

Here it was considered that the arrangement of peace without the guarantee of the United States behind it would be an unwise outcome. It being feared that the future tranquility of the island would not be assured.

Since the publication of President Roosevelt's letter, however, there has been a strong factor in arranging for Cuba some better form of government and a reduction in tariffs, which would bring the most of living to a reasonable basis.

Although the opinion on the subject is very vague tonight the general conviction seems to prevail that Secretary Taft will take a friendly hand in the negotiations for peace.

No Further Fights. No other encounter, other than that resulting in the capture of Guajay, was reported today. Traffic is again impeded on the Western railroad. The revolutionists will not permit repairs to be made on the Cuban line.

The railroad employees who were captured by the revolutionists have been released. Pino Guerra's force has not yet approached Havana province. It is much depleted and is moving slowly eastward. Owing to extremely meager war facilities little is known concerning the situation in Sancti Spiritus, except that Arroyo Blanco's fifty cavalrymen defeated 100 mounted revolutionists belonging to the forces of Senor Canzales, ex-speaker of the house, killing several and capturing arms, ammunition and supplies. The Havana defenses continue to be strengthened.

Vice President Monden Capot said tonight that nothing as yet had been decided on which to base peace negotiations. This was being discussed by representatives of the moderates with Alfredo Zayas, but the results probably will not be made public until a further conference has been held. He said by the time of the arrival of Secretary Taft it was necessary to have a preliminary adjustment of the difficulties would be arranged and ready for Mr. Taft's approval. He had not thought of securing the friendly informal approval of the United States to the settlement of the difficulties since he realized this was necessary to Cuba's permanent peace and prosperity.

Taft Party Leaves Washington. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Secretary Taft and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon left Washington this afternoon for Tampa, Fla., to embark on a naval vessel there for Havana, in accordance with the instructions of President Roosevelt, to ascertain the exact political situation. Other members of the party were Frank G. Woodwood, stenographer; Secretary Taft; Henry Newcomb, private secretary to Assistant Secretary Bacon; Captain F. R. McCoy, the president's military aide; F. L. Cairns, surveyor of the port of Manila; Jose M. Macias, a Spanish interpreter from the insular capital; and two messengers. The party is due to arrive at Port Tampa at 10 o'clock tomorrow night.

Big Force is Available. It was announced at the Navy department tonight that the battleships Louisiana, Virginia and New Jersey have been ordered down the Atlantic coast on a shakedown cruise and that they have been directed to keep in touch with the government at Washington by wireless, telegraph and, if necessary, in the event of an emergency arising, they will be sent to Havana. It was also stated that the cruisers Tacoma and the Cleveland have sailed from Norfolk, Va., and that the cruisers Minneapolis and Newark will follow them. The Minneapolis and Newark carry about 700 men altogether and the Tacoma 150. Should all these vessels go to Havana the navy would be able to send a force of 1,000 men to Cuba. It is expected that any developments should occur rendering such action necessary. Final instructions will be given the Cleveland and other vessels when they reach Key West. The Cleveland's sailing from the Norfolk yard yesterday, while the Tacoma left there today. The Louisiana and Virginia left Newport yesterday after hurriedly coaling. The New Jersey sailed from Boston.

Minister Morgan Joins Party. Edwin V. Morgan, the American minister to Cuba, is on his way to his post at Havana. Mr. Morgan unexpectedly joined Secretary Taft and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon in this city just as the train left Washington today. He has been in Europe since the insurrection began, but will proceed to Cuba with the Taft-Bacon party to resume his duties at once.

All three of the big first-class battleships which have been ordered down the coast to "keep in touch" with a view to dispatch to Cuba if necessary, are the newest and speediest in the navy, the Virginia and the New Jersey having been commissioned last May and the Louisiana 16 June.

The Cuban legation received a cablegram announcing the arrival of Mr. Quesada the Cuban minister at Paris, on a route home from the pan-American conference at Rio and that he will sail on the first available steamer from Paris to take charge of affairs at his post here. It is evident he will sail Wednesday.

A detachment of 100 marines from the Washington barracks left today for Norfolk to go aboard American war vessels under orders for Cuba. Accompanying them was a detachment of sixty marines who arrived today from Portsmouth, N. J.

French View of Situation. PARIS, Sept. 16.—Lately interest is manifested here over President Roosevelt's decision to send Secretary of War Taft and Acting Secretary of State Bacon to Cuba, and many of the newspapers jump to the conclusion that this will sound the knell of Cuban independence. In responsible circles, however, the right of the United States under the treaty with Cuba, to restore order is recognized, but there is no disposition to impute to the Washington government a desire to seize the occasion to annex the island. Nevertheless, it is thought by some persons that even if the view counsel of President Roosevelt is followed and the rival factions temporarily buried the hatchet that there will be an early recurrence of the insurrection which will ultimately compel annexation.

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"Quiet?" "There was in a more quiet place."

"Beds all right?" "First rate. Private bath room, too."

