

TREATY BECOMES LAW

Senate Passes the Reciprocity Bill by Decisive Vote of 67 to 18.

PARTY LINES WERE NEVER DRAWN

Republicans and Democrats Alike Give Majority for Cuban Reciprocity Bill.

VOTE WAS TAKEN AT CLOSE OF DAY

Previous to that the Measure Had Been Exhaustively Discussed.

HOAR VOTES FOR BILL, BUT PROTESTS

Does Not Believe in Treaties Affecting Tariffs, Now Does He Think the United States Owes Cuba Anything.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—By the decisive vote of 67 to 18 the senate today passed the bill carrying into effect the reciprocity treaty with Cuba. The final vote came at the close of a day which was marked by a debate which, while at times animated, was not acrimonious. The principal speeches were made by Mr. Spooner, for the bill, and by Mr. Duffell, against it. Both senators were subjected to frequent interruptions in his remarks Mr. Duffell referred to the recent agreement of the democratic caucus to stand solidly on party questions and warned the republicans that in the future they could not depend on straggling democrats in support of any measure. Mr. Spooner, in reply, stated that he was not in accord with democratic doctrine. The bill passed carries into execution the treaty between the United States and Cuba, which was ratified last March. The treaty provides for a reduction of 20 per cent from the rates of duty under the Dingley law on all Cuban articles imported into the United States and a varying reduction of from 50 to 60 per cent from the established Cuban duty on articles into Cuba from the United States. The treaty also provides for the payment of \$100,000 to the Cuban government for the purchase of a holiday recess from December 19 to January 4.

SPOONER DISMISSES MEASURE.

When the senate convened today Mr. Spooner spoke on the Cuban reciprocity bill. He spoke on the varying positions of the opponents of the bill, and especially of the introduction of the Newlands resolution inviting Cuba to become a part of the United States, deprecating it and saying that he hoped it would be postponed, indefinitely, because, he said, sometimes invitations are regarded as commands.

Mr. Spooner also discussed the effect of the admission to Cuba of the Platt amendment as a part of the Cuban constitution and said it should remain there forever for Cuba's own protection, both as against foreign foes and against insurrection. He contended that the Platt measure in no way derogates from Cuba's independence. He expressed the opinion that the United States owed the life of Pinar, the Cubans also thought they own it, he said, but we had not opened a bank account with the Goddess of Liberty when we freed Cuba, and could not afford to have like a shopkeeper cover matters with that republic. Mr. Spooner said the Newlands resolution was in direct opposition to the Teller resolution. Mr. McKinley had put it in a sentence when he said that our intervention must not be demanded as an indemnity.

TELLER RESOLUTION STOPPED TROUBLE.

"We could not," he said, "do less, and no nation interfering between a colony-owning government and one of its colonies could be permitted by other nations to do so for the inclusion of Cuba in the Platt amendment is a rare case." He believed that but for the Teller resolution, there would have been a concerted action on the part of the European powers against the United States in the war with Spain. For these reasons, he said, he was opposed to the Newlands measure.

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Mr. Spooner also replied to the charge that the bill is in the interest of the sugar trust, referring to the differing motives attributed by the opponents of the bill to the senators who favor it.

MR. SPOONER SAID THE HOUSE BILL OF THE LAST SESSION REDUCED THE RATE OF THE PLATT AMENDMENT.

Mr. Spooner spoke of the fact that Mr. Teller had challenged the republican senators to pass it, notwithstanding it would have been a deadly blow to the best sugar interests. He added his opinion that if Mr. Teller believed that the challenge would have been accepted he would not have made it.

MR. TELLER ADMITTED SUCH TO BE THE CASE. HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE REPUBLICAN SENATORS WOULD ACCEPT THE BILL BECAUSE IT REMOVED THE DIFFERENTIAL DUTY ON REFINED SUGAR.

"I did not want to kill the differential," said Mr. Teller, "it was put on the bill by the house to kill it."

"THEN," SAID MR. SPOONER, "I HAVE DEVELOPED ONE THING."

Teller made a bliss.

"THAT THE CHALLENGE WAS A BLISS," SAID MR. TELLER, TAKING THE WORDS OUT OF THE WISCONSIN SENATOR'S MOUTH.

