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THE ACCUSED CUBAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS

If Convicted They Will Suffer Imprisonment and Fine.

Washington, Dec. 26.—War department officials are much interested in the prosecution of the customs officials recently arrested in Cuba. It is believed that Colonel Bliss will make every effort to secure the prosecution of merchants implicated in these frauds. Under special regulations prepared by Secretary Root soon after assuming the duties of the war office the punishment for the offense, with which the Cuban officials are charged is fixed at \$5,000 fine and two years' imprisonment for each offense.

Assistant Secretary Melkjohn said today that the officials in Havana will do their utmost to convict the merchants implicated, as well as the custom officials.

FIGHTING AT LADYSMITH

Another List of Casualties Indicates That There is Contentment There.

Most of Fifth Army Corps is at Cape Town.

Belief That Some Large Movement is Contemplated.

Boers Enlisting and Obtaining Supplies in This Country.

CANADA DOES NOT EXPECT A FENIAN RAID BUT IS PREPARED TO TAKE CARE OF IT IF IT COMES—ANOTHER SHIP SEIZED OFF PORT ELIZABETH.

London, Dec. 26.—There is no change in the main situation in South Africa. Both forces are busily strengthening their positions and collecting resources. The greater part of the British fifth army division has reached Cape Town. It is expected that everything will halt until General Roberts arrives, though Cape Town correspondents are beginning to hint that some large movement will be accomplished very shortly.

The war office issued a further list of casualties at Ladysmith today, indicating that there was fighting there on December 22. The list places the killed at eight and the wounded at fifteen, the latter including Lieutenant Colonel Fawcett and four other officers of the Fifth (Royal Irish) Lancers.

A SURPRISE NEAR CHIEVELEY. Chieveley, Dec. 20 (Delayed).—The Boers today surprised a picket of Hussars to the eastward of the camp here. Two British and seven horses were killed.

BOER FORCES IN RESERVE. London, Dec. 27.—The Daily News' Cape Town correspondent says he learns from a well informed source that there is a reserve of 8,000 European officers and men at Pretoria, all of whom are skilled in modern tactics, particularly the handling of artillery.

BOERS MOUNT A BIG GUN. Modder River, Dec. 20 (Delayed).—The Boers have mounted a 96-pounder to counterbalance the British naval guns throwing lyddite shells. All its shells have thus far fallen short.

ENTERTAINED BY THE QUEEN. London, Dec. 26.—The queen this afternoon entertained the wives and children of soldiers from the Windsor district who are now in South Africa at a tea and Christmas tree in St. George's hall, Windsor castle. Her majesty was pushed about the hall in a wheel chair, conversing and distributing presents to her guests.

NO CHANGE AT MODER RIVER. London, Dec. 26.—The war office has received the following despatch from Cape Town, dated December 25: "There is no change in the situation at Modder River. General Methuen is well entrenched and the Boers have not disturbed him. General Gatacre reports that a force of 150 police have occupied Dordrecht, the Boers retreating with no loss."

The war office received a despatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, dated Sunday, December 24, announcing that in an engagement at Ladysmith December 22, Major A. C. King, Captains Wathen and Oakes and Lieutenants Hulse and Fawcett were wounded and that nine non-commissioned officers and men were killed and ten wounded. This engagement has not been recorded before this.

A SUICIDAL ADVANCE. Cape Town, Dec. 26.—The Midland News here publishes an article in which it is claimed that when Major General Wauchope, who was killed in the battle of Magerfontein, was ordered to advance with his Highland brigade he protested, declaring that it was absolutely suicidal to go forward without a reconnaissance, or at least without sending scouts ahead. This good suggestion, the article says, General Methuen ignored, with the pointed remark

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that he and not General Wauchope was in command.

CANADA DOESN'T FEAR FENIANS

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Stories from various points in the United States of an alleged intention on the part of fenians to invade Canada is given prominence in the Canadian papers today, but the leading military men place little credence in them. It was stated here tonight that instead of sending a thousand men as a second contingent to South Africa it was now proposed to send two thousand, the whole to leave on January 21.

