

ADOPTS AMENDMENT.

Cuban Constitutional Convention Votes to Accept Congress' Terms.

Vote Stood 16 to 11 and It Was Taken Without Discussion—United States May Evacuate the Island Some Time This Summer.

Havana, June 13.—The Cuban constitutional convention accepted the Platt amendment by a vote of 16 to 11. The resolution to accept was carried without discussion.

Washington Officials Pleased.

Washington, June 13.—The news of the adoption of the Platt amendment by the Cuban constitutional convention yesterday was received with genuine gratification here. The administration officials all along have felt confident that its ratification would be accomplished when the Cubans realized that this government was firm in its attitude regarding the amendment and that its acceptance would be necessary before the United States would consent to withdraw its supervision from the island. Now that the Cubans have demonstrated their good faith in the United States it is expected that a fairly speedy evacuation of the island will follow, contingent only upon the establishment of a stable government in the island.

One cabinet officer, speaking of the matter last night, expressed the opinion that if the other requirements are met our withdrawal might be accomplished during the summer and that Cuban independence might be a reality by next autumn.

COMMISSARY FRAUDS.

Reports That Uncle Sam Has Sustained Losses Through Some of His Army Officers at San Francisco.

San Francisco, June 13.—Gen. Shafter and Col. Maus, inspector general of the department of California, and the federal grand jury are investigating the many reports of fraud committed in the commissary branch of the army service in this city. That the reports seem to be based on something more substantial than idle rumor is evidenced by the disclosures following the arrest of Louis Abram and son, dealers in second hand clothing. The extent of the alleged frauds has not been determined, and there is a diversity of opinion on the subject.

POSTMASTERS' SALARIES.

The Annual Readjustment Just Completed—The Showing This Year the Best Since 1883.

Washington, June 13.—The annual readjustment of postmasters' salaries has just been completed in the office of the first assistant postmaster general, the result being that, on the 1st of July, 1,770 postmasters will receive increased pay and 229 will receive reduced compensation. The total reduction is \$28,400 and the aggregate increase \$215,600, making a net increase of \$187,200.

With the exception of 1900 the showing made this year is better than that for any other year since 1883, the first year in which postmasters' salaries were adjusted on the present basis.

Many Regulars Want to Remain.

Washington, June 13.—Adj. Gen. Corbin has received the following cablegram from Gen. MacArthur at Manila: "A large number of men in regular regiments ordered to the United States wish to remain here. Authority is requested to transfer those desirable to regiments remaining." Gen. Corbin has cabled a reply to Gen. MacArthur granting him the authority requested.

Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 13.—At yesterday's session of the supreme lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen the report of the finance committee was read. It showed receipts for the year ended May 31, 1901, of \$94,481 and disbursements of \$77,471. The total surplus of assets over liabilities was shown to be \$197,297. A report by the supreme master showed 430,000 members in the order.

As to Mr. Bryan's Strength.

New York, June 13.—The New York Herald has polled state opinions as to the future of Mr. Bryan. Many of the replies indicate that the Nebraskan will not again be a candidate, although he may retain influence with the party. A kindly spirit pervades the responses.

Perished in a Fire.

Oskaloosa, Ia., June 13.—Frank Gunn, son of a prominent merchant, perished yesterday in a fire that destroyed John Kennell's grain elevator. The property loss was about \$10,000.

Illinois on Her Trial Trip.

Boston, June 13.—The new battleship Illinois made her trial trip for speed Wednesday. Her average speed was 17.4 knots per hour.

MODERN WOODMEN.

The Proposition to Take Into the Order Men from the Big Cities Voted Down.

St. Paul, Minn., June 13.—Election of officers and a protracted contest over the admission of cities of over 200,000 to the jurisdiction of the order filled the business day for the Modern Woodmen of America yesterday. The proposition to take city members into the order came up on the report from the law committee. An amendment was proposed to this report to dispense with the present limit, which keeps cities of over 200,000 from joining the order, Chicago, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Buffalo, Detroit, Cleveland, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh being named in several motions and being then taken up one at a time and voted on. On Chicago the vote was 260 to 325 and the others were more quickly disposed of, all being voted down. This leaves paragraph 4 of the law committee's report with the single recommendation that Utah be admitted to the jurisdiction of the order, and this amendment will doubtless be carried on Friday. The action taken yesterday afternoon is considered as settling for some years to come the membership limitations of the Modern Woodmen.

