

CIGAR FACTORIES IN CUBA HAVE CLOSED

New York, Aug. 20.—According to tobacco trade dealers in this city, with two or possibly three exceptions, every prominent cigar factory in Savannah has closed down. The leaders assert that not only will the war in Europe have a most vital effect upon the Cuban cigar business in Havana but in the United States as well.

It is said to be a fact that nearly all of the Cuban factories having stopped operations, shipments from Havana will soon be eliminated and most of the factories will remain suspended until there is a large accumulation of orders and probably until some time in September, when preparations begin for the holiday trade production.

Charles Landau, North American agent for the Upmann factory, Havana, explains the suspension of operations by Cuban factories as follows:

"Since the European orders have been cancelled the only business left to the manufacturers of Cuba is that of the United States and Canada. The Mexican and South American business had already dwindled to practically nothing as the result of revolutions and depleted finance in those countries.

EXPORTS CUT DOWN

"Now the total exports of Cuban cigars last year were one hundred and eighty three millions, of which Canada and the United States took only sixty-six millions. With their total exports cut down, therefore, to one-third of its normal volume, the Cuban factories cannot continue to operate without sustaining great losses. In addition to this sudden stoppage of outlet is the all im-

portant feature of wrapper selection. Europe is a dark-cigar market. In Spain, Italy, Portugal and those countries black cigars exclusively are used, and in Germany, France and England dark colors are also in general demand, whereas in the United States nothing but Colorados and Claros can be marketed. With Europe as an outlet for his dark tobaccos, the manufacturer has been able to produce on a close profit basis goods suitable for the American trade.

"Now with no outlet for his dark tobaccos, the entire economic scheme of his business existence falls like a house of cards. The fixed charges of some of the larger factories are considerably over one thousand dollars a week, taking into account monthly and yearly salaries that have to be paid; but, even so, it will be less expensive under present conditions for such factories to suspend.

BUSINESS MUST ACCUMULATE

"It is my opinion that the manufacturers will continue to collect orders, but they will resume operations only when enough business has accumulated to make operation practicable. Personally, I cannot see how the factories can do anything but wait until the shortage of imported goods in this country breaks down American discrimination against dark-colored cigars. It would not surprise me if eventually this will come.

"Certainly, as every cigar man knows, the manufacturers in Cuba cannot continue to manufacture without an outlet for these dark tobaccos. I do not like to take a pessimistic view of the future, but the facts are facts, and there is no use trying to evade them."

ONCE AGAIN

Elmer Bates, erstwhile Cleveland newspaper man, more recently a country journalist, was coming up W. 6th st. from the Union depot the other morning when he was halted by an old-time pensioner.

"I'm—I'm afraid I don't recognize you," faltered Elmer, not quite truthfully. For this person had held him up for many a piece of silver in the old days.

"Why, yes," insisted the other, "you once saved my life."

"I did?" asked Bates, removing his glasses and wiping them carefully, as visions of bread cast upon the waters arose before him.

"Don't you remember? I was trying to get to Chicago to bury my poor old mother. You staked me to supper, lodging and breakfast, got me a ticket to Chicago and gave me \$3 for spending money."

"Yes, dear old chap," was the answer. "And I knew I'd meet you again, some day. Listen! I'm in the same fix again."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A WAR INCIDENT OF A CENTURY AGO

Washington, Aug. 22.—In the light of present events in Europe it is interesting to recall the fact that residents of this vicinity, including the President of the United States, and all the officials of the Government, were having some similar worries of their own just one hundred years ago today. On this date in the year 1814 word was received in Washington that the British expedition under Gen. Ross and Admiral Cockburn had effected a landing on the shores of Maryland and was ready to march on the national capital.

Two days later, the British entered Washington and wrought such havoc with its public buildings that years were required to reconstruct them. The capture of the city was preceded by the defeat of a motley army mastered to defend it. This engagement occurred at Bladensburg, Md. The American force consisted of several thousand raw militia under command of Gen. Winder and a few hundred of Commodore Barney's sailors and marines. Had the militia been equal to holding its ground the victory would have been with the Americans. But the citizen soldiers' quality was not on a par with their quantity. The American position at Bladensburg was strong and the defenders were well posted. The British force consisted of less than five thousand men, but the most of these men were veterans, who had fought under Wellington in Europe. After a scrambling skirmish, the British charged and the American militia broke and fled. The sailors and marines alone disdained to retreat. They put up a resistance and were overcome by numbers. The President and his Cabinet were at Bladensburg when the British approached, but returned to the city when the conflict began, and, narrowly escaped capture.

POWERFUL DESCRIPTION

When you begin to comment on the physical characteristics of a man's children, and yet desire to say something particularly effective, you sometimes have to resort to figures of speech.

This is particularly true when you intend to impress an idea that may hurt your hearer's feelings.

For example—a friend dropped in to see a Western farmer who was famous for seven reasons. One was the horrible, garish red of his hair. The other six consisted of the hideous, garish red of the hair of his six children.

"Sam," said the visitor, "you'll never have to worry about your children going hungry. Set 'em up on a fence any day, and a woodpecker will feed them."—Popular Magazine.

THE BOODLE ORGAN AND ITS FALSEHOODS

(Moncton Transcript.) The Fredericton Gleaner is one of the most disloyal newspapers in Canada, through seeking at the present moment to set one-half its people against the other by publishing deliberate falsehoods about the Liberal party and its policy. It is the newspaper which shared in the plunder robbed from the people of New Brunswick by the buccannery who boarded the provincial ship of state, extorted money from the lumbermen and filched from the Valley Railway expenditures. The Gleaner is waving the old flag to distract attention from its share in the rascality. Because it waves the old flag it is no less responsible for the plunder of the provincial treasury. The money which was filched from the Valley Railway expenditure would enable the people of New Brunswick to equip and maintain a large body of troops in the defence of the empire, but the plunderers have wasted the contents of the money bags.

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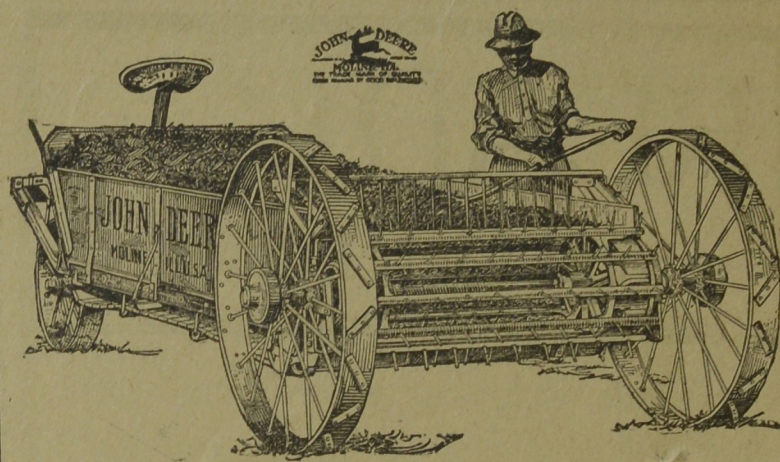
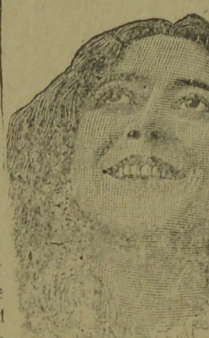
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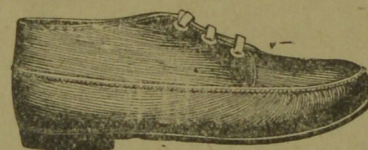
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