"Then," continued Mr. Spooner, "the charge against us are inconsistent."

MR. TELLER REPLIED TO THE INSINUATION BEHIND THE BILL, WHICH HE SAID WOULD NOT ONLY OF THE SUGAR TRUST, BUT THOSE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

Mr. Spooner declared that some of the senators had surrendered their independence and he did not consider such a charge as courteous. He followed with an account of the bill.

"I REMAIN," HE SAID, "THE NOTION THAT AN EXECUTIVE CAN FOLLOW A BILL INTO THE SENATE, AND I HAVE NEVER KNOWN AN EXECUTIVE WHO VIOLATED HIS OWN OFFICE BY INVADING OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT."

He added, however, that he, with others, had resented the propaganda of a year ago in the interest of reciprocity. "I did not," he said, "like to receive communications from officers of the United States serving in Cuba, instructing us as to our duty."

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ANXIOUS FOR ATTARIAN TO GO

Turkish Government Would Like to Get Consul Davis' Portage Out of Country.

ANTANTINOPIE, Dec. 16.—The port

planned to the United States by the acting officials at the American consulate in Alexandria are preventing the embarkation of Attarian, the American, whose second wife was arrested and sent to leave Alexandria, whom the port instructed the local authorities to obtain a passage on an Italian steamer at the cost of the government. It was the opinion of the port that the embarkation of Attarian would remove the principal cause of complaint. The legation has not yet presented any demands for reparation. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Acting Secretary of State Ades has taken a firm stand in the matter of the assault upon the American consul by the Turkish officials and has ordered the Turkish officials and consular attaché to leave Alexandria, and has ordered the port to instruct the local authorities to obtain a passage on an Italian steamer at the cost of the government. It was the opinion of the port that the embarkation of Attarian would remove the principal cause of complaint. The legation has not yet presented any demands for reparation.

WANT PARSIFAL FOR GERMANY

Berlin Wagner Society Objects to Production of Opera in United States.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—The Berlin Wagner society has produced an indignant protest against the production of "Parsifal" in New York, declaring that "Richard Wagner's holy legacy to art, whose production he designed to reserve for the consecrated Temple of Art, which he created, is thrown away upon auditors in the land of dollars, who possess no conception of the true essence of Wagner and probably never will possess any." The society does not criticize the American court for its decision in the matter, but expressed the most profound indignation over the profanation of this most precious jewel of Wagnerian art, and refers to the "great pain felt here that German artists have been found who are so lost to shame as to aid in this act of desecration."

WHOLE SEA IS DISAPPEARING

Russian Town Covered with Sand, Vessels Beached and Mills Reducing Work.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 16.—The sea of Asof is disappearing and remarkable scenes are in course of enactment. At Taranog the waters have receded to such an extent during the last five days that the bed of the sea is visible for a distance of thousands of feet. High winds hurried clouds of sand shoreward, covering the town. Vessels are lying high and dry and the greatest confusion prevails in the harbor. Work in the factories has had to be reduced to a minimum on account of the lack of water.

GERMAN OFFICER DISGRACED

In Dishonorably Discharged and Imprisoned for Brutal Treatment of Subordinates.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Owing to the mistreatment of soldiers on 1500 counts and abuses of authority on 100 counts, a non-commissioned officer named Franke of the five-year infantry has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment and dishonorably discharged from the army by a court-martial at Redburg. The court declared Franke had displayed the "brutality of an ox driver."

DUMONT COMING TO ST. LOUIS

Brazilian Aeroplanist to Start from Paris in Couple of Weeks.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Santos Dumont will start for St. Louis in a fortnight to arrange for the installation of his huge dirigible balloon "Santos Dumont No. 7," and the hydrogen generators, said to be of the quality of the gas preliminary to taking part in the dirigible balloon competition.

SECOND OTTAWA FIRE VICTIM

Another Priest Succumbs to Injuries Received in Recent University Conflagration.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 16.—Father McGrey, a victim of the Ottawa university fire, is dead from his injuries.

EVANS IS IN HAWAII.