W. A. Northcott, of Illinois, was re-elected head consul and R. R. Smith, of Brookfield, Mo., was chosen head banker.

HAS UNIQUE RECORD.

Members of the Thirty-First Volunteers, Just Back from Manila, Did Not Fire a Shot in Battle.

San Francisco, June 13.—The Thirty-first regiment of volunteers, which arrived on the transport Hancock, was landed at the presidio. In the two years of campaigning in the Philippines not a shot was fired in battle by any member of the regiment. Not one man in the command was killed or wounded by bullets, and of all the regiments to come back from the Philippines it has the smallest death record. Only 39 of the members died during the two years it was in service. Three of these were drowned and another was attacked by a band of hostile Moros and stabbed to death. The others died from diseases. On the vessel were 1,041 men and the officers of the command.

FOR NATIVE PRIESTHOOD.

Pope Would Have Catholic Clergy in American Islands Free from the Traditions of Spain.

Rome, June 13.—The pope, in private audience with Cardinal Gibbons, discussing the question of the religious orders in Cuba and the Philippines, referred to regularizing the position of the friars and creating a native priesthood who would not be slavish adherents of Spanish traditions. The pope and Cardinal Gibbons do not deceive themselves regarding the difficulties of the problem they have before them.

RAILROADS IN CUBA.

A Total of 124 on the Island, of Which 17 Are Public—Earned \$2,120,662 Last Year.

Havana, June 13.—William H. Carlson, special commissioner of railroads, has published a report which says that there are 124 railroads in Cuba, representing a cost of \$68,474,407. Seventeen of these are public roads, representing a cost of \$57,164,715, and 107 are private, costing \$11,309,692. The earnings of the public roads last year were \$6,212,143, and the operating expenses \$4,107,340, leaving a profit of \$2,120,662.

CAILLES IS OBDURATE.

Famous Insurgent Leader Will Not Surrender Except Upon Such Terms as He Has Prescribed.

Manila, June 13.—Gen. Sumner has received a notification from Cailles, the notorious insurgent leader in Laguna province, that unless the general agrees to the Filipino terms, which include the granting of amnesty to the insurgents, Cailles will not surrender and the negotiations on the subject are to be considered at an end.

Glasgow University 450 Years Old.

Glasgow, June 12.—The week's celebration of the 450th anniversary of the foundation of Glasgow university commenced Wednesday with a religious service at the cathedral. The gathering was strikingly international. America was represented by delegates from California and Massachusetts, while most of the universities of the continent were represented.

Two Boer Prisoners Shot at Pretoria.

Pretoria, June 13.—Two Boers have been court-martialed and shot for trying to escape from Pretoria and to rejoin their commandoes after having taken the oath of neutrality.

Mrs. McKinley Able to Sit Up.

Washington, June 13.—Mrs. McKinley's physicians report that she continues to show improvements and Wednesday she spent part of the day in her rolling chair.

FORGOT HIS LINES.

The Amateur Comedian Spoiled the Effect of His Little Speech of Appreciation.

"I'll never forget one of my earliest appearances on the stage," said a solemn-faced comedian who now enjoys a solid reputation as a panacea distributor for the blues, relates the Detroit Free Press. "It was in an amateur performance in a small town where I had lived for some time and was well known, and where the populace is sometimes inclined to treat the crude efforts of aspiring Thespians with considerable levity. I was to do a specialty between acts—a sort of 'Face on the Barroom Floor' recitation, with plenty of 'cracked ice' music and all that sort of thing—and I had rehearsed that thing so thoroughly that I believed I was a second Booth.

"The afternoon before the performance the stage manager, who was a professional, quietly informed me of a little plot on the part of some of my unappreciative friends. Although it was the wrong season for cabbages, they had hunted high and low for one of those one-time popular tokens of approval, and finally they went so far as to have one shipped from a neighboring town.

"Now," said the stage manager, confidentially, "I'll tell you how to get back at 'em in a nice way. When the garden truck has been passed over the footlights just smile pleasantly, as though it were the finest bouquet ever presented to a prima donna, and say:

"Ladies and gentlemen: I thank you very much for this kind evidence of your appreciation, and my only regret is that you didn't also send the corned beef."

