

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 Owe 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. Dillier, against it. Both senators were subjected to frequent interruptions in his remarks Mr. Dillier 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 democratic votes in support of republican measures regarding the question of whether they were or were 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.

Spencer Discusses 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 think 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 haggle like a shopkeeper over 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 incentive of a few dollars, except in rare cases." 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.

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.

In referring to the house bill of the last session reducing the tariff on sugar, 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."

Teller Made a Bluff.

"That the challenge was a bluff," said Mr. Teller, taking the words out of the Wisconsin senator's mouth.

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

Mr. Teller referred to the influence behind the bill, which he said were 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 or helpful.

"I repeat," 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."

Mr. Spooner also discussed the effect of the adoption by Cuba of the Platt amendment as a part of the Cuban constitution.

Hear Talks of Measure.

Mr. Hear, speaking on the question, said he did not believe in the policy of treaties affecting the tariff and contended that direct legislation was easier of accomplishment than the exchange of treaties. Mr. Hear also said that because of his opposition to this method he had found it difficult to secure his own assent to support the bill. Mr. Hear objected to the claims that pro-cess had been made to Cuba and contended that he had not looked with favor upon the statement made by the president in his message to the effect that a failure to pass the bill would amount almost to a breach of faith. Still, he added, he did not believe in the policy of treaties.

ANXIOUS FOR ATTARIAN TO GO

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

ANTANTINOPIE, Dec. 16.—The port officials explained to the United States consul that the acting officials at the American consulate in Alexandria are preventing the embarkation of Attarian, the American, whose second wife is arrested consul Davis to leave Alexandria, whom the port officials 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 officials that the embarkation of Attarian would remove the principal cause of complaint. The legislation has not yet presented any demands for reparation.

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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.

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 ill become 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.

A cablegram to the Navy department, dated Colon, December 15, says that all is quiet on the northern coast. It is assumed from Admiral Coghlan's dispatch that the Atlanta and the Mayflower have finished their reconnoiter and have given to the department a favorable report.

The cruiser Olympia, which has undergone repairs at the Norfolk navy yard, will sail tomorrow for Colon for service as the flag ship of Rear Admiral Coghlan, commanding the Caribbean sea squadron.

It is probable that the Olympia, now serving as flag ship, will come to Washington on being relieved by the Olympia at Colon.

Panama Treaty Returns.

An expressman brought the Hay-Bunau-Varilla canal treaty, inclosed in a large box, to the State department today. It also had two tin boxes, one containing the keys to the big steel box and the smaller box contained within, containing the treaty.

Until the boxes are opened the State department officials cannot tell whether the enclosed treaty is the original, drawn here, counter-signed in Panama, or returned, or whether it is the ordinary ratification supposed to have existed in Panama. Minister Bunau-Varilla will remain in charge of the treaty until the United States has either approved or rejected it. If the treaty is approved by the senate, this copy with one proposed by the State department, thus completing the negotiations and putting the convention at once into effect.

England and Holland Are Coy.

Pending the result of the efforts of General Rafael Reyes to prevail on Panama through the Washington government, which sums its portion of the Colombian debt, it is not expected that Great Britain or the Netherlands will take any steps toward officially recognizing the new republic.

This delay, it is explained, is due expressly to the London and Hague governments to interests who are the largest holders of Colombian bonds and not as signifying sympathy on the part of those two nations for Colombia. It can be further stated that Great Britain and the Netherlands have been in the habit of closing their doors to international incidents as a closed chapter of international history, which they have already subscribed their unofficial approval.

Panama Receives Nauticos.

COLON, Dec. 16.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Dixie is still alongside the dock here landing stores in which are Christmas cheer, camp material, etc. It disembarked two tin boxes, one containing the keys to the big steel box and the smaller box contained within, containing the treaty.

The Panama government received yesterday, by the steamer Alencia, 500 cases of Mauser and Remington cartridges and 50 cases of rifles here today from Yokohama, via Midway island.

Later in the day Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, commander-in-chief of the Northern Atlantic squadron, arrived on the flagship Kentucky, accompanied by the battleships Wisconsin and Oregon.

RAILROADS OBJECT TO PRICE

Union Pacific and Rock Island to Buy No Rails Unless Reduction Is Made.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—There is a feeling of unrest in all steel structures from work articles. Rumors of all kinds are easily found for the ready official denial, although it is certain that a change in prices forms a serious topic of discussion everywhere in the trade.

A leading official of a prominent western railway system asserts that the Union Pacific and Rock Island roads have served notice upon the United States Steel corporation that they will not purchase steel under the prevailing price—\$28—and will probably demand more than a \$3 reduction.

The Credit Steel company, which yesterday passed the dividend on its preferred stock, dominates in large measure the steel market output. Its attitude toward the steel corporation is such that its withdrawal from the market may result, and this might cause further cuts in that product.

SMALL FIRE COSTS TWO LIVES

Mrs. Crosby and Daughter Are Burned Fatally by Flames Originated by Cook Stove.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 15.—James Crosby's wife and daughter, Grace, (the latter aged 12) were burned to death in their home in this city today, while a son, James, is missing and is believed also to have perished. The fire started from the kitchen stove.

CALIFORNIAN GOES WRONG

Secretary of Board of Regents Committed to Taking Funds of State.

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 16.—W. A. McKown, secretary of the Board of Regents of the State university, confessed today to President Benjamin Ide Wheeler that he is a defaulter in the amount of \$20,000 and possibly that the money was lost at the race track. Mr. McKown has been suspended by President Wheeler and placed under arrest by the local authorities.

Secretary McKown's arrest followed the discovery that he had attempted to pay a check with a check made out to him personally by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst. This check was for \$1,000 and was handed over by McKown to Bookmaker John Davis in payment of markers on the races for \$1,200. Davis gave McKown \$400 in change and deposited the