

INTEREST MANIFEST

IN SPAIN CONCERNING PENDING QUESTIONS WITH U. S.

Army Regulations Revised by Assistant Secretary of War Doe and Subjected to a Critical Examination by Different Officers of the War Department.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—As it is understood that the Spanish cortes adjourn on July 18, there is much interest in the closing action of the session concerning pending questions with the United States and the prosecution of the Cuban contest. The budget has been passed and the new conservative ministry has got through the session without a crisis or an adverse vote threatening its existence, although it has been in a minority in the cortes. The most important budget is the provision for raising \$120,000,000 to put down the Cuban rebellion. No important tariff changes affecting the United States have been made by the commission at work forming a commercial system applicable to Cuba. There has been no vote yet as to whether the Mora claim, urged by the United States, has been included in the budget, but the fact that no affirmative action has been reported from Madrid indicates that the appropriation has not been made.

The New Battle Ships.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—The constructor Hichborn of the navy will today present to Secretary Herbert the plans for the new battle ships, which are drawn on the lines adopted by the bureau chiefs of the navy department. These plans are not yet approved by the chief constructor and when he submits them it will be with a letter pointing out the defects as he views them. At the time the bureau chiefs considered the drafts Secretary Herbert sat as president of the board. Four of the five members of the board, (Commander Matthews being absent) were opposed to the plans proposed and each had a suggestion to make. The constructor was directed to draw plans in accordance with the suggestions of the various members of the board and it is now believed by these construction bureau members that the battle ships built upon the new line will be impracticable. The constructor Hichborn and the other members of the board were that the constructors wanted 12-inch instead of 13-inch guns and without double deck turrets, and the board wanted the armor belt raised a foot above where the constructors placed it. The constructor will indicate to the secretary that the extra weight of the changes suggested by the board will be made at the expense of the other parts of the ship, both in armor and coal capacity.

The Bond Contract.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—The treasury official now in the city still maintains perfect silence as to what, if any, modifications have been made in the bond contract, or what, if any, basis for the rumor that the syndicate will no longer use its influence to protect the gold withdrawal for export. The rumor, however, is given no credence here by persons having any knowledge of the situation. It is more than probable, it is said, that the syndicate has obtained permission to take temporary deposits of domestic gold, which is subsequently to be replaced by importations from London. The exact facts in the case can not, however, in the absence of Secretary Carlisle, be learned here.

Giving Americans a Chance.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(Guatemala.) His proposition to build a system of railroads at government expense, also being looked into by the bureau of American republics here with a view to giving American capitalists an opportunity to participate in the investment of American money in the project. The British foreign office has given notice that the specifications for the roads will be in hand at the government buildings at London. The bureau of American republics expects that the contract will be awarded by Minister Laseo Arias to American investors.

Cuban Bonds Affected.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—It is stated that Cuban bonds on the Paris bourse are being much affected as to the progress of the Cuban uprising, and officials are of the opinion that many of the reports of victory and defeat are systematically circulated for speculative purposes. The Cuban bonds are issued by Spain but are distinct from the regular Spanish bonds so that they can be readily manipulated by reports circulated concerning Cuba.

The Estacote Cordate Restored.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Mr. White Stephens, in charge of the Japanese legation during the absence of Minister Kurino, says that the reports are merely the revival of vague reports current some time ago, and all the information reaching the legation indicates the entire cordate has been restored. Mr. Stephens says also that the war story comes from Shanghai it is not to be relied upon.

Army Regulations.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The army regulations, which have been revised by Assistant Secretary of War Doe have been subjected to a critical examination by the different officers of the war department who are familiar with the various duties which pertain to the army. Mr. Doe has invited the most competent critics and suggestions, it being his desire to make the regulations all that the army needs for its government.

A LIGHTNING SHOCK.

BOLT OF LIGHTNING STRIKES A DWELLING HOUSE.

Body of Langholz, from San Antonio Found in a Pasture Near Junction City. Dr. J. G. Doggett Commits Suicide by Shooting Himself.

CISCO, Tex., July 1.—Early Saturday morning a bolt of lightning struck the dwelling of Julie Anderson, giving a dangerous shock to both himself and his wife. The bolt struck the corner of the house at the cave and shot across the room like a meteor, passing through an open door into the room where Mrs. Anderson and her children were and went out at the corner. A picture on the wall was badly burned. Another bolt struck a window in the room, making a round hole like a bullet, otherwise no breaking pane of glass, passed across the room and went out of a window opposite, making a similar hole. Mr. Anderson was in the lot attending the cows and was knocked down.