HONOLULU, Dec. 16.—The Raleigh, Cincinnati, Albany and Pompeii of the United States Northern Asiatic squadron, under command of Rear Admiral Cooper, arrive here today from Yokohama, via Midway island.

LATER IN THE DAY REAR ADMIRAL ROBLEY D. EVANS, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE NORTHERN ASIATIC SQUADRON, ARRIVED ON THE SLOOP KENTUCKY, ACCOMPANIED BY THE BATTLESHIP WISCONSIN AND OREGON.

GREAT NORTHERN THREATENED

In Trial of Man Charged with Threatening Northern Pacific New Facts Develop.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 16.—It developed today at the trial of Isaac Gravelle, charged with dynamiting Northern Pacific trains, that the Great Northern railway had received a threatening letter mailed two months ago from Cascade, Mont., in which demand was made for \$1500. The state asserts that Gravelle wrote the Cascade letter.

TRIES TO BRIBE THE MAYOR

Such Allegation is Made Against Congressman of Kansas City, Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 16.—Mayor L. B. Gilbert of Kansas City, Kan., testifying before the grand jury in that city today is said to have told of being offered \$5000 by a representative of the brick paving trust, so-called, to appoint as city council a man who would favor the trust in the awarding of contracts.

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MARINES FOR THE ISTHMUS

Commandant of Corps Organizes Permanent Battalion for Caribbean Sea Service.

REYES IS NOT BEING INTERVIEWED

Colombian Minister Refuses to Discuss Address of Assistant Secretary Loomis at Quill Club, but Works on Statement.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The speech of Assistant Secretary of State Loomis last night at the banquet of the Quill Club in New York, in which he laid bare some pertinent facts regarding the attitude of Colombia toward the Hay-Herran treaty, was the subject of considerable gossip here today, and there was much speculation as to the effect it would have on the future course of General Reyes, the special envoy of Colombia now in Washington. When seen today General Reyes admitted that he had read Mr. Loomis' address, but declined to make a statement.

"I AM A DIPLOMAT," SAID HE, "AND IT WOULD BE WISE FOR ME TO MAKE ANY COMMENT."

General Reyes is still engaged in the preparation of the report of his mission to the State department, and while refusing to disclose the nature of it, said that much of it will be devoted to an argument setting out the reasons why the United States should see to it that Panama shall assume its share of the Colombian debt. General Reyes is uncertain when he will file the document with the department, but he thought it would be within the next few days.

PREPARES CORPS OF MARINES.

At the instance of Secretary Moody, Brigadier General George F. Elliott, commandant of the marine corps, has issued orders for the formation of a battalion of marines to be known as the Caribbean sea battalion. This battalion will be regularly attached to the Caribbean sea squadron, though its immediate destination is Colombia. It will be assembled at Philadelphia as rapidly as possible and the Dixie has left Colon to return there with the new squadron.

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PRESIDENT WHEELER SAID TODAY:

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FROM WHAT WE HAVE THIS FAR LEARNED IT SEEMS THAT THE CHECK WAS MADE OUT SINCE 1888 HAS USED SUMS OF MONEY THAT HE HAS TAKEN FROM THE UNIVERSITY, WHETHER AS FEES OR DONATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY, HAS APPROPRIATED THEM TO HIS OWN USE.

So far as we know in this fiscal year, the total amount was \$20,000 or more. He had spent it in various ways.

PRESIDENT WHEELER SAID HIGHLY OF MCKOWN'S PERSONALITY AND WAS VIBRANTLY AFFECTED IN TELLING HOW HIS TRUST HAD BEEN BETRAYED.

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AGITATES ARMY OFFICERS

Creation of Divisions the All Absorbing Topic of Discussion.

PREDICT IT WILL RESULT IN FRICTION

Senator Millard Notices President Hoar Has No Objection to Reappointment of United States Marshal Matthews.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram)—The subject of the great deal of speculation today in army circles over the order of the general staff creating divisions out of departments at present in existence. And much of this speculation has been coupled with criticism of the manner which division headquarters are ordered established. Chicago protests against the chief of staff, which include the Department of the Lakes, Department of the Missouri and the Department of Dakota, being located at St. Louis. Omaha likewise protests against what seemingly is a step at the Department of the Missouri. Even Kansas City raised its voice against the location of the Missouri division headquarters. Since the promulgation of the general staff order creating the military divisions which will be presided over by major generals, top grade officers of the staff have commenced to realize what they may expect in the future.

