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THE AYUNTAMIENTO

The Liberal newspapers, or, at least, a part of them are already crowing victory over the results of the investigation in the Ayuntamiento ordered by the Provisional Government.

Why so much noise before the investigation is finished? Why, instead of trying to create prejudice against the Mayor and the councillors, don't the Liberals wait to see what specific charges are finally brought against the Ayuntamiento before the Provisional Governor?

LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES

It is rumored that the Conservatives are in pourparlers with the Liberals to unite their forces, but some of the Conservatives, it is said, will go with Zayas and others with José Miguel.

Governor Nuñez's faction, for instance, will join General Gomez's forces, while Lanuza and his followers, seem to be more bent on Zayas. In the very probable event that a third presidential candidate spring up ere long we suppose that there will be enough conservatives remaining to follow his flag.

The signs of the times in Cuba indicate the split up of the parties, and keeping in mind that Havana politicians do not control the political forces in the provinces, and that there are at least two rival bosses in each important town of the island, it can be said that more than divided, the Cuban politicians are atomized.

The split among the Conservatives, should it take place, is not to be wondered at. Instead of following a definite and fixed program one day they express a desire for the immediate reestablishment of the republic, the next they declare the country incapable of self-government and following this declaration they say the island is already in the abyss of anarchy.

What is stranger yet is that many times their organs find grave fault with the Provisional Government but when it is said that the Americans will withdraw soon, they cry at the top of their voices it is 'n't time yet.

Having no leg to stand on it is much better and more logical, therefore, that they do as the others, i.e.: join one of the personal groups in which the Liberals are divided, and try to obtain power and dispense patronage.

JUDGE AROSTEGUI

Judge Martin Arostegui is to be congratulated on the prompt investigation and securing of evidence in the case of the murder of sailor Juan Planells.

On Wednesday morning the corpse of the murdered man was identified and yesterday sufficient proof had been gathered to make the indictment of Claderas, (the presumptive culprit quickly caught by the police pursuant to a warrant from the same judge) look very bad for him.

In other recent cases which have attracted the public's attention,—like the attack made yesterday on the colored woman Narcisca Uribe by her paramour Fernandez Muñoz, who attempted to commit suicide, immediately after his crime,—Judge Arostegui has also shown great promptness and efficiency.

STORM AT VALLADOLID

Special to the Diario Valladolid, August 9.—A terrific electric storm has just visited this city. Several lives were lost.

GOOD, SINCERE CUBANS IN PATRIOTIC UNION

Meeting Held on 3rd Instant at Residence of Salvador Cisneros to Consider Situation.

FOR CUBAN UNION

To Work to Unite Cubans in Single Desire to Consolidate Work of Martyrs.

This morning's Mundo contains the following interesting paragraph:

"On Saturday, the 3rd instant, a meeting was held in the residence of Sr. Salvador Cisneros and Betancourt, Belascoain 32 A. altos, with the object of constituting in this capital a group of good and sincere Cubans under the name of 'Patriotic Cuban Union' with the single aim of working tirelessly and disinterestedly for the salvation of our country, uniting sentiments of all worthy Cubans who truly love their country in the one single desire to see consolidated anew the beautiful work of the immortal martyrs of our native land.

"The marquis was unanimously named provisional president and Dr. Ernesto Fernandez, provisional secretary. It was resolved to draw up a provisional program for which work four of those present were selected, and the program will be read and discussed in the next meeting to be held on Saturday, the 10th, at the same place at eight sharp in the evening. All Cubans who desire the welfare, progress and happiness of their native land are invited to be present."

WISE CIGARMAKERS WANT TO STOP USURY

Sellers of Tickets for Raffles to Be Excluded From the Factories Also.

In its last session, the Federation committee of the cigarmakers of Cuba read a motion presented by the Henry Clay-Boek factory, proposing the exclusion from all the factories of the island of vendors of raffle tickets and other swindles, and it was resolved to approve the motion and send circular letters, announcing such action to all the factories with instructions that the vendors of the same expel such vendors whenever they present themselves.

The cigarmakers especially protest against the garriteros (as they call usurers in their peculiar slang) who lend money to the men in the facto-

ries at ten, twenty and fifty per cent interest for a week.

The apprentices in several of the factories have struck, alleging that not only are they being paid not more than half what they really earn, but that they are also being required to do work for which they did not apprentice themselves, such as opening sacks. They maintain that being apprenticed to cigarmaking, they do not intend to do any work but cigarmaking.

