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THE SITUATION IN CUBA.

It is the opinion of a great many people who have been closely observing events in Cuba during the past few years, that the troubles of that unhappy island only really began when it secured its independence, and set up house keeping as a republic. There is a belief also that the final outcome of the present condition of affairs in Cuba will be to land the island in the American union, and probably such a fate would be best for all concerned.

The United States spent much blood and treasure to secure Cuba's freedom from the Spanish yoke, but retains a sort of protectorate over the island, but the new relations are not working satisfactorily. Washington advises say that distrust of the United States is growing in Cuba, inspired principally by the failure of Congress to redeem the McKinley administration's pledge for the industrial relief of Cuba.

The Cuban Government has already begun to retaliate by forestalling what is considered the United States' desire to establish a naval station at the arsenal grounds in Havana by renting that property. By a series of acts within the last month Cuba has shown that until the United States makes good its promises the Cubans will not willingly grant concessions on the island.

The most overt act which has shown Cuba's tendency to treat the United States cavalierly was the action of the Cuban Cabinet in authorizing the rental of the Havana arsenal grounds, a course said to be inspired by the belief that the United States desired to establish at that point one of the two naval stations to which it is entitled in Cuban territory.

The fact is that the United States navy has had no intention of establishing a naval station at the arsenal, but is evidently desirous of keeping a hold for that purpose on Tricornia, across the bay from Havana, where there is already a supply of coal, which the Cuban Government weeks ago requested be removed. This has not been done, a fact which increases the Cuban fear that it is the plan of the United States to establish a naval station under the shadow of Morro Castle.

The Navy Department would have liked to establish the naval stations at once. Plans were laid in that direction, but President Roosevelt expressed the opinion that it would be good policy not to proceed with negotiations for concessions for coaling or naval stations until the United States had discharged, in part at least, its pledges to Cuba. As a result of the delay the naval stations may be far less advantageously located than would have been the case had reciprocity been granted during the last session of Congress.

Customs receipts in Cuba are far less than ever before. Cities and towns are barren of municipal advantages. Discontent is growing.

General Fitzhugh Lee, former United States Consul-General at Havana, well acquainted with Cuban conditions, declared three weeks ago that anarchy lurked ahead for the Cuban Government, and that the only thing which could avert deplorable conditions was the inspiring of confidence to American capital by the Cuban Government.

General Bragg, United States Consul-General, caused an intense furor in Cuba by declaring in a letter written to his wife, and published in a Chicago newspaper, that "Uncle Sam might as

well try to make a whistle out of a pig's tail as to do anything with the Cuban people." Complaint was made to the State Department. General Bragg admitted the statement, and the case was sent to the President for action. It is conceded that General Bragg's usefulness as a Consular officer is past, but he has not yet been recalled, a fact which has greatly nettled the public and press of Havana, and which doubtless increases the distrust of the United States.

In the closing hours of Congress, Senator Elkins tried to force the passage of his Cuban annexation bill. This has infused in the Cuban mind the idea that strong influences in both Houses of Congress have been insincere in the reciprocity effort, and regard it as only a matter of time until the United States will annex the island.

Recent official returns show that cholera is spreading with terrible rapidity in Manchuria. The epidemic now claims hundreds of victims daily, mostly Chinese, but Russians and other Europeans are dying of the disease. At Tok between June 6 and July 18, there was 834 cases and 650 deaths, and at Harbin since the recent outbreak, 1,463 cases and 939 deaths have been reported. At Mukden there was 49 deaths out of 76 cases in eight days, and at Port Arthur 67 deaths out of 109 cases in 10 days. At Kirtin there have been about 50 deaths daily and Chacodsky, on the Yalu River, reports 30 deaths daily. These statistics are given as samples of the reports which are being received from all sections of Manchuria.

Premier Peters of P.E. Island, who has just returned from London, speaking of the colonial premiers, says Sir Wilfrid Laurier was easily captain of them all. "He is head and shoulders over all others," was the term used by P. E. Island's premier, to express his opinion of Canada's first minister. "In appearance, dress, speech, personality, and intellect he surpasses them all, and was by long odds the most popular." Part of his, Mr. Peters says, is due to the position Canada occupies among the other colonies, but Sir Wilfrid's charm of manner, and delightful tact are also important factors which have contributed to his success.

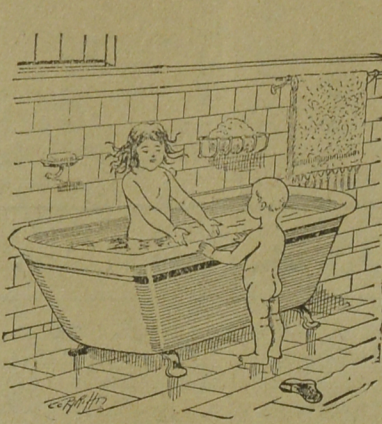
This is coronation week, and notwithstanding the continued assurances from London that the King will be well able to endure the fatigue of Saturdays' ceremony, there will be considerable anxiety until the affair is over. The exercises will be cut short, but the excitement of the occasion must tell on His Majesty, who while convalescing, must still be extremely weak and unfitted for such a function. The King's subjects everywhere hope that no untoward event may attach itself to the ceremonial, and that His Majesty may successfully be crowned on the date fixed for the great event.

If it is true that an officer of the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles cheated his fellow officers out of \$5,000 by using marked cards playing poker, his name should be made public without delay. He has been deprived of his medal and his war gratuity, but further public exposure should follow. "An officer and a gentleman" are not terms that could be applied to a card-sharper.

The King has invited Lucas Meyer, a Boer general now in England, to witness the coronation, and the latter has been lunching with Mr and Mrs Chamberlain. These facts will not please Mr Seddon, the New Zealand premier, who thinks the Boers are being made too much of, but they will help to smooth out whatever ill feeling may remain as a result of the war.

While it may be true that a good deal of coronation enthusiasm has died out, there is the prospect of great public rejoicing in London and in many Canadian towns and cities on Saturday next. Can Frederickton afford to remain out of the celebration, or cut its program down to a torchlight parade and fireworks display?

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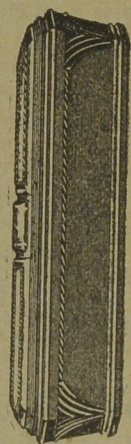
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Dated at the City of Frederickton this tenth day of July, A. D. 1902.
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