General Adna R. Chaffee, assistant to the chief of staff, and speaking of the order creating military divisions said today that it was not the purpose of the general staff to change any of the present department headquarters. "These divisions," he said, "were created for the purpose of giving officers who will be assigned to the chief of staff, territory commensurate with their rank. They will be surrounded with a staff and each clerical help as is necessary to supervise the extensive territory included in military divisions. St. Louis," he said, "is the headquarters of the northern division because if you cast your eye over the territory including that division you will find that city most admirably situated toward the whole territory included in the northern division. We found on looking over the situation that it would not be at all advisable to have both the divisions and department headquarters located in the same city and Chicago was ruled out at that point as well as Omaha. The division commander will not have with him any of the supply departments of the army. His duties are those of a general. The headquarters of the various departments will remain as now and there should be no uneasiness. The creation of division headquarters is but following out the general plan of the general staff."

PREDICTS TROUBLE.

While General Chaffee was outspoken in setting forth the plans of the general staff, in army headquarters today it was intimated that in a high degree the division commander would be taking unto himself powers not at present contemplated by the staff. As one well known officer put it it will only be a little while before there is friction between the division commander and the department commander. The division commander, not being a general, will have to deal with division quartermasters, division commissaries and division paymasters. While everything seems to be purely of a supervisory nature now, so far as the general staff is concerned, it will not be many moons before changes in department headquarters are brought about unless congress steps in and refuses to appropriate money for division headquarters purposes. Already the general staff is making itself felt in the headquarters of the army.

CHIEF OF STAFF HAS HAD HIMSELF SURVEYED BY THE GENERAL STAFF AND HIS RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BEING APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL STAFF AND IN SOME CASES THE GENERAL STAFF HAS ALREADY TAKEN TO ITSELF CREDIT FOR THE INNOVATIONS MADE IN THE PAY AND QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENTS WHICH WERE RECOMMENDED LONG BEFORE THE GENERAL STAFF CAME INTO EXISTENCE. IN CONSEQUENCE OF THIS THERE CANNOT BE BUT FRICTION AND IT WOULD NOT BE AT ALL SURPRISING IF THIS FRICTION WAS CARRIED TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF CONGRESS AND THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE ARMY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1905 VERY MATERIALLY REDUCED OVER THAT OF 1904.

MOVE CLEVER FROM SAN JUAN.

W. E. Andrews of Nebraska, auditor of the Treasury department, has had his office moved considerably increased by the arrival of clerks from the customs division of Porto Rico, which division will now be directly under the control of the auditor of the Treasury department, instead of under the auditor of Porto Rico, as heretofore. This change was brought about because a uniform system of checking is absolutely necessary in handling customs accounts. The change was brought about through the application of the auditor of Porto Rico, who desired a uniform system of accounts, and which somehow or other seemed impossible to obtain when so far removed from the office having charge of the auditing of customs. The auditor for Porto Rico has a customs division corresponding to the customs division in the Treasury department, which has charge of the settlement of the Porto Rico customs accounts.

UNDER AN ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY THE AUDITOR FOR PORTO RICO HAS BEEN FORWARDING CUSTOMS ACCOUNTS TO THE AUDITOR FOR THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW AND ADVISORY PURPOSES.

The auditor for the Treasury department has advised the secretary of the Treasury that the auditor for Porto Rico has been forwarding customs accounts to the auditor for the Treasury department for review and advisory purposes. The secretary of the Treasury has ordered that the auditor for Porto Rico should forward customs accounts to the auditor for the Treasury department for review and advisory purposes.

ST. LOUIS IN RATE STRUGGLE

Committee of Grain Shippers Reported to Have Strained Fight on Omaha "Discrimination."

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram)—Of discrimination in the Omaha rate a committee of St. Louis grain shippers had conference with General Freight Agent J. C. Lincoln of the Missouri Pacific and got from him an order to western agents to raise the rate on cents. They want 3 cents additional per cent, saying St. Louis trade is being diverted.