THE BIG STRONGHOLDS OF EUROPEAN CAPITAL

Glance at Great Banks of the World in Season of Expanding Credits.

The great banks of a given market do not by any means hold and dispose of all the capital in that market, but their statements are an unerring measure of the general position of capital; because, in proportion as capital is absorbed in or released from investment and speculation, so is credit also expanded or relaxed.

The condition of the moment, in the one, may be judged by what it is in the other. This is why week before last's New York bond statement, showing a surplus reserve only one-half that of a year ago, and very far short of the corresponding date in any year since 1893, was looked at with some misgiving.

The question now comes forward pertinently, what do the banks of the European markets show? This is the interesting exhibit, by the reports received this week:

GOLD HOLDINGS

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Of this it is to be said, first, that the resources of the Russian and Italian banks are practically unavailable for the market,—which emphasizes the showing of general weakness.

What is to prevent the recurrence of last autumn's formidable money strain, on a scale as much larger as the general bank position is weaker? First, presumably, the absence of such a world-wide stock speculation as pulled to the breaking-point on reserves of lending institutions a

year ago. Second, a possible relaxation in the demands of trade, at the various foreign markets as well as on our own. These are familiar answers, but they are the only answers, except for the hypothesis, frequently advanced last winter, that speculation and trade would alike disregard the money market; that bands would continue to offer the high rates because they felt they could afford it, and that the process would go on at the same pace as heretofore. This last was in fact the story of 1866 and 1873, and it is because lenders and borrowers are familiar with at least the tradition of those years, that the third possibility is not likely to become reality. (N. Y. Evening Post.)

FEAR TURKS MAY ATTACK MISSIONARIES

State Department Assured that Americans Are Fully Protected in Persia.

By Associated Press

Washington, August 8.—The State Department at the instance of the American friends of Persian missionaries and especially the teachers of the American schools at Urumiah, have requested the American ambassador at Constantinople to make inquiry concerning their safety. The Ambassador cabled today that the government declared that all necessary measures had been taken to safeguard American interests.

JAPANESE ENTERTAIN THEIR SPANISH HOSTS

Members of Royal Family, Diplomatic Corps and Local Officials Present.

Special to the Diario

Madrid, August 9.—A telegram from San Sebastian states that the officers of the Japanese vessels in that port have given a splendid entertainment aboardship at which members of the royal family, the diplomatic corps, local authorities and many more distinguished guests were present.

SAME OLD QUESTION

By Associated Press.

Chicago, August 8.—The Western Union operators on the overland division of the Chicago office, walked out tonight. The operators refused to work with the non-union men taking the places of the strikers at Los Angeles.

DISCOVERY OF DIAMOND FIELD IN ARKANSAS

There Are Prospects of a Big Yield in Its 600 Acres.

FIRST FIELD IN AMERICA

Discoverer Was a Native Who Carried Two Sparkling Stones to a Judge.

Unless all signs and expectations fail, says the Evening Post, Americans may soon be wearing diamonds found on American, not English, soil. This statement is made on the authority of Dr. George F. Kunz, probably the foremost authority on diamonds in the country. He has just returned from a careful two months' investigation of the new field, which is situated in Pike County, in southwestern Arkansas.

Only when it is stated that there is no other locality in the United States where diamonds are found "in place," can the great significance and importance of this discovery be understood. In short, the new region is the first real American diamond field to be discovered. Its 600 acres are owned by Arkansas men.

Every chance of discovering a new diamond field is so eagerly accepted by experts that this eagerness has given rise to all sorts of attempts to mislead them by "salting" schemes. A succession of disappointments of this sort had made diamond men wary, so that when it became known last summer that diamonds had been found in Arkansas, the matter was carefully investigated.

The investigation developed the fact that there was nothing suspicious about the discovery. A native, who could not read and write, walking along the road, saw two sparkling stones at the roadside and carried them to a local judge. Local jewelers pronounced them diamonds, and they were eventually submitted to Dr. Kunz.

Dr. Kunz, accompanied by Dr. H. S. Washington, the well-known petrographer, visited the region and made a careful survey of the field. Within the last few years Dr. Kunz has followed up every discovery of a diamond in the United States, with the hope that a new region worth while would be found. Discoveries in Wisconsin, Michigan, Indian, and Ohio were investigated, and in every case it was ascertained that the occurrence of the stone was unusual, and its discovery was explained by the fact that it was in the glacial moraine and had been carried down from some other field in Canada.

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