Military men say the sending of these two thousand in addition to the thousand already sent will in no wise affect the defensive powers of Canada. The total military strength of Canada is about 25,000 independent of several corps of regular troops quartered in various parts of Canada. The militia is splendidly equipped and ready for service. If the fenians attempt to invade Canada by way of Detroit, as alleged, they will meet with a hot reception. The Canadian authorities point out that the relations of the United States and England are altogether different from those existing at the time of the last fenian raid and the United States would not allow such an invasion.

ENGLAND IGNORES REPORTS.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The British government continues to ignore the reports of Boer recruiting in this country and the proposed raids on Canada by Irishmen. The newspaper statements on these matters have not been called to the attention of the state department officially.

ANOTHER SHIP SEIZED.

Cape Town, Dec. 21 (Delayed).—A British cruiser has seized another ship laden with stores destined for the Transvaal. The seized vessel has been taken to Port Elizabeth.

BOER ENLISTMENTS IN TEXAS.

El Paso, Dec. 26.—An agent of the Boer republic is here for the purpose of enlisting men for the present war with Great Britain. He is well supplied with funds. He intends to cross the river into Mexico and operate on that side of the boundary line.

Adam Dieter, a saloon man, who fought with Roosevelt's rough riders, exhibits a commission of second lieutenant given him by the agent of the Boers.

BOER SUPPLIES OBTAINED HERE

New Orleans, Dec. 26.—The British vice consul states today that the Boers of the Transvaal have been receiving a large part of their food supplies from the United States and through the port of New Orleans. The supplies are shipped from here in British vessels to Rotterdam and thence by Boer agents to Lorenzo Marquez and Pretoria. England will probably call attention to the trade but it is doubtful whether she can raise objection to the shipments of products to Rotterdam even, if the ultimate destination is Pretoria.

STEAMER'S EXPERIENCE WITH A HURRICANE

Tried to Rescue the Crew of a Dismantled Ship but Failed.

Norfolk, Dec. 26.—The Belgian steamer Noramore arrived today from Liverpool terribly battered by the hurricane, during which the steamer Aristo was wrecked near Hatteras. The Noramore lost two of her propeller blades. The captain reports that during the hurricane he sighted a dismantled and unknown bark with a crew of ten or twelve on board. He launched a boat for the purpose of rescuing the unfortunate men, but it was swamped, the crew of the boat wore life jackets which sustained them until picked up by another boat. Meanwhile the bark disappeared and the captain believes it went down with all on board.

WHITES AND NEGROES FIGHT.

Perry, O. T., Dec. 26.—A race war occurred here last night in which half a dozen negroes were badly beaten and some white men hurt. The negroes attempted to clean out a saloon and threw the mayor through a plate glass window. Today a white man shot and wounded a well known colored citizen.

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TOPICS OF INTEREST AT WASHINGTON

The Proposed Crumpacker Bill—The Pearson-Crawford Contest—Clark Howell's Speech on Expansion.

Gazette Bureau, Washington, Dec. 25. The proposed Crumpacker bill, which will be introduced with the object of restricting congressional representation, continues a live subject with the newspapers and politicians, and seems to be destined to once more evidence the truthfulness of the trite saying that "politics make strange bed-fellows." Massachusetts and South Carolina will in all probability pool issues and make the matter a common fight. While the bill is aimed at southern states, yet it will have a general application and it is estimated that it would cost the Bay state more dearly than any of the southern states. There are a quarter of a million of voters in Massachusetts who never go to the polls. Taking the males of voting age in each state in 1890, compared with the total vote cast in 1896, it will be seen how suffrage has decreased in those states which prescribe unusual qualifications for voting.

State	1890	1896
Arkansas	257,868	149,577
Connecticut	224,092	174,300
Georgia	338,122	163,931
Massachusetts	665,009	401,568
Louisiana	250,563	101,016
Mississippi	271,080	70,545
South Carolina	235,606	68,907
Tennessee	402,476	320,390

North Carolina and Texas largely increased their republican vote in 1896, and it is doubtless the fear of a still greater increase that is impelling the democrats of the former state to such desperate efforts to have the suffrage restricted. It is said that Mr. Crumpacker's state, Indiana, votes a larger per cent. of her voting population than any state in the union.

