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and China should not be checked it would drive the whites out of British Columbia. The question really was, he continued, whether the British Columbia of the future should be dominated by subjects of the Mikado or by Canadians, and his party would insist that the province be ruled by men of British ancestry. Some predict that on this issue the provinces west of Lake Superior will be carried against the Liberal Government.—Japan has the same question at home, where complaint is made about the recent importation (by a contractor, with the permission of the Government) of several hundred Chinese coolies, who are employed in extending the Government railways, working for a little more than half the wages which Japanese are accustomed to receive.

Cuban Conspirators Arrested

Maso Parra, Juan Ducasse and Lara Miret, revolutionist conspirators, were arrested on the 26th by the Government's secret police. The three men call themselves generals. Parra turned against the Cubans in the recent war, and commanded a band of guerrillas in the interest of Spain. There were indications that he had received a large bribe. After the war he lived in Madrid. The Palma Government excluded him from Cuba. He returned a few months ago, coming from Santo Domingo. Ducasse is a negro. Governor Magoon has known for some time that there was a conspiracy to cause an uprising on or about the 28th, and that these men were the leaders of the movement. They had plenty of money and were at work among the negroes, who were discontented and who were told by these conspirators that a revolt against American rule would be supported by Japan. It is asserted that money was supplied to the conspirators by persons in New York, and that the Government knows who these persons are. Arrests were made when it was ascertained that the conspirators were planning the destruction of the palace in Havana by dynamite. An uprising was predicted in a long cable message sent on the 25th to a New York paper by the conspirators. To this a misleading signature was attached. The revolutionists appear to have had the support of no political

party. Gen. Pino Guerra, leader in the recent uprising, denounces them. General Gomez, the Liberal leader, commends the Government for making the arrests. Thousands of messages to the same effect have been sent by Cubans to Governor Magoon. Discontent appears to be confined to the negroes of the island. On the 28th, near Mayari, in Santiago province, a band of thirty revolutionists or outlaws fired upon the rural guards. On the same day the guards, at a place near Nipe Bay, were attacked by a small party. While no serious conflict with the discontented is expected, it is thought that the events of the past week will prolong the period of American occupation.—Governor Magoon's plans for spending large sums in the construction of good roads are not approved by planters and other employers, because it is thought that the work would require thousands of laborers who are needed elsewhere.—The movement for the erection of a monument to the memory of General Vara del Rey, the Spanish commander who fell while leading his forces at the battle of El Caney, in the recent war, is approved by many influential citizens. Among the subscribers to the fund are Governor Magoon and prominent officers of the American army.—On the 18th, the Dominican Congress, by a vote of 14 to 2, authorized the President of the republic to act with respect to the contract with New York bankers for a loan of \$20,000,000. It is said that the bonds will be taken at 96. This loan is required for the settlement of the foreign debt, in accordance with the plan provided by the recent agreement with our Government.

The Hague Conference

No action of importance has been taken by the Peace Conference in session at The Hague during the past week. At the seventh Plenary sitting ten of the recommendations of the Commission on Maritime War were adopted. It was voted by 32 to 9 that merchantmen may be transformed into warships without restricting the place where the change may occur. The articles provide that no converted merchantman can claim the privileges of a belligerent unless it be placed under the direct authority and immediate control and responsibility of the State