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SANTIAGO ON THE EDGE OF ANARCHY

Broke's Order Makes Ten Thousand Cubans Idle.

BRIGANDAGE IS INCREASING

More Troops Will Be Required to Preserve Order—Brooke De- nounced in a Public Meeting and America Characterized as an Op- pressor.

Santiago, Jan. 4.—The gravity of the situation here is increasing. Several Cuban mass-meetings were held yesterday, at which the order of General Brooke in regard to the customs revenues of the province was discussed and violently denounced. The stoppage of public improvements consequent upon the application of funds which had been used for such purposes to other uses will throw 10,000 Cubans out of employment. The condition of agriculture in the island offers no substitute for the work they have had, and most of them will take to the woods.

Brigandage already existing in the Guantanamo district has greatly increased, and this state of things will necessitate the presence of a large force of additional troops. Business men are already cancelling orders until the customs revenue question is settled. The Chamber of Commerce at a meeting held yesterday passed a resolution of strenuous protest to President McKinley against General Brooke's order.

The plaza this morning was filled with idle men, among whom it would take little more to kindle the fire of anarchy, which would spread rapidly. At yesterday's meetings Brooke's name was hissed and hooted at vehemently, as was the mention of Weyler and Spain. One speaker said:

"Why have Americans sent here a man who only achieved failure in Porto Rico, and now threatens the prosperity of Cuba? We have learned how to resist oppression in the past and we shall know how to resist it tomorrow, whatever its flag."

ORDER TO MUSTER OUT.

Commands Designated to Be Dismissed in Short Order.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Orders were issued by the War Department today for the muster out of the volunteer organizations selected yesterday. The muster out is to take effect at the places where the troops designated are encamped as soon as possible after the orders are received. To compensate for the loss of furlough pay, the regulations will receive individual travel pay to places of enrollment, amounting to about eighty cents for every twenty miles, which will be more than sufficient to pay traveling expenses. The men mustered out will proceed to their homes as individuals and not as organizations. If they were transported as organizations the government would pay expenses, leaving no bonus for the soldiers.

It will take at least ten days after the receipt of the order to muster out the men. If, during that time, Congress adopts the Hull bill, providing that volunteers shall receive thirty days' additional pay, the men will receive travel pay and thirty days' regular pay upon being mustered out.

GATLING'S BIG GUN BURSTS.

Experiment of New Process Heavy Or- nance a Failure.

New York, Jan. 4.—Dr. Gatling's experimental cast steel eight inch rifle for the construction of which Congress appropriated \$40,000, burst at Sandy Hook proving grounds today under normal firing pressure of 36,500 pounds. Although the air was filled with flying fragments of steel, no one was hurt, as the officers took refuge behind a sand hill before each firing. The gun burst on the fifteenth firing. Five proof shots were fired three weeks ago at a pressure of 37,000 pounds. The bursting of the gun is a failure for Gatling's theories.

Editor Measured for an Anarchist.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—The Minister of the Interior has instructed police authorities throughout Prussia to measure in accordance with the Bertillon system all persons known to be anarchists. Adolf Brand, editor of an anarchist paper, was measured by the police in obedience to this order, though he protested vehemently against it. Socialist deputies in the Reichstag have announced their intention to question the government in regard to the matter.

Senator Davis Renominated

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 4.—Senator Davis was made the Republican nominee at tonight's caucus. His election is assured.

SMALLPOX IN NORFOLK.

Nearly One Hundred Cases in the Hospital and the Disease Spreading.

Norfolk, Jan. 4.—The smallpox situation here is considered serious, although most of the local newspapers fail to print anything about the disease. In its incipency, the disease was confined to the negro population. Now it has broken out among the whites. How to stamp it out has become a problem.

Up to the present there has not been any danger of an epidemic, but the situation will bear watching. The local board of health says it is doing all in its power to prevent the spread of the disease, but judging by new cases developing daily its efforts so far have been of little avail. There are now nearly one hundred cases at the smallpox hospital, all negroes except two.

STROUD TURNS UP.

Doubts as to Fowler's Intention to Contest Thomas's Seat.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Special.—Congressman Stroud appeared in his seat today for the first time this session. He has fully recovered from his recent illness.

