

People Talked About

Rear Admiral Train—Gomez of Cuba.
New Post For Edwards—Mrs. Carnegie at Home—W. Russell.

WHEN Rear Admiral Charles J. Train and his son, Lieutenant Charles R. Train, went hunting pheasants in the vicinity of Nankin, capital of the province of Kiangsi, in China, they little thought that one of their shots would be heard around the world, but it chanced that a native woman was peppered with a charge intended for birds, and the incident almost caused international complications. Lieutenant Train was seized and detained by a mob of Chinese who were angered by the accident, and, though he was afterward released and an apology was made by the governor of Nankin to the Americans, the incident has not tended to increase good feeling toward Americans in China. Coming at the time when the boycott against American goods is in progress and when the anti-foreign feeling has resulted in the murder of missionaries, the accident is regarded as doubly unfortunate.



REAR ADMIRAL C. J. TRAIN.

Admiral Train is commander in chief of the Asiatic squadron. He is a native of Massachusetts and graduated from the Naval Academy in 1864. He commanded the auxiliary cruiser Prairie in the Spanish war and later the Puritan and Massachusetts and is regarded as one of the scientists of the navy. The wounding of Chinese by hunters about Nankin as well as at various other places along the Chinese coast is a common thing, and it is said that some Chinese make a practice of getting in front of fine bird shot. If they are hit the matter is usually squared by the payment of a small sum.

The visit to the United States of Senor Jose Miguel Gomez, candidate of the Liberal party for president of Cuba, has attracted especial attention because of the peculiar conditions under which he came to this country. He is governor of the province of Santa Clara and in May last was nominated for president by the Liberals. In the elections for boards of registry in September the Moderates, whose candidate for president is the present executive, General Palma, obtained such sweeping majorities that their success in the election for president was considered a foregone conclusion. General Gomez under these circumstances decided to retire from the field. He avers, however, that his opponents have resorted to fraud and coercion in order to win and that 80 per cent of the Cubans are really in favor of his election as president. He resolved to pay a visit to the United States in order to obtain rest.

Senor Gomez is a man of about fifty years of age and is a native of Santa Clara province. He is of medium height, stocky figure and has dark hair and mustache. He participated in two revolutions, reaching the rank of major in the first and that of major general in the second. He was a delegate to the Cuban constitutional convention and was one of the commissioners sent to Washington to advise as to a practicable method of dissolving the Cuban revolutionary army.

There is talk in Washington of the creation of a new cabinet officer to take charge of matters now handled by the bureau of insular affairs. This is a branch of the government that has come into being and grown to importance since the Spanish war, and it is thought by many that the problems arising in connection with the administration of Porto Rico, Hawaii, the Philippines and the canal zone of Panama are of sufficient magnitude and moment to demand the sole attention of a member of the cabinet. Hitherto a great deal of responsibility in this connection has devolved on Judge Taft as secretary of war. His right hand man is Colonel Clarence R. Edwards, the present chief of the bureau of insular affairs, who, it is said, will become the new secretary if another cabinet office is created. Colonel Edwards is a graduate of West Point and saw hard fighting in the Philippines. When he was a lieutenant he had charge of the battalion which for many months was placed as a guard around the temporary tomb of Garfield, and a story is told that at the lieutenant's suggestion and under his supervision a weird and extraordinary thing was done at that tomb. Plenty of evidence was furnished of intentions to get the remains of Garfield and hold them for a ransom. The lieutenant at last suggested that Garfield's remains be removed secretly, so that even if the would-be thieves got access to the tomb they would be foiled. His father and two or three other citizens of Cleveland who were friends of Gar-



COLONEL CLARENCE R. EDWARDS.

field approved the plan, and one night they took the casket from the temporary sarcophagus and placed it in a vault. Then another casket was filled with a sufficient amount of earth to give it weight, and that one was placed in the temporary Garfield tomb. Thousands of persons for more than a year visited that tomb and gazed sorrowfully upon the sarcophagus, which, it is said, contained nothing but an earth filled casket. Garfield's remains were removed to their permanent abiding place, as everybody supposed, from the temporary tomb, whereas they were in fact taken from another vault.

There is a story that Andrew Carnegie was disappointed in love as a young man. At any rate, the great steelmaker did not marry until late in life, and when he did wed he secured a helpmeet worth waiting for a long time. When he married Miss Louise Whitfield in 1887 he presented her as a wedding gift a house and \$20,000 a year. He was then fifty and his bride about twenty years his junior. Even before her marriage to the laird of Skibo she was well known for her interest in charity and has been a great help to her husband in dispensing his large wealth in ways where it would do the most good. Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie do not care much for fashionable society or the allurements which attract the smart sets of New York and London, but they take much pleasure in entertaining their chosen friends at Skibo or in the recently completed mansion on Fifth avenue. She enjoys golf and other open air diversions as much as her husband does, they frequently play billiards together, and both are now very much wrapped up in the training of their little eleven-year-old daughter Margaret. This small maiden had the distinction of being kissed by King Edward not long ago when the British monarch visited Skibo. She showed him all the wonders of her doll house. Although her father has so many millions, little Miss Margaret is not permitted to spend much upon herself, and Mr. Carnegie is determined that she shall not be spoiled.

