Boston, with coal, has been wrecked on Black Rock, near Cohasset, Mass. All hands—eight in number—perished. The vessel and cargo were valued at \$35,000. It was commanded by Captain Daniels, whose son was mate. The crew was composed of Harry Arnot, W. W. Phillips, Edward Wadman and Lewis E. Miller.

SOLE AND AUGUSTA ARE MISSING

Barge and Schooner Driven to Sea Not Heard From.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—Nothing has been learned by the Maritime exchange here of the fate of the barge Enos Soule, which parted from its tow, the Orion, on Sunday, or the schooner City of Augusta, which parted its hawser and was blown to sea Monday. Grave fears are entertained for the safety of the crews of both craft, as neither has been seen by incoming vessels. The City of Augusta has a crew of eight men and the Enos Soule had four men on board.

GEN. SHAFTER IS ANNOYED

Thinks that Admiral Sampson is Endeavoring to Raise Issues Which Have Been Settled.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—General W. R. Shafter was today shown a copy of Admiral Sampson's report on the operations of the United States fleet at Santiago after the destruction of the Spanish fleet, in which the admiral denounced the suggestion which he attributed to General Shafter, that the navy was unwilling to assist the army in forcing an entrance to the harbor.

General Shafter did not conceal the fact that Admiral Sampson's criticisms annoyed him greatly.

"This controversy has been fought over before," he said. "The records speak for themselves. My letters and dispatches to Admiral Sampson as given in his report tell the story. I have nothing to add to them. The general went over the newspaper synopsis of the admiral's report and pointed out that the correspondence given therein showed that he had requested Admiral Sampson to send a representative to the ceremonies of the raising of the flag at Santiago and did not sign the terms of surrender himself."

"As I did not sign them," he said, "I certainly would not consent for Admiral Sampson to do so."

IMPORT DUTY ON TOBACCO

Tobacco and Cigar Exporting Firms in Cuba Highly Pleased with This Action.

HAVANA, Dec. 1.—A cable message received here yesterday by the principal tobacco and cigar exporting firms in Cuba announces the authority of Senator Luis Marx, special commissioner of the Cuban tobacco manufacturers at Washington, that the United States government will place a protective tariff on the import of leaf tobacco from the island of \$5 per pound and of \$4.50, plus 25 per cent, on cigars. The export duties are to remain as heretofore, \$6.30 per hundred kilos on leaf tobacco and \$1.35 per thousand on cigars.

Although hopes had been entertained that export duties would be abolished entirely, an announcement that the prohibitive duties will be placed on tobacco imported into the island has been received with jubilation by manufacturers and exporters, as guaranteeing the survival and development of the tobacco industry in Cuba, which otherwise would have been threatened with extinction.