Tragedy in a Hotel.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., July 2.—On Sunday afternoon Geo. E. Wake of Longview, arrived in this city and registered at the Matthews hotel. He walked over to the 7 o'clock Houston and Texas Central train, where he engaged a lady in a red dress descending, joined her and the couple repaired to room 70 at the hotel. In the evening two men named J. W. and A. L. Thompson, father and son, disembarked from the train, and followed Wake and the lady. Arriving at the hotel they sprang rapidly up the stairs and finding that the couple had gone to room 70 hurried rapidly down the corridor. There was a commotion at the door, then a pistol shot rang out, followed by another and another until eight shots had been fired. Mingled with the shots was the sound of a woman's screams. George E. Wake lies in his room at No. 70 with four bullet wounds in his body. A. L. Thompson has a terrible wound from a pistol in his left shoulder, and the clothing of W. Thompson is marked with the track of another pistol shot. Immediately after the shooting the Thompsons rushed downstairs, where they were met and surrendered to officers John Nutt, who had come from the depot, having been informed by the conductor that a tragedy was about to transpire. Mr. Thompson requested that the lady in the red dress, who was his daughter, Mrs. Faulkner, be left at the Commercial hotel, which was done. About eighteen months ago Miss Fannie Thompson of Groesbeck was married to J. D. Faulkner. Mr. Faulkner's business calls him away from home a great deal of the time, and since his wife stays with her parents at Groesbeck. When seen by a reporter at her room she was much preoccupied with grief and after being urged to make a statement declared that she was innocent of any wrongdoing; that she was going on a visit to her mother-in-law at Gilmer and that meeting Mr. Wake was a surprise. She said that when she got of the train Mr. Wake asked her if she could show her hotel where the couple remained until the Cotton belt train came; that she accepted the courtesy, but as soon as she entered the room asked him if it was his room and being told that it was started to leave. Just at that time a knock on the door came and Wake opened it, pistol in hand, and commenced firing, resulting as above. She says her father and brother were perfectly justifiable in what they did and hopes they will be cleared.

Mail Rider Arrested.

GOLDWATER, Tex., June 29.—Lin Lewis, who carries the mail from the place to Star, came in yesterday morning and reported that while on his way, about six miles from town, two men rode out of the bushes and with pistols demanded the mail pouch, which he delivered to them, and they rode off. J. P. Grundy, the postmaster, at once notified Deputy Sheriff L. F. Braun and United States Deputy Marshal G. W. Cunningham, who with the postmaster and mail carrier once started for the scene of the robbery. Lewis carried them to where he said he was robbed, where on examination they found a trace of the robbers. After a short search they found the mail pouch in a thicket, cut to pieces and the letters torn open and scattered on the ground. Lewis, the carrier, was arrested on suspicion and was brought back to town and lodged in jail and the United States district attorney notified of the robbery. Lewis is not 17 years of age, and his parents live here.

Dead Man Found.

JUNCTION CITY, Tex., July 1.—On the 25th the body of a dead man was found out near the south gate of "707" pasture, that being in the southern portion or toward the south line of this county. It was reported to the authorities at this place, who went off a few days ago to hold an inquest over the man. He was found lying on his back, having been shot in the head. The dead man's name seemed to be Langholtz, from San Antonio and there is a clew to the assassin.

Shot Himself.

CENTER, Tex., July 1.—News was received here Saturday that Dr. B. R. Doggett committed suicide at his father's, near Patron, in the southeastern part of this county, on Friday by shooting himself in the right temple with a pistol. The cause for the rash act is unknown here. The doctor has been practicing medicine and living at Silton, about five miles south of Center for several years.

Horribly Lacerated.

HOUSTON, Tex., June 27.—Otto Hillie, a young man about 19 years old, was caught in the belt of the machinery at Y. T. Crook's City millinery factory on Milan street yesterday morning and badly injured in the thigh and head. The young victim of the accident was employed about six weeks ago by the proprietor Y. T. Crook, for general work around

ALL OVER THE WORLD

HAPPENINGS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO ALL.

A Comprehensive Epitome of Serious and Sensational Settings Condensed from all the Leading Dailies for the Past Week.