Congressman Fowler is not here and there is some confusion as to whether he will contest Thomas's seat in the next Congress or not. He told several of his friends here that he would. He told Congressman Kitchin that he would not. In Fowler's absence no positive information can be given on the subject.

Dingley's Condition Improved.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Nelson Dingley rallied this afternoon and tonight was so much improved that his physicians hope the crisis is passed. They felt so much encouraged that they left him for the night in the care of trained nurses.

Victor Napoleon and the French Empire.

Paris, Jan. 3.—The Matin prints a summary of an address by Victor Napoleon to a delegation of Imperialist committees in Brussels in which he declared he would take action for the restoration of the French empire when he thought the time favorable. He would have recourse to force if necessary and was preparing to lead a movement as soon as certain events came to a head.

NEGRO CHURCH RACKET IN COURT

Affair Patched up and Dis- missed With Costs.

County Boards Continue Their Sit- tings—Thirteen Barroom Licenses Issued—Pleasant Social Events.

Durham, N. C., Jan. 4.—Special.—Much interest has centered around the court house today. Both the county commissioners and the board of education have drawn their weary length along to the third day's sitting. The volume of business before them making this action a public necessity.

The matter of greatest financial and moral import before the county board was the granting of license to sell spirits, not ethereal, but alcoholic. Such license was granted to thirteen different concerns to dispense their liquors to a thirsty public who are anxious to obtain a lethe to the pangs of conscience "which doth make cowards of us all." The amount of cash paid by these saloons to the town is \$2,600, while a like amount is paid to the county, making an aggregate tax paid by these people in Durham to town, State and county of \$7,500, irrespective of purchase tax and internal revenue tax.

The famous White Rock church (colored) trouble came up for trial today before Justices of the Peace Owen and Barbee. Almost the entire bar of the town was employed, either on one side or the other, but pending proceedings the opposing factions effected a compromise and agreed to live hereafter in peace and amity; whereupon the court dismissed the case, charging cost as had been agreed in the compromise. This ends a case, which in the name of religion, should never have appeared in court.

The social event of the week was the reception given last night by Miss Ella Peay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Peay, at the residence of her parents, which was attended and enjoyed by many of Durham's young people. Another social event of no less pleasure and eclat was a select reception given by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Martin to a few friends at their residence yesterday.

The county board today awarded the contract for county printing to E. C. Hackney, of the Durham Recorder.

Peace Treaty Program.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The program outlined by friends of the peace treaty in the senate is to have it reported back to the Senate after the regular meeting of the foreign relations committee next Wednesday, and press its ratification with all haste.

INTENTIONS OF THE SYNDICATE

Through Line From Washing- ton to Jacksonville.

OFFICIALS ADMIT THE SALE

Seaboard and Roanoke Stock in the Pool Taken at \$200 a Share. Three Hundred Shares of Scat- tered Stock Will Be Bought at the Same Price.

Baltimore, Jan. 4.—The sale of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad was officially confirmed today. The syndicate which has acquired the property subject to approval of the owners of three-fourths of the stock is composed of Baltimore, Richmond and New York capitalists. President Williams, of the Georgia and Alabama, is the moving spirit in the transaction and it is understood that he will be president of the company when the control is transferred to the syndicate. The price agreed upon is \$200 a share.

A member of the syndicate said today that it is the intention of the new owners to continue the road as an independent system, though he admitted that a line would ultimately be built from Atlanta to Montgomery, connecting with the Georgia and Alabama and making a through line from Washington to Jacksonville.

It developed today that the Maryland Trust Company is largely interested in the syndicate, and it was reported that Messrs. Alexander Brown & Sons are also identified with it.

There are 11,000 shares of Seaboard and Roanoke stock outstanding, including 8,300 shares pooled with Messrs. McLane and Watts, about 2,500 shares owned by Mr. Ryan and about 300 shares scattered. The syndicate has agreed to purchase the pooled stock, and it is understood that it will offer to buy at the same price 300 shares not controlled by the pool. The deal, therefore, will involve between \$1,660,000 and \$1,720,000.

There are seven lines in the system, the length of the various lines ranging from 8.10 to 266.20 miles. The financial condition of the properties is said to be better than at any other time for several years past. According to statements of the operations for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1898, there was a surplus of \$246,069.55 after payment of operating expenses, fixed charges and dividend upon stock.