"But very expensive, no doubt?" "On the contrary, it was the cheapest holiday I ever had."

"But, man, tell me the name of the place?" "I stayed at home."

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER Rain in Nebraska Today; Cooler in the East Portion—Fair and Warmer Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Forecast of the weather for Monday and Tuesday: For Nebraska and Kansas—Rain Monday, cooler in east portion, Tuesday fair and warmer.

For Iowa—Showers and cooler Monday; Tuesday fair.

For Missouri—Fair Monday except showers and cooler in west portion; Tuesday, showers, cooler in east portion.

For Arkansas and Louisiana—Fair and warmer Monday, Tuesday fair.

Colorado—Rain in east, fair in west portion Monday; Tuesday fair and warmer.

For South Dakota—Fair Monday and Tuesday warmer Tuesday.

Local Record. OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Sept. 16.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years: Maximum temperature... 88 77 78 85 Minimum temperature... 67 48 52 56 Precipitation... 1.04 1.86 1.92 1.93

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and comparison with the last two years: Normal temperature... 63 Excess for the day... 25 Deficiency since March 1... 3.26 Normal precipitation... 10.49 Excess for the day... 1.86 Deficiency since March 1... 3.26 inches

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Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State Temp. Max. Min. Rain. Omaha, Neb. 88 67 .04

Bismarck, cloudy... 84 64 .00 Cheyenne, cloudy... 81 46 .00 Colorado, clear... 82 46 .00 Denver, clear... 74 32 .00 Denver, raining... 48 48 .00

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Rapid City, cloudy... 82 54 .04 St. Louis, clear... 84 60 .00 St. Paul, Neb. 82 62 .00 Salt Lake City, cloudy... 80 60 .00 Valentine, cloudy... 84 64 .00

W indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

PLANING STATE CAMPAIGN Republican Committee in Negotiating for a Number of Speakers of Note.

Taft, Cannon and Dooliver Wanted. George L. Sheldon Will Speak at Fair—Said, Crete, Syracuse, York and Grand Island—Dates for Other Speakers.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—While the republican state committee is waiting to hear from a long list of speakers from other states to take part in the Nebraska campaign, dates are being arranged for many of the candidates on the republican ticket. The speakers from other states who are being sought are Speaker Cannon, Senator Dooliver, Senator Beveridge, Secretary Taft, Congressman Burton of Ohio and Congressman Smith and Lacey of Iowa. So far dates for state candidates have been arranged as follows:

September 19—Norris Brown, Robert Cowell and H. Winnet at Auburn. September 20—Same speakers at Johnson. September 21—Same speakers at Nebraska City. September 22—George L. Sheldon at Fair-Field.

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September 27—George L. Sheldon, G. L. Sheldon and other candidates at Grand Island.

State Base Ball League. Charles E. Sherman, a Lincoln newspaper man, will make a tour of Nebraska this week for the purpose of assisting in the organization of a state base ball league. About the middle of October a meeting will be called at Lincoln to perfect the organization. Many towns in the state have maintained good ball teams, from many league players have been drawn. The towns that are said to be favorable to a state league are Hastings, Grand Island, Kearney, Beatrice and Fremont, four of which have maintained paid teams. If an eight club league is desired, Fairbury, Holdrege and Columbus are considered possibilities. Norfolk has also been suggested as a desirable town if it were not for its location so far to the north. Mr. Sherman will leave today for Nebraska City, where the fans are said to be eager to join the proposed league with a state league duly organized and under the protection of the national association, the Nebraska towns could frame a schedule for the year of 1907 and be assured of going through the season without being raided by the league clubs and being compelled to disband on account of loss of players, as one or two independent teams were forced to do this season.

St. Paul's New Pastor. Dr. Isaac Franklin Roach, the new pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, who arrived last week from Boise City, Idaho, preached for the first time today in his new charge. Dr. Roach's coming was regarded with considerable interest. St. Paul's church is one of the largest in Nebraska and the field is considered a growing one. Dr. Roach is a comparatively young man and his life in the west has imbued him with much of the spirit of enterprise. Many members of the congregation are of the opinion that the new pastor will bring to the church a new life and vigor. Dr. Roach was one of the four members of the Baker team who afterward became preschers. He still takes a deep interest in athletics and sports of young men.

To Ask State to Build Roads. Mayor F. W. Brown announces that he will ask the legislature to appropriate funds to aid the town of Lincoln to build boulevards from the city to the State Hospital for the insane, the penitentiary and the state fair grounds. This is a part of the mayor's plan to improve the city. He believes the roads should be macadamized from the paved districts to the state institutions named. He believes the residents along the proposed roads will pay their share of the cost of making the roads within the city limits and that beyond the limits the state should pay the cost. The mayor has also directed the parks and inspected boulevards at Kansas City and is impressed with their beauty and utility. With the aid of the county a paved road leading from town to Wyuka cemetery will soon be completed.