A nest of rattlesnakes was discovered by an Indian in the mountain eleven miles west of Ukiah, Cal., recently. He was hunting and in ascending a rocky point was warned of the presence of a serpent by his rattle. He discharged his rifle at the rattler and immediately thereafter saw numbers emerging from a rock pile. The Indian retreated, and securing a branch of a pine tree, leveled the nest and gave battle. He continued the slaughter until exhausted, but seeing that the utility of exterminating the reptiles, left the place after having killed forty-one immense snakes.

Rev. W. E. Broadhurst, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, south of Arkansas City, Kan., who a few days ago was found in a compromising position with a woman of his congregation, has published the following card: "It is due to the public that I make this confession. I am a fallen preacher after nearly one year of absence from the Methodist Episcopal church. I have resisted a thousand temptations, but was caught at last. My sin is such there is no defense." He has resigned.

Near Florence, Ala., during recent thunder storms, Mr. Mattie Fortson was standing on the front piazza of her residence, when lightning struck the house. She was knocked down and rendered unconscious. Willing hands hastily removed her to her room, but she died 50 minutes later. On the same plantation, during the same storm, lightning struck a tree in the field under which James Trotter, a laborer, had taken refuge with his plow mule. Both Trotter and the mule were instantly killed.

Examiner Rivis, who was employed to investigate the books of the probate office of Montgomery county, Alabama, to ascertain, if possible, the amount of Ex-Probate Judge Smith's estate, has discovered it to be \$6618. This was all that the books in the office showed to be, but several had been taken away before Judge Randolph left the state. This sum is not his, but his \$100,000, 900 shortage to the state and to states.

The Steamer Bredidabik, which arrived from Sana, Cuba, at Boston, Mass., a few days ago, confirms the story of the massacre of Spanish soldiers at Sana. Several Spaniards were killed and quartered in the trees near the beach and others were taken prisoners. Since that massacre a large Spanish army with headquarters at Gibara, some fifteen miles distant, has been engaged in fighting the rebels in the vicinity of Barby, near Sana.

By the overturning of his engine on a sharp curve near Fullens, Tenn., the other night, John W. Patterson, one of the oldest engineers on that division, was instantly killed. He was drawing a local passenger train between Knoxville and Bristol, and running at the rate of forty miles an hour, when the engine left the rails and he was caught by the tender and buried by subsequent cars. The small car left the track also. No passengers hurt.

The skeletons of seven persons, four adults and three children, have been exhumed in a field near Brighton, Col., recently, near the old trail of Illinois to the corporate lands, probably the largest land grant in the corporation in the United States. It is to the Inter-Ocean Electrical Railway company, with principal offices in Chicago, and with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. Henry E. Beasley of Chicago, is the incorporator.

At Peoria, Ill., Harry H. Coble, single, and Joseph Joyin, married, with five small children, were drowned while on a fishing trip recently. D. Bean and James Powers, who were in the boat with them, were scared and jumped, capsizing the boat.

Albert Whetstone, better known as "the baby of Humboldt county," died at his home in Fortuna, Cal., the other night. Whetstone was twenty-eight years old, was six feet and two inches in height and weighed 496 pounds. He traveled at one time with a museum as fat boy.

A child 2 years old, son of Hitterman Star, a farmer living in Greene county, Ark., fell into a well near his home in the latter part of the week and died one morning recently. The babe is believed to be alive and a party of rescuers are digging with hopes of saving the child.

C. B. Birch, night receiver at the terminal station of the Milwaukee and available line at Chicago, was shot the other morning in his office, 578 Armitage avenue, while defending the money in his keeping from the hands of a masked robber. The wound proved fatal.

The bond syndicate, by getting Secretary Carlisle to rule that gold which would have gone abroad but for the efforts of the syndicate is really foreign gold, is alleged to have avoided the necessity of importing more than \$15,000,000 in gold to fill its pockets.

ALL OVER THE STATE.

Interesting Collisions on Various Subjects Taken from the Daily Press.

Recently at Orange, a heavy cloud burst upon the town. There was lightning, but not many loud peals of thunder. The schooner J. M. McInnis was lying tied to the bank when a ball of lightning was seen to make a straight line for her main topmast head, which itskivered, passed down the wire rope back stay, cutting it smoothly off at its junction with the mainmast. It then followed two stays down to a ligament strike dead eye about seven feet above the deck, where it divided, again striking the deck in two places and in the rail, were it went to the water's edge and out.