No date has been fixed for a meeting of stockholders to ratify the deal, and it is not certain that a meeting will be called. President Hoffman may issue a circular letter to stockholders, advising them of the proposition and recommending its acceptance by signing an agreement to sell at the price fixed—\$200 a share.

Control of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad carries with it the control of the Baltimore Steam Packet Company, which operates the Bay Line between Baltimore, Old Point, Portsmouth and Norfolk. The company also has large interests in the Old Dominion Steamship Company, which supplies the New York connection for the Seaboard Air Line.

For a long time the Seaboard has been aiming to get a through rail route to the North, and it is likely that this will be one of the first moves of the syndicate. The building of the new line between Ridgeway and Richmond will connect the Seaboard system with the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad and the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Georgia and Alabama is the short route from Montgomery, Ala., to Savannah, Ga., and connection with the Seaboard Air Line could be made by building a new road through the belt of territory which now separates these two systems. Mr. John Skelton Williams, of Richmond, president of the Georgia and Alabama, is one of the leading spirits in the syndicate which has offered to buy the Seaboard. Baltimore capital is heavily interested in the Georgia and Alabama, and the second vice-president is Mr. J. William Middendorf, of the banking house of Middendorf, Oliver & Co. Col. J. Wilcox Brown, president of the Maryland Trust Company, and Mr. Henry A. Parr are members of the board of directors. Colonel Brown is also treasurer of the company.

The Georgia and Alabama is the reorganized Savannah, Americus and Montgomery Railroad. Since its reorganization the property has been steadily developing. President Williams is among the younger railroad executives of the country and is already recognized as a far-seeing manager of such a property. The recent deal, by which his railroad secures large independent terminals in Savannah, was accomplished with notable

ability. His association with the syndicate that wants the Seaboard is taken as meaning that an ambitious project is back of the move of the syndicate.

Train Runs into a Landslide.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 4.—The Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 10 ran into a landslide one mile west of this city at 3:30 o'clock this morning. The locomotive and tender were hurled over a thirty foot embankment, and the engineer, Charles Clawson, and the fireman, Zoll, were killed. There were about ninety passengers on board the train, none of whom was seriously injured, but all were badly shaken up.

Hale Renominated for Senator.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 4.—Senator Hale received the unanimous nomination of the Republican legislative caucus today, and will be returned to the Senate when the election takes place. In his speech Hale declared against expansion.

SHORT SESSIONS.

Treaty of Peace Sent to Senate and Re- ferred to Committee.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The Senate and House held short sessions today, adjourning as a mark of respect to the late Senator Morrill. The treaty of peace was delivered to the Senate and in executive session was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. The treaty will probably be favorably reported to the Senate Friday.

In the House the time was taken up in discussion of the bill providing for a criminal code for Alaska. An amendment was made to the section regarding the sale of liquors, providing a license system; but both amendment and bill went over.

MENOCAL RILED AT GOMEZ.

Resigns From Cuban Army and Wants Em- ployment Under Americans.

Havana, Jan. 4.—Major Dusenberry formally took possession of Cienfuegos yesterday afternoon. The Second Illinois is garrisoning the city. Pedro Hernandez, a prominent Cuban, has been appointed mayor. There has been no disturbance in the city.

Colonel Mabry of the First Texas is very ill with yellow fever. General Menocal and staff have resigned from the Cuban army and want employment under the Americans. Menocal is angry at Gomez, who promoted Betancourt in place of him.

TWO NEGRO CANDIDATES FOR THE PEN

Both Elected From Wilming- ton for Larceny.

Two Young Men Indicted for Cru- elty to Animals—Smallpox Pa- tient Escapes From the Pest House.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 4.—Special.—The Circuit Criminal court disposed of a number of cases today, a majority of them being trivial. Son Fisher was found guilty of larceny and sentenced to two years in the State penitentiary. Harry Blocker was found guilty of the same offense and sentenced to three years in the same institution. Both are negroes.

In his charge to the grand jury Judge Battle instructed them to bring presentments against disreputable houses as he intended to rid the community of them if possible. He also announced that he would deal severely with any persons convicted of cruelty to animals. There are two cases of this character on the docket, both of the accused being prominent men. The specific charge against them is driving a horse to death. If they are convicted it will doubtless go hard with them.