William W. Russell, who has been commissioned to extend the good offices of the United States in the matter of the settlement of the difficulties between France and Venezuela, was appointed minister to the latter country to succeed Herbert W. Bowen. He is no stranger in Venezuela, as he was secretary of the American legation at Caracas for eight years, serving under both Minister Loomis and Minister Bowen. Notwithstanding these two gentlemen left Venezuela under strained relations with the government there, Mr. Russell managed to retain his popularity. He served as minister to Colombia prior to his promotion to the Venezuelan mission. Mr. Russell in replying to the congratulations of friends in Washington when the news of his appointment was announced said: "I appreciate your good wishes, and I will try to do well in my new place. In new places we all with hard work may do well. Now and then, before unexpected and unprecedented crises, we may err, but there is no need for us to err greatly—to err, for instance, as did the new waitress of a friend of mine.

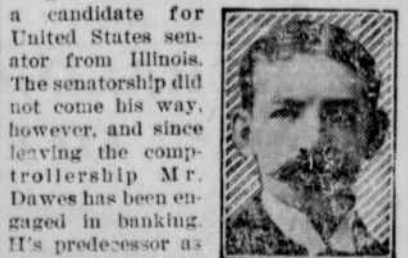
"This waitress was willing, but inexperienced. The first day she prospered. The second day, having developed a good deal of faith in her, my friend gave a dinner party, and there she committed a tremendous solecism. She was, it seems, a little short of forks. After each course she should have taken the soiled forks and washed and dried them in the pantry in a pan of hot water prepared for that purpose.

"But, alas, instead of adopting any such method as that the waitress, as she removed the plates after the fish course, said to the assembled guests in a loud, authoritative voice: "All keep yer forks!"

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LAURIER'S ELOQUENCE.

The Canadian Premier Oves Much of His Power to His Silver Tongue.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is much interested in the movement to protect the forests of Canada and as premier of the Dominion extended an invitation to forestry associations of the United States to participate in the forestry conference at Ottawa. Even on such a comparatively prosaic subject as the preservation of trees Premier Laurier can be eloquent. He is not only an impassioned speaker, but he is polished and scholarly in his style and ever ready with anecdote or illustration or apt retort. Some of his most eloquent efforts have been called forth by debates in parliament touching upon a



SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

problem ever present in Canada, the blending of the races and creeds and nationalities existing in the Dominion. He is a French Canadian himself, but his popularity is by no means confined to the people of French descent in the province of Quebec. Near where he was born in 1841, in the parish of St. Lin, Quebec, was a Scotch settlement. Sir Wilfrid was greatly influenced as a boy by these thrifty neighbors. It has been his most ardent desire to see descendants of English, Scotch, French and Irish dwelling together harmoniously in Canada and marching forward to the highest achievements as a nation. He expressed these ideas felicitously in a speech delivered not long ago when he said:

"At the queen's jubilee I had the privilege of visiting one of those marvels of Gothic architecture which the hand of genius, guided by an unerring faith, had made a harmonious whole, in which granite, marble, oak and other materials were blended. This cathedral is the image of the nation I hope to see Canada become. As long as I live, as long as I have the power to labor in the service of my country, I shall repel the idea of changing the nature of its different elements. I want the marble to remain the marble; I want the granite to remain the granite; I want the oak to remain the oak. I want the sturdy Scotchman to remain the Scotchman; I want the brainy Englishman to remain the Englishman; I want the warm hearted Irishman to remain the Irishman. I want to take all these elements and build a nation that will be foremost among the great powers of the world."

CZARINA AND HER BOY.

Anxious Time in Russia For the Empress—Her Interesting Family.

It is the belief of many that in surrendering to the party of freedom in Russia and proclaiming a constitution and parliament for that long oppressed realm the Emperor Nicholas II. saved his throne for his infant son, the Grand Duke Alexis. The ancient



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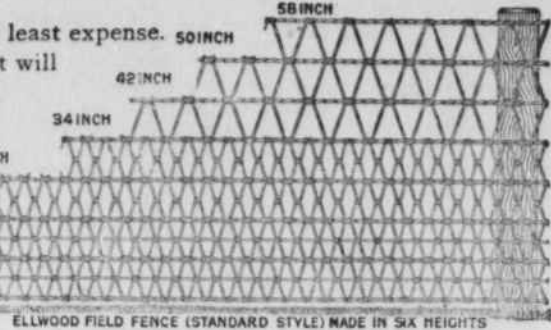
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