

CUBAN ARMY OF PACIFICATION

United States Will Begin Withdrawal of Troops from Cuba New Year's Day.

WILL BE LITTLE CEREMONY

First Contingent Will Sail from Havana Jan. 1.—Work of Evacuation Will Be Big Task.

Havana, Dec. 27.—New Year's day will witness the beginning of the evacuation of Cuba by the army of pacification, which has been in possession of the islands since the beginning of the provisional government, October, 1906. The first provisional regiment of marines, numbering about 900, which will be among the first troops to leave, are now concentrating from various posts. About half this regiment will sail from Havana, Jan. 1, on the cruise ship *Pratt*, which arrived here Christmas eve, bound for Newport, News. The *Pratt* will return about the middle of the month and embark the remainder.

Headquarters companies A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, will embark on the transport *Sumner* on Dec. 31. The *Sumner* will proceed to Havana and will embark with companies A, B, C, and D, stationed at Guantánamo, and companies E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, stationed at Guantánamo. The *Sumner* also will sail from Havana Jan. 1 for Newport News, the ultimate station of these companies being Fort Snelling, Minn.

From that point the transport *Sumner* and *McClellan* will be employed in the embarkation at intervals of the remainder of the army. Battery F, Third field artillery for the Washington barracks, and the Eleventh cavalry now stationed at Cienfuegos, Pinar del Rio, the headquarters army, Eleventh cavalry, now at Cienfuegos, Pinar del Rio, the mountain artillery and Fifth infantry, now at Cardenas, Sagua and Cienfuegos, for Plattburg; the Eleventh infantry, now at Santiago and Holguin, for Fort D. A. Russell; and the Seventeenth infantry, now at Camaguey, for Fort McPherson, will leave Havana about Jan. 27 for Newport News. This leaves only two companies of engineers and two battalions of the Seventeenth infantry under Col. Pitcher, which will remain at Camp Columbia. These troops will not embark until April 1, which will complete the evacuation.

The embarkation will be effected with as little ceremony as possible, and it is probable that their departure will be attended with as little notice as marked their landing. The purpose of deferring the departure of a portion of the Seventeenth infantry until April 1 has been the subject of considerable speculation, but it is believed that this was agreed upon at a conference between Gov. Magoon and President-elect Gomez. It is not thought to be a measure of precaution for which not the slightest necessity is apparent, but is for the purpose of keeping the barracks and quarters in good order until it is possible to turn over to the Cuban authority a model camp for occupation by the permanent army under command of Gen. Pino Guerra, the nucleus of which will be formed, it is intended, with the present corps of Cuban artillery and a thousand members of the rural guard.

Cubans are greatly pleased by the departure of the American forces as marking the complete establishment of independence.

All show the kindest feeling toward the troops.

A TRAGEDY IN RENO.

Ruby File Killed, His Brother Shot By John and George Willeford.

Reno, Ill., Dec. 27.—Ruby File was shot and killed, and his brother, Noah File, was wounded by John and George Willeford in the kitchen of the File home, near here, last night, while attempting to prevent the Willeford brothers from injuring Samuel File. The Willeford brothers had chased Samuel File for more than two miles, and when they reached the File home they demanded admittance. After entering the house George Willeford, according to one story, accused the File of poisoning a relative, Ruby File, attempted to make George Willeford put down his pistol and was shot in the right temple. He died three hours later. Noah File attempted to disarm

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If instead of this the intestines receive impure deposits combined with a poisonous and imperfect gastric juice, it can be readily seen that they must turn such imperfect nourishment into the blood. The blood then being unable to give each part of the body that which it requires, becomes impoverished and disease is spread broadcast.

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John Willeford and was shot in the right cheek. He will recover.

Noah File seized a shotgun and chased the Willeford from the house. John Willeford and his brother, James, who was not in the house, were arrested and lodged in jail at Greenville, Georgia has not been located. Ruby File was 19 years of age and Noah 22. John Willeford is 21 and George Willeford 23 years old.

The cause of the shooting, according to Henry W. Willeford, the father of the boys and the Samuel File refused to pay a debt of \$125 which he owed George Willeford.

UNITED STATES TRADE FELL

OFF \$450,000,000 IN 1908

Washington, Dec. 27.—That the falling off of approximately \$800,000,000 in imports and perhaps \$150,000,000 in exports in the United States during 1908 is mostly part of a general condition which has prevailed the world over, is shown by the monthly statement of the bureau of statistics. Of the 25 principal countries of the world whose foreign commerce the bureau records month by month, all but four show a falling off of exports and imports.