Statistics gathered from fruit shippers of Smith county for the season up to June 26 are as follows: Strawberries shipped, 70,000 crates; blackberries, 70,000 crates; plums 20,000 crates; apricots, 500 crates; apples, 8,000 boxes; peaches, 10,000 boxes; beans, 1,000 boxes; Irish potatoes, 4 cars; cabbage, 2 cars; tomatoes, 3 cars; corn, 100 bushels; Japanese plums and onions, Lindale and Swan ship more strawberries than all the rest of the county.

W. O. Hamilton, the government attorney, has brought suit in the circuit court at Waco, in which the United States is plaintiff and Marvin Norton, ex-postmaster at Calvert, Robertson county, is defendant, together with the sureties on the official bond of defendant Norton. The government's position is to recover \$33,100 balance of postage funds which the complaint alleges remained due when defendant gave up the office.

Recently on Brushy creek, in Anderson county, a cloud burst occurred. In an hour's time after the cloud began to pour out rain, the amount of rain was submerged with water 8 or 10 inches deep, and the bridges across the stream and the crops were washed away. It spread over an area of several thousand acres of fine farming section, and the amount of damage, it is stated, will reach many thousands of dollars.

J. M. Cotton, president of the Houston Business league, has written to the Waco Commercial club requesting that delegates be sent to the state meeting to be held at Houston on the 10th instant, the object of which meeting is to take steps to have the state of Texas properly represented at the southern states exposition to be opened at Atlanta, Ga., in September.

About sixty convicts are now at work on the Sabine and East Texas division of the Southern Pacific railroad, between Beaumont and Sabine Pass, raising the bed and repairing the track. After finishing work between these two points they are to begin work on the same line between Beaumont and Rockland and continue until the whole division is put in excellent trim.

The railway commission has granted the road authority to apply the following rates on anthracite and smelting coal, loaded from Velasco to stations on the Fort Worth and Rio Grande rail road as follows: Buffalo and Interlock, 25 cents; to Star, 25 cents; to Dallas, 25 cents; to Proctor, Delaware and intermediate points, 25 cents per ton.

Prisoners set fire to the jail a Paris the other night at a late hour hoping to burn their way to liberty. The fire was discovered by a newspaper man. An alarm was sounded and the flames extinguished by the firemen, who cut through the roof and turned a flood of water into the prison.

The Populists of Delta, Hunt, Fan and Lamar counties have completed arrangements for holding a week's political camp meeting at Pe can Gap in Delta county, beginning on August 7. The situation is well selected to secure a large attendance from all four of the counties.

At Nolanville, Bell county, Simon McCarthy's little 7-year-old daughter was bitten by a large rattlesnake recently. She lived twenty-four hours. The snake was four feet long and had seven rattles and a button.

It turns out to be a fact that there was a woman, Frank H. Haver, who accidentally shot the other night a Houston, while the officers were in pursuit of Hy Lewis, colored, who had escaped from the sheriff.

Congressman S. B. Cooper of the second Texas district has appointed Edward Downs of Crockett as a candidate at the West Point military academy and Henry Pedigo Geisendorff of Woodville as alternate.

N. C. Hodges and Polk Peters has a shooting box at Forrester, Ellis county, a short time since. Peters is in jail and Hodges is out on bond. Hodges has a broken arm as a result of the fight.

The West Texas Harbor, Channel, Dock and Wharf company of Aransas. Capital stock \$1,000,000, has filed its charter. The incorporators are Emil Moehlin, J. T. Campbell and J. A. Hardy.

At Gatesville, recently, during a colored revival meeting, Jim Hodge was out twelve times with a pocket knife. Bob Coats and Tom Griffin are in jail charged with the cutting.

The comptroller has received the statement for taxes of the rolling stock of the Houston and Texas Central railway. Length of road 452 miles, value of rolling stock \$798,000. Valuation of the rolling stock of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio as shown by the assessment recently filed with the comptroller is \$980,800 with a net value of \$11,000.

The comptroller has received 128 receipts from the tax collector of Dallas county for redemption of lands to the state and redeemed under the new law. Total amount, \$53,000.

Rain or no rain, the crop is nearly all harvested in Cooke county.

In the southern part of Knox county, recently, during a terrific storm several dwellings were blown away, killing Miss Munday and crippling her sister seriously. The hail destroyed every vestige of vegetation in the tract and the storm, which was about a mile wide,

EXTRAORDINARY!

