

FIRST STEP.

Beginning Made in Securing a Monopoly in Cuba

Of the Entire Sugar Business of the Island.

HAVEMEYER IS IN IT

A Body of 66,000 Acres of Land Has Been Bought.

Contracts Placed For Machinery Amount to Over \$2,000,000.

New York, March 23.—The world says: What may be the first step in the consolidation of the various large sugar interests in the island of Cuba, or the purchase of these interests by American capitalists has been taken.

The Chappara sugar company of Cuba, with offices in this city, has placed contracts in this country for procuring over \$2,000,000 for the equipment of the largest sugar plant ever built in Cuba.

The company, of which ex-Congressman Hawley of Texas, is president and in which H. H. Howell and Co. and Theodore Havemeyer are largely interested has acquired 66,000 acres of land in the eastern portion of Cuba. Nearly 10,000 acres of this land are under cultivation, while on the rest the work of planting sugar cane will be immediately begun.

This enormous planting is without precedent in the history of Cuba. With the exception of 300 acres in the immediate vicinity of the factory located in 1890 under the name of the Havemeyer company, the land has been divided among colonists who cultivate their fields and deliver the cane to the mill for its return.

A railroad 30 miles long will be constructed on the estate and grinding operations are to begin next December, by which time the plant will be producing 100,000 tons of cane will be ready to be handled. The mills will have a daily capacity for grinding 5,000 tons of cane. The power will be derived from a steam plant of six thousand horse power.

Augustus Smith, of this city, has obtained the order for the purchase of 30,000 tons of structural steel. The Babcock & Wilcox company is to build the boilers of 400 horse power each. The Corliss pumps and three rotary dry vacuum pumping equipment will be furnished by Henry E. Worthington, while another New York concern, the Morris Machine company, is to supply three large pumps direct, connected to vertical engines.

Pox Brothers & Co. have undertaken the contract for the equipment of the machine shops, say 140,000 lbs. of lathes, radial drill presses, bolt cutters, and other machinery. The same firm has taken a contract for 200 steam cars.

The Whitney Iron Works of New Orleans will build three immense roller mills and a mill for the crushing of the necessary filter paper. The necessary apparatus is to be furnished by G. W. Deming of New Orleans. The Chattanooga Iron Works of Chattanooga, Tenn., will build 150 cars. The Illinois Steel company is to execute the rail contract, which calls for 1,000 tons of forty pound rails.

The Sugar Apparatus Manufacturing company of Philadelphia, will build the multiple effects and evaporators. The same are to be got from James Oat & Sons, of the same city.

Other contracts just determined on include the construction of the power tanks from the Ritter-Cunley Manufacturing company, of Pittsburg, Pa., mill shafts from the Central States company of Bethlehem, Pa., and blower fans from the H. F. Sturtevant company of New York City.

JOINTS STILL THERE.

Liquor Has Been Purchased This Week in Hughes Building.

Dr. A. E. McCullough, who has an office at 818 Kansas avenue, has a half pint bottle of whisky which he says was purchased in "Cig" Hughes' building on East Fourth street Monday.

Some of the women who are anxious to have Mrs. McCullough register and vote for Hughes' said Dr. McCullough, "I make the remark that I don't wish to vote or have my wife vote for a man who had a joint in his building. The Hughes people retorted that there was no joint there. I said: "If not, let me see you but if I do not have a bottle of whisky purchased at the joint in the Hughes' building before 8 o'clock tonight I will give you \$100. The next day at 2 o'clock I showed the half pint bottle. I gave a man named Morgan the money and stood on the outside of the building and Morgan went in and got the liquor from the joint in the Hughes' building. Morgan handed the bottle to me when he came out of the place."

MILLION DOLLAR DEAL.

Nebraska Cattle Company Buys Big Ranches in Texas.

Omaha, March 23.—William Humphrey, vice president of the Riverside Herd Cattle company of Ashland, Neb., has just closed a cattle and ranch deal in Texas involving a million dollars. For his company he acquired from a group of owners some 40 in number a ranch property covering approximately 500,424 acres for which the sum of \$600,000 was paid and in addition thereto a bunch of cattle approximating in cost \$400,000.

The \$1,000,000 deal was consummated with almost absolute secrecy, notwithstanding the magnitude of the operation. The land is mainly in Chihuahua county, 75 miles southeast from El Paso and is said to be one of the best grazing districts in Texas. The largest single purchase was from King and Zalles of El Paso.

The company will stock the land with thoroughbreds from its Nebraska ranches, but the business of the company will be transacted from Ashland.

Topeka State Journal.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1901.

Weather predictions for the next 24 hours: For Kansas: Threatening, with rain turning to snow tonight and possibly in extreme eastern portion Sunday; colder; brisk to high northwest winds.

IMPORTANT NEWS AND FEATURES.

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1. China Rejects Russian Treaty.

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Funston Goes After Aguinaldo.

Topeka Capital in New Hands.

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10. Married on Sick Bed.

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Humor of the Day.

GAME IS DROCKED.

Treaty With Russia is Finally Rejected by China.

Result is Brought About by Pressure of the Powers.

METHOD IS A SECRET.

The Check is Regarded as Being But Temporary.

The Bear is Still in Manchuria and Likely to Stay.