"Evolution, Devolution and Revolution" was the subject of an address delivered by Representative Henry R. Gibson, of Tennessee, before a large audience at the lyceum of the Second Baptist church Sunday afternoon. "Change," said Judge Gibson, "is the word written on everything in the universe. Races, nations and peoples have their rise and fall, their uplift and decadence, and all things in this world of ours are subject to the immutable law of change. God had a purpose in forming races of men, and that purpose is still being worked out in the civilization of the world. The Almighty sent the Hebrews to school to the Egyptian taskmaster, and the colored people have had severe training in the school of slavery in this country. He knows what is best for the races of men and He sends them to the school that will best fit them for the work He has for them to do."

Judge Gibson thinks that segregation will be the final outcome of the race problem in the United States, and he reminded the colored people that race development was not from within, but from without, by coming in contact with other people and by learning from them, and he substantiated this point by reciting them history, showing the progress and development of nations.

Mrs. William Scott, missionary for the Baptist Publication society, said that she was much encouraged by the remarks of Judge Gibson regarding race progress, and she thought there was no uncertainty as to the future of the negro in this country. Prof. Kelly Miles thought that the colored people would work out their own salvation on this continent, aided by the best brain of the white people, and that idea was concurred in by Reuben S. Smith and Lieutenant R. E. Toomey.

For a somewhat singular but very effective reason elections committee No. 3, before which the Pearson-Crawford contest will be heard, has arranged no dates for hearings. Representative Mesick, of Michigan, chairman of the committee, says he has no room in which the committee can hold its sessions. The room under the terms, which was used by the committee last year has been assigned to other committees and number three has been left out in the cold. A contest against Representative Talbert, of South Carolina, has been filed before this committee by B. P. Chaffield. Mr. Mesick is the only republican member now on the committee who served last year at the time the celebrated Virginia cases were heard.

It is a fact known to all men that the Washington Post has been the untiring champion of the south and southern institutions, its zeal in that direction having been especially manifested in a political sense. Even during the disgraceful and cowardly extraordinary scenes at Wilmington that paper came forward to a very considerable extent as an apologist. But now the Post is pained. Its political proteges have gone wrong. The Post comments on the recent address of Clark Howell, of the Atlanta Constitution, and mentions other conclusive authority to prove that expansion is the thing for the south and then marvels because these democratic politicians will talk one way, vote another and vote in a manner directly in contravention of their own interests. Here is the Post's plaint: "If the southern people are so wedded to expansion, and so distinctly its beneficiaries, why do southern publicists and newspapers unite in opposing the party whose policy makes expansion possible? Why do they applaud and support with all their energy the men who oppose expansion, and who, if

they had their way, would obliterate the conditions under which the south is now reveling in prosperity? It is all very well for gentlemen to issue proclamations or deliver powerful addresses lauding a policy which enriches them, but it is neither beautiful nor consistent for those same gentlemen to antagonize politically the authors of that policy and to fervently advocate its implacable traducers.

"The Post is the south's ardent and consistent friend. The Post rejoices in the south's betterment and progress. But we confess our inability to sympathize with the south's noisy laudation of a policy the champions of which it industriously antagonizes. It seems to us that if our southern friends are getting rich on expansion they can ill-afford to defeat the party of expansion. That from our point of view, is paying much too high a price for sentiment."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Weaver are on their second honeymoon trip. From this city they expect to go to Philadelphia and other cities for a few days before returning to their home in Asheville.

H. C. Dockery made a short stay in Washington recently.

H. C. Fuller is registered at the National.

THE DEAD OF THE MAINE.

Decay of Coffins Makes Identification of Some Impossible.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The preparation for the interment of the remains of the dead from the battleship Maine at Arlington cemetery Thursday is practically completed. It is feared that positive identification of many of the bodies will be impossible. This condition is a result of the decay of the coffins in the cemetery at Havana. The bodies were buried three in a grave, and in some cases the coffins rotted away, mixing up the remains of all three sailors so as to make identification impossible.