WAS THIS OCCURRENCE

Not Merely Relief From an Insignificant Ailment, But a Human Life Involved.

It was during a recent conversation with Mr. A. H. Cranby, the well-known commercial traveler, with the Cochran Lumber Company, that a reporter of the Commercial learned of a wonderful case. Mr. Cranby is well known in Memphis and surrounding country, and now resides at 158 Kerr street.

"Just ten years ago," said he, "my wife noticed a small lump in her breast. She thought nothing of it, but it increased in size rapidly, and soon broke through the skin, and commenced to discharge. She was put under treatment of the best physicians, but they very soon found that they could do her no good, and simply prescribed anti-sepsis to keep the place clean. Both her grandmother and aunt, by the way, lacked with cancer, and when apprised of this fact, the doctors told me that they would not attempt to save her; that she was incurable. Although the cancer had now become so large that she could not get up, and she was in a very low state of health, I had one of the most noted specialists in the city, Dr. J. H. H. H., recommending the remedy for cancer, and in view of the failure of the most eminent physicians in the country, I consented to try it. However, I purchased a bottle of S. S. S., and to my delight, it seemed to benefit her; after she had taken a couple of bottles, the cancer began to heal, and astonishing as it may seem, a few bottles more cured her entirely. You can probably better understand the nature of the cancer when I explain that the cancer had eaten two holes in the breast two inches deep. These healed up entirely, and although ten years have elapsed, not a sign of the disease has ever returned, and we are assured of the permanency of the cure, which is not doubted."

"I certainly regard S. S. S. as the most wonderful remedy in the world, and it is truly a God-send to those who are afflicted with cancer. Yes, sir," he concluded, "you may be sure that I shall always be grateful to that remedy for without it, my wife would be dead, and my children motherless."—Memphis, Tenn., Commercial.

On an Apple.

At last a monument will be erected as a memorial of something worth while. It will stand for generations to come in remembrance of the disappearance of a great benefactor, a benefactor of mankind in the past, present and in time to come. More people have risen up and blessed this benefactor of mankind than have blessed even the name of Moses, the inventor of the telegraph. The name of the benefactor is as familiar to the American people as the name of George Washington is. The benefactor whose memory it thus to be honored is the Baldwin apple. The monument will be set up on the very spot in Woburn, Mass., where the original Baldwin apple tree grew. The Greenings and the Bellofours, and Russel and the other names of the Baldwin apple, but there is none such as the Baldwin for steadfast reliability that delights generation after generation.

The Biggest Snake.

Frenchmen take the nearest boots; Scotchmen take the largest, but they cannot compete with Lobengula, whose size was 12 inches long and 8 inches wide.

The British Empire.

The British empire, with its dependencies and colonies embrace 11,000,000 square miles, or about the size of all Africa.

A Deep Well.

The deepest well on our Atlantic coast is that at the silk works near Northampton, Mass.; depth, 3700.

The Complicated.

It is interesting to note that the Mansur gun, with which the Spanish troops are armed, is found by practical use in the field in Cuba to be too complicated for the intelligence of the average soldier. So many mishaps have occurred that the gun is being replaced with Remingtons.

The Kremlin of Moscow.

The Kremlin of Moscow contains the crowns of Poland and all the other kingdoms and principalities which Russia has overthrown.

The Emperor's Train.

The German emperor's imperial train cost about \$750,000 and it took three years to construct it. There are altogether twelve cars, including two nursery carriages. The reception saloon contains six pieces of statuary, and each of the sleeping cars is fitted with a bath.

An Enormous Debt.

With a population of hardly 2,500,000, Greece has a debt of 35,000,000 English pounds, or about 15 pounds or \$45 per capita.

A Spectroscope Detective.

A spectroscope detector, by which one part of blood in a solution of 850,000 parts can be discovered, has been invented by M. de Thierry. It will be valuable in murder cases where the stains are very minute.

A Good Chance.

Argentina offers prizes of \$20,000, \$10,000 and \$5000 for plans for a legislative building. The competition is open to the architects of the world, and the first prize will get the construction of the building.

It is said that Queen Victoria has had a chair constructed which will support her in a standing position while receiving visitors. The chair is cunningly arranged, so that its form is covered with regal draperies, and report says it would deceive any body who didn't know it was there. Of course, this chair has no nobility patent on it, and it can be used in other than throne rooms, even in residences. It is a chair in which one can sit down while standing up, and will be a great comfort to those afflicted with that tired feeling.

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