New York, March 23.—A Times special from Washington says:

The Russo-Chinese treaty has been rejected by China. The powers opposed to the Russian acquisition of Manchuria have won the first round, for there is every reason to believe that news are now passing between them with a view to preventing any further efforts on Russia's part to negotiate a treaty with China. The sudden fact about China's part is the result of work done by other powers. The way in which it was done was secret, but it is certain that pressure from European capitals was the cause of China's rejection of the treaty.

This is, of course, only a temporary check to Russia. She can now insist that China accept the treaty making it necessary some modifications in it which will give ground for reopening the subject. It is to prevent this that according to reliable information negotiations are now going on between the powers.

The proof which the rejection of the treaty furnished that Russia's intention at the Chinese court is not omnipotent has eventually given encouragement to the opposition powers who believe that any alteration in the spirit in which the treaty is concerned. However, even if they succeed in preventing Russia from believing any kind of agreement with China they will not have much to progress toward getting her out of Manchuria.

CHINA WANTS TO BE SHOWN.

London, March 23.—The foreign office takes a pessimistic view of the immediate situation in the east in spite of the settlement of the Tien Tsin question. It entertains grave fears that the relations between Japan and Russia may shortly reach a dangerous point.

Judging from information obtained in various official quarters in London, Japan is contented to at least some of the powers to determine to oppose to any cost any secret negotiations made between Russia and China by which the former could secure territory or other advantage contiguous to Korea.

The British government has received no official confirmation that the Japanese are mobilizing in Korea, but it is not surprising to learn that such were the facts. A highly placed British official said in a representative of the Associated Press today:

"All Japan wants is a free hand against Russia. This she has got so far that she is mobilizing in Korea, and, I presume, so far as the United States government is concerned, although I can not imagine for what moment that any alteration in the spirit in which the treaty is concerned, however, even if they succeed in preventing Russia from believing any kind of agreement with China they will not have much to progress toward getting her out of Manchuria."

TO LEAVE CUBA.

18,000 Ex-Slaves Desire to Return to Congo.

New York, March 23.—A dispatch to the Herald from Brussels says Mr. Wm. George Emmanuel, a negro, born in the British Antilles of Congo parents, has just arrived at Antwerp en route for Brussels, where he hopes to obtain an audience with King Leopold. He is a delegate from 18,000 negroes of Congo origin who have since been liberated. They desire to return to the Congo states as independent citizens and establish settlements of their own. They do not want to become Cuban citizens, and have elected Mr. Emmanuel to ask the king of the Belgians to have them taken back to their native country. Immediately on landing in Europe Mr. Emmanuel wrote a letter to the secretary of state for Congo, informing him of the object of his voyage. If Mr. Emmanuel obtains an authorization of the king, the 18,000 negroes whom he represents will cultivate plantations of tobacco, rubber, cocoa, etc., in their native land.

SPAIN IS PAID.

Warrant Issued For \$100,000 For Stray Islands.

Washington, March 23.—Secretary Hay today gave to the Spanish minister, Duke D'Arcos, a treasury warrant for \$100,000 in payment for the island of Cagayan and other islands near the Philippine group. The payment was made in accordance with the terms of a agreement negotiated between the two countries, also protocols were signed exchanging final ratifications which confirm the title of the United States to those islands.

BURTON GETS HOME.

He at Once Becomes Center of Political Interest.

Senator J. E. Burton arrived from Washington, via Galena and Kansas City, last night. The politicians lined up around the Copeland and put in the evening in conferences. The same programme was on today, and other lieutenants have been sent for to come in over Sunday, as the senator goes back to Washington early next week.

It comes out very openly now that George Findlay is to be run for railroad commissioner, a "harmony" movement is in turn support Orlean, of Hutchinson, for the other Republican place. Morse was a Baker manager.

CONTRACTORS AGGRIEVED.

Congress Stopped Big Timber Sale in the Philippines.

New York, March 23.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Serious embarrassment has been caused by the administration and the development of the Philippines has been retarded by the legislation prohibiting the cutting of timber of the public lands of the archipelago. As the forests are on public lands the government is unable to authorize the felling of a tree to provide timber necessary for the construction of a new house or the repairing of an old one. If a gunboat were to lose a spar it could not be replaced, for the government could not take it from the public lands without violation of the law. Not only is the sale or lease of timber prohibited, but the sale or lease or disposition of timber is also prohibited.

This legislation was directly contrary to the policy of the president in the Philippines, who are convinced that in order to develop the islands it is necessary to attract American capital in necessary. Secretary Root does not believe that congress should be blocked at the expense of the people of the islands and it is believed he will hold that the president is authorized to grant timber concessions.

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IT IS FELT IN THE SENATORIAL FIGHT AT LINECOLN.

He is Working to Maintain the Existing Deadlock.

WANTED TO GO HOME.

Populists Wished to Spend Sunday With Their Families.

At His Urgent Request They Promise to Remain.

Lincoln, Neb., March 23.—Editor Rosewater made a third attempt last night to secure the caucus nomination for the North Platte senatorship, but failed as completely as in every other caucus that has been held. He received but 24 votes after 30 ballots had been cast, and 45 are necessary to a choice.

Meiklejohn's 14 men stood by him, and Curtis received 6 votes. D. E. Thompson, however, secured his nomination through the assistance of Rosewater, who is still waiting for the Burlington candidate to reciprocate. Thompson promised to help the Omaha editor, but it is now charged that Thompson failed to make good.

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