

# JAMAICA TO COME TO UNCLE SAM.

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## STORY FROM WASHINGTON.

Some Compensation to Great Britain—Expect the Alaskan Modus Vivendi to Stand.

New York, Jan. 1.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser from Washington, says:

The British colony of Jamaica will be given in exchange for a fair share of the United States colony of the Philippines.

This is an international trade which will be probably the result of acquisition by the United States of the Danish Antilles.

In official circles it is thought that Great Britain will not want the island of Jamaica if the United States acquires the Danish possessions, and the prestige of Great Britain as commander of the highway to the Nicaragua canal will have disappeared. The United States will not only be able to command the approach from the east but will, from its point of vantage, control the ocean east of the Danish Antilles, from the magnificent base which will undoubtedly be established there.

It is interesting to recall that when the United States amended the Hay-Pauncefote treaty the British press idea was that if Great Britain was forced to yield there should be some compensation to Great Britain. What Great Britain's demands will be are not clearly known. It is understood, however, that she will endeavor to have the modus vivendi on the Alaskan boundary made permanent.

Against Whisky Traffic.

New York, Dec. 31.—Bishop E. G. Andrews of the Methodist Episcopal church, and many Methodist Episcopal today sent a message to Senator Frye, president of the United States Senate, as follows:

The undersigned petition the Senate to make ratification of African treaty with Lodge resolution, keynote of new century.

The treaty in question, designed to protect African natives from the liquor and the arms of the white men, has already been ratified by fifteen nations. An effort is now being made to have its ratification the first act of the Senate in the twentieth century.

The Lodge resolution is as follows: "Resolved, That in the opinion of this body the time has come when uncivilized people everywhere should be protected against the destructive traffic in intoxicants, opium and firearms, by the enactment of such laws and the rushing of such treaties as will effectually prohibit the sale of these articles of aboriginal tribes."

Mexican Crops Heavy.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 1.—Advices from Northern Mexico state that crops all over the republic are heavy this year owing to a prolonged season of damp weather. Reports that there is financial depression in certain sections of Mexico are denied.

Rev. Goodwin Dead.

New York, Jan. 1.—After serving 21 years as the rector of the House of Prayer in Newark, N. J., the Rev. Hannibal Goodwin is dead at his home in that city. He was known as an advanced churchman of the Episcopal high church school and the inventor of a well known film for photographic work. He was 78 years old and had been retired from active service for thirteen years. He was a graduate of Yale and of the general theological seminary in New York. He filled parishes in Rockland and Trenton, N. J., and in San Francisco before becoming rector of the House of Prayer in 1870.

During his active service and after his retirement thirteen years ago, he devoted much time to amateur photography, finally inventing a film for cameras. It was only a year ago that long litigation over this was ended in his favor.

Plenty of Recruits.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—Orders have been received at the military department of California headquarters to organize a second provisional battalion at the Presidio. The number of recruits in the newly organized camp has increased to such an extent that it will soon be necessary to organize a regiment.

To Sail for Pacific Possessions.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 1.—The transport Hancock will sail today for Manila via Honolulu and Guam, carrying a limited number of passengers and recruits and a large cargo of army supplies. Quick work has been performed in getting the Hancock ready for sea, no other transports being at the dock to demand attention, and for several days past the Hancock has been in readiness to sail.

Comet is Disappearing.

Lick Observatory, Cal., Jan. 1.—The comet recently discovered by Giovanni Giacomini at Nice, France, in the constellation of Taurus, has been observed here the past week by Mr. Aitken. It is a faint object of the eleventh magnitude and therefore requires a telescope of considerable size to observe it. Mr. Aitken has determined that this is the comet that is moving. Its perihelion passage, or time of nearest approach to the sun occurred on Dec. 1, at a distance only two per cent smaller than the earth's distance from the sun. The plane of its orbit makes an angle of 31 degrees with the ecliptic and intersects it in longitude 193 degrees. The present distance of the comet from the earth is some 50,000,000 miles and the distance is increasing. The brightness is decreasing so that there is no chance that the object will be visible without a telescope.

UNCLE BEN'S ADVICE.

He Wants to Provide for Ex-Presidents—Tells Democrats to Call Roll.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 1.—Ex-President Harrison, speaking to the toast, "Hall, Columbia," at the banquet on the dedication of the new Columbia club, said:

"I estimate the gift of the governing faculty to be God's great gift to the Anglo-Saxon, and in the Constitution of the United States, with its division of powers, limitations upon the governing departments, and its sublime reservations in the interests of individual liberty, I see the highest achievement of that most rare faculty."