The principal decrease in the import side occurred in trade with Europe and on the export side in the trade with North America. These marked reductions in the United States are not entirely the result of a falling off in the quantity of merchandise moved in or out of the country, says the statement.

Imports from Europe in the 10 months for which detailed figures are available showed a decrease from \$625,000,000 in 10 months of 1907 to \$436,000,000 in a similar period of 1908; those from North America and Asia each show a decrease of \$45,000,000 from the totals of the corresponding period of last year and those from South America a decrease of \$25,000,000. Exports to Europe show a decrease of but 3 per cent, while those to North America show a decrease of 21 per cent.

A MONTANA MURDER.

Great Falls, Mont., Dec. 27.—Another murder trial for Cascade county is the result of the saloon brawl Christmas night when James Hutton fatally shot Joe Mitchell, who died at Columbus hospital yesterday. Both are negroes. They quarreled over a card game and Hutton went out and

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got a revolver, remarking that he would kill Mitchell. Yesterday an inquest was held, a verdict being returned to the effect that death was caused by a pistol shot fired by Hutton with murderous intent.

REMAINS OF DR. TEED.

Giving Up Hope of His Immediate Resurrection Followers Bury Them.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 28.—The remains of Dr. Cyrus R. Teed were interred at Estero in a vault especially prepared for that purpose, according to a telegram from Victoria, B. C., his successor, his followers giving up hope of his immediate resurrection. Devout followers now believe that on the seventh day Dr. Teed will again be united with his mate, Great feasting and celebrations will be held Wednesday.

A WILD TAXICAB.

Whizzed by Policemen, Paying No Attention to Him.

New York, Dec. 28.—Running almost noiselessly and without lights, a black taxicab whizzed by Policemen Johnson Holland and Sixteenth and West End avenue last night while Holland shouted in vain for the chauffeur to stop and explain why he had no lights. The mystery was cleared up a few moments later when the taxicab struck a freight car standing on a spur track of the New York Central and turned a complete somersault. When the angry policeman viewed the ruins expecting to find a mangled chauffeur he found no semblance of human form. The cab had been running without a driver, evidently having been turned adrift by some thief who had stripped it of robes and fittings.

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A BAD BLAZE.

Coffin in Which Were Remains of a Child Caught on Fire.

New York, Dec. 28.—A blazing curtain, wind tossed to a candle flame, in a Williamsburg flat, set fire to a white coffin yesterday in which lay the body of 5-year-old May O'Connor. In an adjoining room, Mrs. Mary O'Connor, the dead child's mother, saw the coffin ablaze, but being an invalid, was unable to leave her bed. She screamed in terror, then lost consciousness. Edward O'Connor, the husband, assisted by his brother-in-law, finally put out the fire after being summoned from a nearby barbershop by neighbors. The child's body was saved from cremation and the invalid mother carried from the apartments. Seriously ill when the fire occurred, the shock so aggravated her condition that it is feared that she cannot live. The child was buried late today in Calvary cemetery.

CORONER HARDEN INDICTED.

Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 28.—The Lewis county grand jury has returned an indictment against Coroner Charles H. Harden for alleged attempted embezzlement. The charge grows out of the killing of two unknown desperadoes at Winlock by a citizens' posse a year ago. On the persons of the men were found some Canadian currency, \$22 on one, and \$20 on the other.

Dr. Harden turned in the amount to the county treasurer on the last day of 1908 allowed by law, and has the latter's receipt for same.

RESOURCES OF NORTH AMERICA

Conference Looking to Their Conservation Will Be Held at White House Feb. 18.

CANADA AND MEXICO INVITED.

President Addresses Letters to Governor-General and Premier of the Dominion and to Diaz.

Washington, Dec. 27.—It was announced at the White House today that a conference looking toward the conservation of the natural resources of North America, would be held at the White House Feb. 18 next. Letters suggesting the plan have been addressed by the president to the governor-general and to the premier of Canada and to President Diaz of Mexico. They will be delivered to the officials in person by Gifford Pinchot, chairman of the national conservation commission and chief forester of the United States.

Mr. Pinchot will first visit Canada, leaving tomorrow. He will then carry the invitation to President Diaz at Mexico City.

