

# REYNARD ANSWERS SECRETARY ROOT

President of Isle of Pines Association Says Island Is Not Subject to Cuban.

## EXPRESSES ASTONISHMENT AT SECRETARY'S ATTITUDE

Declares That He Is "Siding Against Those Who Are Defending Their Lawfully Acquired Interests in American Territory."

Havana, Dec. 16.—Charles Reynard, president of the Isle of Pines Association, forwarded today by advice of his attorneys, a letter in reply to Secretary of State Root's communication of November 17, in which the Secretary outlined to Mr. Reynard the attitude of the United States government to the proposal of the forming of a territorial government in the island as part of the United States.

Mr. Reynard contradicts Mr. Root's statement and says the Cuban Republic exists solely by virtue of a constitution, the terms of which explicitly exclude the Isle of Pines from the domain of the republic.

The Platt amendment passed by the United States Congress, he says, also remains in force until it is repealed or modified and every officer of the American government, no matter how high, is bound under its terms to consider the Isle of Pines outside the Cuban control and jurisdiction, personal opinions of such officers to the contrary notwithstanding.

The letter says that Secretary Root's opinion as to the validity of the claim of the United States as to the Isle of Pines is today opposed to the opinions of President McKinley, Secretary Hay, and Governor General Leonard Wood and it quotes some official acts and remarks to prove this.

The letter regrets that Mr. Root, as Secretary of War, permitted such neglect and disobedience, and adds that "Mr. Root, in opposition to the expressed wishes of Secretary of State Hay insisted upon the negotiation of a treaty abandoning American claim to the Isle of Pines to Cuba thus covering and concealing illegal acts and omissions of the department of the government for which you were then responsible."

He says that the petitioner believes that when an opinion is given to demonstrate the correctness of their position at Washington, that President Roosevelt will enforce the law relating to the ownership of the Isle of Pines as faithfully as he enforced other laws.

## MEN AND MONEY FOR DEFENSE, SAYS REYNARD

Havana, Dec. 16.—President Reynard, of the Isle of Pines Association, in a letter says:

"The last mails from the United States brought additional guarantee of \$10,000 in cash and of men and all the ammunition needed to defend our rights and uphold the American flag in this island. This makes \$200,000 cash, 10,000 men and all the munition needed should we elect to resort to force in maintaining American sovereignty in this territory."

Secretary Andrade, when shown the above letter was apparently undisturbed. He said the United States doubtless could be depended upon to prevent the embarkation of men and munitions of war for the Isle of Pines.

Asked whether he regarded Mr. Reynard's letter as grounds for prosecution the Secretary said that it was a matter for the courts to decide, saying that the government would pay no attention to such statements.

## KING OF PORTUGAL GUEST OF AMBASSADOR M'CORMICK

American Embassy At Paris Is the Scene of a Very Brilliant Reception.

Paris, Dec. 16.—The American Embassy was the scene of a brilliant reception tonight when King Charles of Portugal was the guest of honor by Ambassador and Mrs. McCormick. The Embassy was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

King Charles chatted at length with his hosts and hostesses and mingled demurely with his guests, Charlesman Tower, the American Ambassador to Germany, and Mrs. Tower, Mr. Carroll, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Leishman, wife of the American Minister to Turkey, were among the guests.

## RAT IN HER MUFF BITES HER.

Lehigh County Woman Surprised Beyond Expression.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 16.—Miss Julia Moyer, of near Mifflin, this morning went to a bureau drawer to get her muff, where it had reposed since last summer.

As she put in her hand she shrieked and yanked it out, followed by a big rat, which has been reposing in the muff and which resented Miss Moyer's digital intrusion by biting her thumb to the bone.

The sleet of the last few days played havoc with the fire alarm system. Men have been working steadily on it and all the alarm boxes are in working order now, except Box No. 35, located at the corner of Gorman and Fayetteville streets.

# MRS. FAIRBANKS CUT FROM OFFICIAL RECEPTION LINES

Vice President's Wife Will No Longer Assist Mrs. Roosevelt — Cabinet Women's Protest Win and a New Court Is Established.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Washington society received a great surprise when it learned today that a new regime had been inaugurated in regard to the receiving line at the official levees at the White House.

Mrs. Fairbanks, wife of the Vice-President, has not been asked to stand beside Mrs. Roosevelt at the New Year reception, nor will she be expected to appear as other than a guest at any of the other levees during the season. The close association of Mrs. McKinley and Mrs. Hobart has led society to expect that Mrs. Fairbanks would share all the social honors.

Mrs. Fairbanks will make no expression on this new ruling; but the impression is, she believes that a feeling exists against her social prominence at present, especially among the Cabinet women.

The Cabinet wives say she has no more right in the social councils or honors with Mrs. Roosevelt than the Vice-President has in the President's graver affairs. She has not been asked to take part in the grander conferences which Mrs. Roosevelt holds every Tuesday with the Cabinet women.

## IRVING RELICS BRING \$10,220

In Second Day's Sale at Christie's, an American Obtains Most Valuable Objects.