The negro smallpox patient, Barnett, escaped from the pest house, situated about a mile from the city limits at 11 o'clock this morning. After diligent search officers discovered him at his home on Wooster street, and he was taken back to the pest house. He is practically well, and was to have been discharged tomorrow. The pits upon his body are dry and the danger of infection from that point is over, though he wore the clothes in which he was attended when attacked with the disease. How he escaped the nurse and guard who were supposed to be with him continually is not known.

Douglass and Sternberg Off for Havana.

Savannah, Jan. 4.—General Douglass and staff left today for Havana on the Panama. Colonel Berner, of the Third Georgia, will command the forces left here. Surgeon General Sternberg arrived here today to inspect the new hospital being built here for sick Cuban soldiers. He left tonight for Havana via Tampa.

Anarchist Movement in France.

London, Jan. 4.—A dispatch from Paris says that the anarchist movement in France has received an enormous impetus through fear of military despotism. The sum of 200,000 francs has been placed at the disposal of Sebastian Faure for the purpose of establishing an anarchist daily newspaper.

FORTIFICATIONS FOR COLONIES

Anticipating the Action of Congress.

ENGINEER CORPS AT WORK

General Otis Issues a Proclamation in Accordance With Instructions. Spanish Official Declares That McKinley is Ignorant of the Phil- ippine Situation.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Plans for the construction of fortifications in the colonies are to be made by the Engineer Department of the army as soon as Congress determines upon an appropriation for that work. General Wilson, chief of engineers, is awaiting the intention of Congress as to the Philippines before completing plans for fortifications there, but already representatives of the Engineer Department are in the Philippines, and others have been ordered there for duty under General Otis.

It is expected that something will have to be done in the matter of fortifications for the Hawaiian Islands, and Major Longfiet is at Honolulu, where he will gather information that might be needed by the department when it is proposed to erect fortifications.

General Wilson has recommended to the Secretary of War that Lieutenant Colonel Bodge be ordered to report to the chief of engineers for duty in Porto Rico.

It is not expected that there will be much change in the fortification of Cuba, except in the matter of repairs.

PROCLAMATION TO FILIPINOS.

Indefinite Promise Made of Liberal Repre- sentative Government.

Manila, Jan. 4.—A proclamation, based on cabled instructions sent by President McKinley, was issued at 5 o'clock this evening. The proclamation says it is the intention of the United States to draw from the Filipinos as much of the military force of the islands as possible and seek the establishment of a most liberal government in which the Filipinos will have as full representation as the maintenance of law and order will permit. No mention is made of the kind of government that will be established or the number of representatives the Filipinos will be allowed to have—two points upon which the natives are anxious for information. Demand is made for Filipinos to lay down their arms, but no date is set for them to do so.

COLLUSION DENIED.

Americans Said to Be Victims of McKin- ley's Philippine Policy.

Madrid, Jan. 4.—In refutation of the assumption of some American newspapers that Hilo was surrendered to insurgents in order to complicate the situation, it is pointed out that the government, after the treaty of peace was signed, ordered Spanish troops to evacuate the islands as soon as possible, in order to avoid further bloodshed, and also in order to conform to the desire expressed by Americans.

An ex-prefect of one of the Philippine provinces declares that President McKinley's policy shows his complete ignorance of the situation. Americans, he says, are now victims of the support they gave the insurgents. He also says that Spanish prisoners in the hands of insurgents were horribly treated, more than 1,000 having died from the effects of maltreatment to which they were subjected. In some cases monks were marched through the streets led by cords attached to rings in their noses.

CLUE IN CORNISH CASE.

New York Police Believe They Have the Guilty Man Cornered.

New York, Jan. 4.—The police now believe they have solved the mystery of the attempt on the life of Harry Cornish, which resulted in the death of Mrs. Adams. A coil of circumstantial evidence has been woven around a young man, a former member of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, so strong that his arrest was seriously considered several days ago. The testimony of a saleswoman in a Newark store that a man with a red beard had bought the tooth-pick holder caused an interruption in the police plans, as the suspected man never wore a beard, but there is a probability of disguise. An arrest may be made now at any moment. If the man under suspicion attempts to leave town he will be intercepted. His name is known to many and has already been mentioned in the case. The police believe the man was disguised and are trying to find out where he bought his wig.