The proposed conference is the outgrowth of the two conservation conferences in which the governors of the states and territories were the principal conferees. At the second conference representatives of the national government expressed their interest in the movement. Out of this grew the idea of a North American conference, "to consider mutual interests involved in the conservation of natural resources and to deliberate upon the practicability of procuring a plan adapted to promote the welfare of the nations concerned."

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

The president's letter to the governor-general of Canada is as follows: "In May of the present year the governors of the several states and territories of this Union met in the White House to confer with the president and with each other concerning the amount and condition of the natural resources of this country, to consider the most effective means for conserving them. The conference was followed by the appointment of conservation committees on the part of nation and of a majority of the states. "A second conference has recently been held in this city. It was called to consider an inventory of our natural resources prepared by the national conservation commission. Its most important result will doubtless appear in cooperation on the part of the nation, the states and the great associations of citizens for action upon this great question upon which the progress of the people of the United States obviously depends.

"It is evident that the natural resources are not limited by boundary lines, which separate nations and that the need for conserving them upon this continent is as wide as the area upon which they exist. In view, therefore, of these considerations and of the close bonds of friendship and mutual aims which exist between Canada and the United States, I take especial pleasure in inviting you to designate representatives of the government of Canada to meet and consult with representatives of the state and other departments of this government, and the national conservation commission in the city of Washington on Feb. 18, 1909. The purpose of the conference I have the honor to propose is to consider mutual interests involved in the conservation of natural resources, and in this great field to deliberate upon the practicability of preparing a general plan adapted to promote the welfare of the nations concerned.

"I have this day addressed a similar invitation to the republic of Mexico, expressing my hope that representatives of that government also will be present and participating in the proposed conference of the natural resources of North America.

"The conclusions of such a conference while wholly advisory in character could hardly fail to yield important beneficial results both in a better knowledge of the natural resources of each nation on the part of others and in suggestions for concurrent action for the protection of mutual interests related to conservation. "As my representative to convey to you this letter and invitation and at your desire to consult with you concerning the proposed conference, I have

selected an officer of this government, chief of the United States forest service and chairman of the national conservation commission, whom I commend to your kind offices. Sincerely yours, "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

NEW SPECIES OF FLEA.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Dr. Carroll Fox of this city who has been investigating bubonic plague situation in San Francisco, has discovered a new species of flea, according to a report that has reached the medical men here. During his work on the coast he found in his experiments fleas on the bodies of rats infected with the plague were the mediums of transferring the disease to human beings. This naturally led to a close scrutiny of the flea and the physician was interested to ascertain that a new species was apparent, being without eyes and having a row of six teeth. In color the fleas in question were much lighter than the ordinary variety. It is noted for its ability as a high jumper, greatly exceeding the ordinary flea in this characteristic.

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In an account of how the supply of Bibles and tracts gave after the battle of Mukden and attention was diverted to the care of the wounded, Mr. Hibbard says: "It was a little awkward for us at first, but we soon got so that we could cut about 35 heads of hair an hour. We devoted our entire time to cleaning the wounded soldiers, shaving them and cutting their hair. They used to wake us up in the night begging for a trim, and finally our skill became so widely advertised that we had to give out numbered tickets and the men would have to wait until it was their turn, often going without meals."

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CHINESE GAMBLERS RAIDED.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—One hundred and sixty Chinese were taken into custody by the police during a sudden raid which was made on the various gambling places of the Chinese quarter last night. The blunders under direction of the new chief of police, Jesse Cook, whose familiarity with the oriental quarter, gained during several years as sergeant in charge of the Chinatown squad, gives him a good idea as to where to look for illegal games of chance, swept down on the quarter with a suddenness that set the guards at naught and the patrol wagons spent a busy night hauling the prisoners to the city jail, where they were booked for violating the anti-gambling ordinance. This is the largest capture made in any raid of the last few years.

AUXILIARY BISHOP OF S. F.

Washington, Dec. 28.—That Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell, rector of the Catholic university, has been appointed auxiliary bishop of San Francisco, is confirmed in a cablegram received from the papal secretary of state, announcing that the pope had made the appointment, and the apostolic briefs will be received within the next fortnight. The Roman authorities will now attend to the selection of the next rector. The list of candidates will leave today. The consensus of opinion still points to Bishop Carroll of Montana as the next head of the papal institution.

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