TWO MINIATURES OF ACTOR SELL FOR \$189

Miss Ellen Terry's Brother Buys An Inkstand Presented On the "Hornet"

Other Articles Bring Excellent Prices.

London, Dec. 16.—The second day of the Irving relics sale showed no decrease in public interest, and again Christie's rooms were full to overflowing. Mr. Jackson, an American buyer, again obtained the most important item of the sale for \$1,080.

It was a vase of classical form on a tall triangular pedestal surmounted by a bay wreath, the sides chased with emblematic figures and engraved with a long description designed by Flaxman and made by Paul Storr in 1818. The vase was presented to John Philip Kemble by his admirers through the hands of Henry Vassall, Lord Holland, and given afterward to Irving by his friend, J. L. Toole, in 1882.

Mr. Jackson also gave \$178.50 for a riding coat used by Irving as King Charles I.; \$273 for two miniatures of Sir Henry by D. Mann and Alfred Prager, and \$180 for a cruciform hilted sword used by Edmund Kean as Richard III.

Messrs. Spink acquired for \$222.50 a month of wood, mounted with chased silver bands, which was presented to Irving by the proprietor of the Boston Herald.

Mr. Fred Terry, Miss Ellen Terry's brother, gave \$168 for an inkstand with embossed scroll borders with taper stick and two silver mounted cut glass vases, engraved "Presented to Henry Irving by a few ladies on the 20th night of 'Hamlet,' June 20th, 1875."

Of the remaining objects the following are worth recording: A plain oxiform tea urn, 1788, engraved with the royal arms and initials P. A. H., \$210.

A case containing forty-seven bronze and silver passes into theatres in the time of Charles II., \$273.

A short Roman sword worn by Edmund Kean as Brutus, \$105, obtained by Mr. Seymour Hicks.

A writing desk of teak and mahogany, early eighteenth century Bombay work, and Chipendale mahogany stool, \$420. The desk was bought by Irving in Birmingham for \$40 or \$50.

The total for the day came to \$10,220, bringing the aggregate so far to \$23,010.

The famous Whistler portrait of Sir Henry Irving, as King Philip II. of Spain, was sold at auction today for \$25,200. Sargent's portrait of Ellen Terry as Lady Macbeth realized \$6,300. The Whistler picture goes to America.

## BOND IS ALLOWED IN THE ASHEVILLE SHOOTING CASE

F. M. Stevens To Be Tried For Shooting of Caleb Lee At February Term of Court.

Special to Daily Industrial News, Asheville, N. C., Dec. 16.—The habeas corpus proceedings instituted by attorneys for F. M. Stevens, who shot Caleb Lee, to have their client admitted to court, ended this morning when Judge Fred Moore announced that he had decided to allow bond and fixed the amount at \$5,000.

The case against Mr. Stevens will be called for trial at the February term of court.

The habeas corpus hearing before Judge Moore consumed all of yesterday and a portion of last night.

Kinston—Superior Court is in session here, Judge W. B. Council presiding. Many cases have been disposed of. For the third time Chas. F. Dunn is on trial for the embezzlement of funds belonging to a colored lodge. Dunn has been convicted twice before, but succeeded in getting a new trial each time.

# HEARST HAS PLAN TO FORCE COUNT

Bill With That End In View Will Be Introduced In The Legislature.

## PROVIDES FOR REOPENING OF ALL BALLOT BOXES

Basis For Action Will Be Alleged Fraud, and Extent of Fraud Will Be Ascertained Through the Recount—Does Not Displace Suit.

New York, Dec. 16.—A plan for forcing a recount of the votes in the fight of William B. Hearst against the re-election of Mayor McClellan is announced by Clarence J. Shearn, Mr. Hearst's personal counsel.

"We shall have a bill introduced in the Legislature providing for a recount of all the ballots cast in the election in the county," says Mr. Shearn, "it will not be in the form of an amendment to the election law, which would be retroactive, but it will provide for the reopening of all the ballot boxes for a recount, in view of the evidence obtained that there was fraud in the count. The recount will be for discovering the extent of the fraud, not for correcting the extent of the fraud."

"Not for correcting the returns which have been canvassed, but we can make use of the information obtained by the recount later in quo warranto proceedings to oust the mayor from his office."

This action, he said, will not take the place of the present court proceedings which will be continued.

New Chicago Postmaster. Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—President Roosevelt today sent the Senate the nomination of Fred A. Busse to be postmaster at Chicago and it was confirmed by the Senate.

## ROUBH RIDER LOSES CUSTOMS JOB

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—"Pat" Garrett, the six-foot-three Westerner who shot and killed "Billy the Kid," will not be reappointed Collector of Customs at El Paso, Texas, because he offended the President by attending the Rough Riders' reunion at San Antonio last spring in company with a professional gambler and saloonkeeper whose reputation was not of the best.

Garrett was a member of the President's regiment, and was well liked by Mr. Roosevelt, who appointed him to office. Garrett has been here several days, and called at the White House to see the President. His reception was anything but cordial.

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