Two Inches of Rain. Rain, amounting to about two inches, fell this evening in Lincoln and tied up street car traffic and caused considerable damage to be suspended. The Burlington reported the derailing of an engine at Ravenna, but without much damage. A wreck was reported from Alliance, but no particulars were given and it was said that it caused no loss of life or damage.

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SHANGHAI, China, Aug. 4.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A competent authority on the far east declares that the Chinese have made more progress during the last five years than any other nation on earth, not excepting Japan. He admits that China has not made such advance in iron and coal production as the United States, but he contends that China has made a wider and more profound change in its whole attitude toward western civilization than has any other nation.

The latest proof that China's face is set toward progress is found in the imperial decree issued last Sunday promising a change of laws. While this decree does not promise a constitution as western leaders have inferred, nevertheless it points in that direction.

A more vital indication of progress is found in the recent imperial decree making some mastery of western learning a condition of future employment in the government service. This decree does not affect existing officeholders and does not apply to candidates for office who have already completed the prescribed course of Confucian learning and have received the first and second degrees. But the significance of the decree is found in the fact that it prescribes the identical condition for future candidates for office, which the young emperor presented eight years ago and which led to the Boxer uprising. It is significant that the dowager empress, who then retired the young emperor for his radicalism, now issues in his name the identical decree which produced the revolution.

Establishing Modern Schools. A still more striking sign than this paper declares is found in the fact that Yuan Shih Kai, the leading viceroy of the empire, has already established more than 5,000 primary and secondary schools in the Chih province in order to prepare the young people of his province for the new government courses. He is attempting to introduce western learning and indeed the English language into these schools as rapidly as possible. This creates a strong demand for American teachers, but the pay is too low to justify young people coming from the United States to accept these minor positions. In lieu of American and English teachers the Japanese are being employed to teach western learning, and in some cases the English language. The "pidgin" English, which is taught by some of the Chinese scholars, would indeed be laughable were it not for the fact that the introduction of the English language is rapidly becoming general and if so may carry with it the introduction of western civilization. As Alexander's adoption of the Greek language enabled that conquered nation to transform the civilization of western Asia; as the adoption of Roman law and the Latin language by the Northmen carried with it Latin Christianity throughout Europe, so the prevalence of English speech in China, during the next few years, will carry with it western science and western civilization.

Growing Influence of Japan. An indication pointing to the growing influence of Japan in China is found in the fact that 31,000 Chinese students are now in Tokio striving to secure from the government institutions and private schools the western learning. The Young Men's Christian association in Shanghai has sent two American and three or four young Chinese Christians to Tokio to keep in touch with this group of Chinese students. As some Chinese students are returning from and going to Tokio each month, at least 15,000 young Chinamen will pursue their studies in the Japanese capital in 1906. As these young men will furnish the future Yung Shih Kai, Chang Chi-tung and Wu Ting Fang of China one can readily see the influence which the Japanese will acquire in the Chinese empire. At least two or three thousand of these young men would have studied in the United States had it not been for our harsh enforcement of the exclusion law. It now looks as if Japan will become the school master of the orient, as Germany has been the school master of Europe and America. But the United States may lead the race after it is out of school.

Another sign of the times is the increase of the postoffice and the multiplication of newspapers, especially along the eastern side of the empire. The postoffice has increased from about 100 four years ago to some 1,800 today. The number is still pitifully small, but the rate of increase is a just cause of surprise and a striking indication of progress. In the Tien Tsin, four years ago, three newspapers were published. Today twenty-three newspapers are published in that northern port.

Crossed Against Bound Feet. The Manchu court has always been opposed to bound feet, and comparatively few women gain access to the court have submitted to this early torture. A few months ago, however, an imperial decree was issued exhorting parents not to bind the feet of their daughters. On the dowager empress being informed the other day that the decree relating to bound feet was having no influence among the provincial authorities, another decree has been issued

saying that in the future no men will be taken into the employment of the Chinese empire whose wives or daughters have their feet bound. It is uncertain when this latest order will go into effect, and whether it will be strictly enforced or not. Nevertheless, the fact that several viceroys are following the Chinese emperor in his decree just issued, is found in the impression that this form of oriental barbarism may be approaching its end.

A more striking indication of the adoption of not only western civilization, but of Christianity, is found in the decree just issued by Chang Chi-tung ordering the New Testament to be introduced into all the schools of the Hupeh and Hunan provinces over which he rules. The decree states that the permanence and high quality of Chinese civilization is due to the fact that the Confucian classics have been taught in China for over 3,000 years. The viceroy admits, however, that western nations have some power which the Chinese do not possess. He is sure that this is not due to any superiority of the westerners over the Chinese, but to the fact that the western nations have in their possession certain teachings which the Chinese have not yet mastered. He thinks this superiority is due to the Bible, and in order to make the Chinese not only equal, but superior to their western competitors, he orders the New Testament taught, along with the Confucian classics, among the 35,000,