"Well, the eventful night came, and sure enough, when I had finished my recitation a fine big cabbage head, most elaborately trimmed with flowers and ribbons, was passed up to me. I accepted it gracefully, and then made my little set speech, but this is the way I said it:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: I thank you very much for this evidence of your appreciation, and my only regret is that you didn't also send the cabbage."

This was of course received by the audience with a most solemn silence, but there was a crash of glass back of the scenes. The stage manager, who had been waiting near the wings to note the result of the little retort on the audience, had fallen downstairs."

FACTS ABOUT COUNTIES.

The Shortest Name, the Largest and Some That Have Been Lost Track Of.

Some peculiar facts are being brought out by the twelfth census concerning the counties. For instance, the shortest name of a county is I, in Oklahoma, while the longest is St. John the Baptist, a parish in Louisiana, says the New York Sun.

Nebraska had a county named L'Eau qui Court, but the people had it changed to plain Knox in 1873, since which time it has grown from 78 to 14,343. Vernon county, Wis., was formerly known as Bad Ax. Minnesota once named a county Toombs, then changed it to Andy Johnson and now it appears as Wilkins. North Dakota boasted a county called Gin Grass, but it was changed to Wells.

Montana has the county with the largest area, Custer, which covers 24,490 square miles; the second largest is San Bernardino county, Cal., with 10,947 square miles. Both counties are larger than either Maryland, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Delaware, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island or Vermont.

The smallest county is Bristol, R. I., which has only 25 square miles, and Alexander county, Va., is next, with 32 square miles. Texas has 245 counties, the largest number. Delaware has three counties and Rhode Island five. Wyoming and Arizona have the unlucky number of 13 each.

There are several counties lost, strayed or stolen. Nothing has been heard from Mankanta county, Minn., since 1850, when it had a population of 158. Wahuata county, in the same state, disappeared about the same time with a population of two more than the other. Carson county, Nev., has been missing since 1860. Among the other counties which have disappeared are one of the Dawson counties in Texas; Cedar county, Utah, and Lyons county, Neb.

Too Much.

The Young Man—I suppose, sir, that when I become formally engaged to your daughter you will admit me as a member of the firm.

The Father—Well, I don't know. I don't feel as if I could afford the expense of both of these things just now.—Detroit Free Press.

A Philosphic View.

Whooph—I'm glad my salary isn't a million a year.

Gooph—Why?

Whooph—Oh, I'd lose too much every time I took a day off.—Baltimore American.

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Danger in Old Sayings.

"What a fine head your boy has," said an admiring friend.
"Yes," replied the fond father, "he's a chip of the old block—ain't you, my boy?"
"Yes, father; teacher said yesterday that I was a young blockhead."—Stray Stories.

Impressed Upon His Notice.

The various features for which the Lackawanna Railroad has become noted are involuntarily impressed upon the notice of the passenger, who realizes the luxury of hotel or club appointment in the electric lights; the smooth-running journals of the wheels; the extraordinary cleanliness made possible by the use of anthracite coal, avoiding all dust and nauseating smoke; the consciousness of being always on time—which comforts force an ease of mind and body most favorable to the enjoyment of the unsurpassed scenery through which its lines pass. It is but the natural sequence that the Lackawanna is prosperous in like degree to its excellence of service, and its warm friends are equal in number to its whole list of patrons, for once to test its service means an ardent admirer and friend earned for the road.—Van Etten Breeze.

A Broad Hint.

Mr. Staylate—Aw—Miss Dimples, you have such dreamy eyes, doncher know.
Miss Dimples—No, I'm just sleepy; that's all.—Ohio State Journal.

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The uses of adversity may be sweet, but the river is still called Salt river.—Detroit Journal.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. Samuel, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

When a mad dog gets after you it's fly-time.—Chicago Daily News.

No Eye for Home Comforts.

Mrs. Miggins—My husband is the most unreasonable man alive.
Mrs. Buggins—What has he done now?
"I've been at him for six months to buy some new furniture for the parlor, and he has just paid \$40,000 for an old seat in the stock exchange."—Philadelphia Record.

Yielded Readily for Him.

First Physician—Did old Coupon's case yield to your treatment?
Second Physician—It did. I treated it for six months, and it yielded something like \$500.—Stray Stories.

"You're a likely-looking girl," said Mrs. Hiram Offen, who was questioning a greenhorn girl. "Now, how were you trained across the water?" "His jokin' ye are, mum. There does be no trains. I was shipped across."—Philadelphia Press.

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