NEW BOYS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Enrollment Promis- Water Ma

Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan. 4.—Special.—The spring term of the University opened today with a large number of students on the Hill. Several new students have already registered and many are coming in on every train. At this hour registration is still going on, and from present indications it is safe to say that this year's enrollment will fully come up to, if not exceed, the high water mark made last year.

The faculty and students are looking forward with much pleasure to a visit soon from Mr. J. Howard Gore, a brother of Professor Gore, who for some years past has been engaged in government work in the Arctic regions. Mr. Gore while here will deliver his lecture entitled "Within the Arctic Circle," which was so highly spoken of in the Washington papers recently. The fact that Mr. Gore has carefully studied and is thoroughly acquainted with the region from which Andree embarked on his famous expedition in search of the North Pole will add increased interest to his visit here.

Dr. Charles Baskerville is fast recovering from the serious attack of sickness which he has lately undergone.

Mrs. William Robert Webb, of Bell Buckle, Tenn., arrived here yesterday on a visit to her parents, Dr. and Mrs. John Manning.

AGUINALDO PLOTTING.

Moving Spirit in Conspiracy to Resist American Authority.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The existence of a plot to resist American authority, in which Aguinaldo is the moving spirit, has been made known to the government in dispatches from General Otis. To the knowledge of the discovery of the conspiracy the disappearance of Aguinaldo is attributed, as he evidently feared arrest. General Otis cabled late last night that he has located Aguinaldo, probably at Malolos, where the Filipino Congress was to meet Tuesday, which is today in the Philippines.

General Otis has no fear of being able to defeat the natives if hostilities occur. He issued a proclamation there today and was to distribute copies to the so-called Congress. This, it is expected, will have the effect of winning over many of Aguinaldo's followers who may overthrow his power. The administration also believes the proclamation has had a good effect at Iloilo.

It is probable that an attempt to arrest Aguinaldo will be made if he declines to obey the command that Filipinos lay down their arms and disband.

BANDITS LOOT AN EXPRESS CAR.

The Usual Method Followed With Emi- nently Satisfactory Results.

Mansfield, Mo., Jan. 4.—Bandits who last night robbed a west bound passenger and express train on the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Railroad at Macomb, a flag station five miles east of here, are believed to have secured twenty thousand dollars from the through safe, besides a smaller sum from the local safe. The train stopped at Macomb to put off a passenger, evidently a member of the bandit band, and as soon as it slowed up, armed men boarded it, ordered the passengers to remain quiet and the engineer was compelled to run the train 100 yards up the track, where the robbers, using the engineer as a shield, broke down the door of the baggage car and proceeded to dynamite the through safe. The car was wrecked by the explosion.

CONFERENCE OF LEADERS.

Democrats and Others Discuss Matters But Tell No Tales.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—There was a conference of Democratic leaders at the Auditorium yesterday or rather a series of conferences extending over the greater part of the afternoon and evening. Colonel Bryan, Senator Jones, Senator Teller, C. A. Towne of Duluth, Senator Dubois, of Idaho, "Coin" Harvey and ex-Governor Altgeld met, but none of the conferees would tell what the conference amounted to, although they are said to have split on expansion. The ostensible occasion for the meeting was to consider the work of the ways and means committee, the mission of which is to raise funds for the dissemination of 16 to 1 doctrine and for the support of the Democratic ticket generally in 1900. According to Senator Jones, the committee on ways and means met, transacted some unimportant business and adjourned sine die.

State Dinner at the White House.

Washington, Jan. 4.—President and Mrs. McKinley gave their first state dinner tonight in honor of members of the cabinet and their ladies. The dining hall and all the parlors, including the east room, were profusely decorated with ornamental plants and cut flowers from the White House conservatory and the botanical gardens.

Burrows Beats Pingree.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 4.—Senator Burrows was made the nominee of the Republicans to succeed himself by the practically unanimous vote of the caucus this evening. He will be elected January 17th. Burrows' success is a crushing blow to Governor Pingree.