THE BODIES LEAVE NEWPORT NEWS

Newport News, Dec. 26.—The train containing the bodies of the Maine victims started for Washington tonight. It will arrive at Washington tomorrow morning. Seventy wagons will be awaiting the arrival of the train there, in which the bodies will be transferred to Arlington cemetery. The ceremonies attending the transfer of the remains from the warship Texas to the train today were simple but impressive. The transfer was witnessed by thousands.

SIXTY-SIX BANKS APPLY FOR REVENUE RECEIPTS

A Part of the Money Will Come to North Carolina.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary Gage announced this afternoon that he has received applications from sixty-six national banks to be made depositaries of internal revenue receipts. Among them are several North Carolina banks. All have been accepted. The applications accepted represent \$17,000,000, a portion of which goes to North Carolina banks. Internal revenue receipts amounting to about \$1,000,000 daily will be equitably distributed among the different banks in the exact proportion borne by their deposits of bonds to the total apportionment.

A DUEL TO THE DEATH.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26.—A duel to the death occurred yesterday afternoon at Scrabble between Richard and Emanuel Campbell cousins. They met in the public road and renewed an old feud. Emanuel fired two shots at Richard, inflicting wounds from which he died. Before expiring Richard fired three shots at Emanuel. Two took effect inflicting probably mortal wounds.

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PEACE IN LUZON NEAR AT HAND

Aguinaldo Has Probably Escaped, But the Insurrection is Near its End.

Otis Reports Disintegration of Insurgent Army.

Spaniards to be Transported to Spain by United States

Several Engagements With Rebel Bands Reported by Otis.

SURRENDER OF AN INSURGENT FORCE ON THE ISLAND OF PANAY—OPENING OF THE LUZON PORTS—LAWTON'S FUNERAL TO TAKE PLACE NEXT SATURDAY.

Washington, Dec. 26.—So far as the war department officials know Aguinaldo has succeeded in eluding his pursuers and making his escape. The war department has received no report from General Otis for over a week that gave any indication of Aguinaldo's whereabouts. Otis' reports show, however, the complete disintegration of the insurgent army and give the impression that the complete pacification of the islands is not far distant. Secretary Root is much pleased to learn from Otis that the ports of northern Luzon will be opened January 1. Root believes that the ports of southern Luzon will be opened February 1. The cabinet today considered the transportation of Spanish subjects to Spain, which they have claimed under a provision of the Paris treaty. As a result Otis is instructed to give this portion of the treaty relating to this matter the broadest construction. This will mean that any Spanish prisoners held by the insurgents whether they be connected with the military or civil branch of the Spanish government will be returned to Spain by this government. It is estimated that the extra cost will be about \$40,000.

FIGHTING AT SUBIG BAY. Manila, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—Yesterday a company of the Forty-sixth volunteers and today half a battalion of marines were sent to reinforce the Americans at Subig and Olongapo. The insurgents, under command of General Santa Ana, have made an attack on Subig.

Manila, Dec. 26.—Colonel F. Franklin Bell, of the Thirty-sixth infantry, encountered 150 Filipinos Thursday near Aliminos, province of Zambales, and killed, wounded or captured 28 of them. Our troops also obtained possession of a number of rifles and a quantity of ammunition. One American was wounded. A detachment of the Thirty-fourth infantry encountered a band of the enemy Saturday at Artao, province of New Vizcaya, and routed them, killing two and wounding or capturing thirteen. The Americans also seized a quantity of ammunition. The Twenty-first regiment attacked a Filipino outpost Sunday near Calamba scattering them and killing five of the enemy. The Thirty-second regiment Sunday had a brush with the enemy from the mountains northwest of Dinalupjan. One American was wounded. The troops captured 125 head of cattle and brought them to Grankl, Bataan province.

In the island of Panay, Captain Brownell's company of the Twenty-sixth infantry, fought the enemy near Salai. The rebels lost heavily and the Americans captured a number of rifles. The rebels fled from Panay to Romblon Island, surrendering to an American garrison from Panay.

The funeral of General Lawton will take place December 30. The remains will be embarked on the transport Thomas.

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