"I have no argument to make here or anywhere against territorial expansion; but I do not, as some do, look to expansion as the safest or most attractive avenue of national development. By the advantages of abundant and cheap coal and iron, of an enormous surplus of food products and of invention and economy in production, we are now leading by a nose the original and the greatest of colonial nations—Australia and New Zealand send their contingents to South Africa, but Great Britain cannot hold the trade of her colonies against American offerings of a better and cheaper product. The Central and South American states, assured of our purpose not only to respect but to defend their autonomy, and finding the peace and social order which a closer and larger commercial intercourse with the world will bring, offer to our commerce a field the full development of which will realize the eldorado."

"The decapitation of the ex-President when the oath of office has been administered to his successor will greatly vivify a somewhat tiresome ceremonial. And, we may some time solve the newspaper problem, what to do with our ex-Presidents, in that conclusive way. Until then, I hope an ex-President may be permitted to live somewhere midway between the house of the gospel and the crypt of the mummy. He will know in an especial way, how to show the highest honor to the presidential office and the most courteous defense to the President on great questions. However, especially on questions of constitutional law, you must give an ex-President his freedom, or the axe—and it is too late to give me the axe."

"Any Democratic friends who may share our hospitality on this occasion will pardon me for saying to any of them who has cast a look at the record of the Democratic party, that the Democratic party has never been less attractive than now. No plan of re-organization suggests itself to me except that suggested by a wretched lieutenant of my regiment to a captain whose platoons were inverted. He said: 'Captain, if I were in your place I would break ranks and have the orderly call the roll.'"

This Shows Bad Financing.

London, Jan. 1.—The Times in its financial articles says:

"There is very little likelihood of the rather impudent proposal of voluntary liquidation being allowed to take effect."

The Daily Telegraph, which believes it will be difficult to induce the shareholders to put in fresh capital, gives a rumor that an American syndicate has offered \$400,000 for the Baker Street Railway undertaking, and it thinks the shareholders may get five shillings to the pound."

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BEHEADED SLAYER OF VON KETTELER

Chinese Murderer of German Minister is Executed.

Pekin, Dec. 31.—The man who killed Baron Von Ketteler, the German minister to China, in June last, was beheaded today in the presence of a large number of spectators.

A meeting of the foreign ministers will be held as soon as Sir Ernest Mason Satow, the British minister, who is suffering from chills and fever, shall have recovered sufficiently to be present, and when a date and place for meeting the Chinese commissioners shall have been agreed upon.

A representative of the Associated Press today had a personal interview with Li Hung Chang, who shows plainly physical evidence of his recent illness but whose mind has not been affected by his sickness and in as vigorous as ever. In the course of his conversation with the correspondent, Earl Li said he should prefer to meet the ministers and commissioners at his house, if such an arrangement were possible, on account of the condition of his health, but would not, in the circumstances, make suggestions. He says also that the emperor is desirous of complying in all particulars with the demands of the powers. On the other hand, he thinks the powers should order a cessation of the frequent irritating expeditions, which he looks upon as unnecessary and as doing a deal of harm. It will be quite possible now, he says, to maintain complete order in the province, with the assistance of a small number of Chinese troops; and he hopes the powers will agree to keep as at present the troops now stationed at Peking and Tien Tsin and along the railway.

The emperor, Li Hung Chang asserts, is willing to punish all those named by the powers by banishment to the furthest part of the dominions, on the northwestern frontier, and their return, he declares, will be prohibited under penalty of death.

His majesty is anxious also to have the number of legation guards limited, and that other boundaries be specified, and he hopes the foreign armies will be recalled as early as possible in the spring. China will endeavor, says Earl Li, by every means in her power, to prove that she intends compliance with the demands contained in the note and to show her desires to make the country safe and habitable for foreigners. He believes the powers will not insist upon the total destruction of the forts.

NO BRITISH DECADENCE.

Statistics Show a Decidedly Encouraging Trade Volume.

New York, Jan. 1.—A special to the Times from Washington says:

Great Britain's talked-of decadence does not appear in the reports published in a statistical abstract just received here, showing by comparative tables the trade of Great Britain with her colonies for 1899.

The British colonies all over the world imported in one year goods valued at more than one billion dollars, and of this quantity \$500,000,000 came from the mother country. India imported \$300,000,000 of goods, \$200,000,000 coming from England; Canada imported about \$140,000,000, but only \$34,000,000 from the United Kingdom.

Australia and the Australasian Islands imported in 1899 not far from \$200,000,000 of which about \$120,000,000 came from the United Kingdom. The British West Indies imported about \$32,650,000—about \$13,610,000 from England; Africa's colonies imported \$130,000,000, taking \$85,000,000 from the mother country.

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