

ADVERSE CUBAN VOTE

Constitutional Convention Goes on Record Against Platt Amendment.

EIGHTEEN OPPOSED, TEN IN FAVOR

Conservatives Consider Result Injurious to Binding on Commission—Neeley May Dispose of Havana Holdings, but the Money Will Be Withheld.

HAVANA, April 13.—The Cuban constitutional convention placed itself on record today against the Platt amendment by a vote of 18 to 10, on a resolution that the convention should declare itself opposed to the amendment "on account of the terms of some of the clauses and the way in which they are drawn, and also on account of the contents of others, especially clauses 3, 6 and 7."

The conservatives assert that this action is embarrassing, inasmuch as it practically ties the hands of any commission that might be sent to Washington.

The legal authorities have granted permission to Charles F. Neely to sell the brickyard and land in Havana standing in his name. The money realized will be turned over to the court and kept in trust until a decision is reached regarding his alleged embezzlement of postal funds.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, April 13.—Recent advices from the United States indicate that there is an organized effort, based in part on special press dispatches of April 9 from Santiago to New York, to spread the impression that conditions of friction and discontent exist in eastern Cuba.

So far as the province of Santiago is concerned, nothing could be more remote from the facts. There have been and are differences of opinion regarding the Platt amendment, particularly its conditions as to coaling and naval stations, and these have led to some discussion, but there are absolutely no indications of serious trouble.

Last Sunday's demonstration relative to municipal politics consisted of a procession of from 400 to 600 men, with the usual following of small boys. Mayor Pedro gave the promoters a permit, despite the fact that they were his political opponents. Some one cried, "Down with the Platt amendment!" and he crowd laughed good-naturedly, but there was no symptom of disorder.

People here are working contentedly and becoming prosperous. There have been no strikes of late. Few tramps are in evidence. War talk is never heard. The successful harvesting of the large sugar crop has greatly improved business conditions.

Yesterday General White and Senator Castillo, the civil engineer of the province, visited El Cobre for an inspection of the new public works there. El Cobre was formerly considered a dangerous district, but they found everything quiet and the people at work.

DICTATE TO ENGLAND.

United States Investors Almost Ready to Drain British Gold.

LONDON, April 13.—In an elaborate discussion of the relation of British exports and imports the Statist will say tomorrow:

"Expansion of imports means that the United States are acquiring from England immense quantities of securities and that—as British capital in the United States as well as in the aggregate abroad is decreasing—the United States are now repaying the capital which we placed in that country in earlier days, when it needed our capital for railway, industries and lands at the rate of £40,000,000 per annum. The importance of the matter is increased in view of the high prices to which American railroad securities have now risen. There is a diminishing desire on the part of the Americans to purchase securities of us, and in the autumn we may be asked to pay gold for a part of our immense purchases of produce, instead of securities."

A Big Mormon Emigration.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., April 13.—Officials who have charge of the leasing of state lands to settlers and others state that during the coming spring there will be another big movement of Mormons from Utah to the Big Horn basin. Two thousand persons are said to be getting ready to trek over the mountains to the promised land, where they will settle under the big irrigating canal now being built from the Shoshone river.

New Rules Increase Trading.

MILWAUKEE, April 13.—Nearly a million bushels of May and July wheat were traded on the Milwaukee Board of Trade today under the new rules recently adopted. The orders came to Milwaukee brokers from all over the west. During the early hours the trading was almost entirely in May, but as the day wore on bidding in July began and was quickly taken up, and soon July equalled May in the volume of its trade.

JONES ON REORGANIZATION.

Democratic Leader Says No Radical Change is Probable.

FORT SMITH, Ark., April 12.—Chairman James K. Jones of the national democratic committee, in an interview today, speaking upon democratic politics in general, said he thought absurd the talk of some former recognized leaders of the party about the necessity for reorganization. What the policies of the party at the next national convention may be, he said, no one can say and it would be manifestly impossible for any man or set of men to formulate a new policy for the party in the interim. He thought it quite within reason to believe that there will be modifications of the platforms of Chicago and Kansas City, but what these modifications may be no one can say, although it is not probable such modifications will be radical in character. In speaking of the Philippines and Cuban relations, Senator Jones said he was gratified at the more peaceful turn in the Philippines and hoped it would result in a settled government with large independent powers. He hopes the government will soon "redeem its pledges to the Cubans and leave them to govern their island domain as it pleases them."

STILL INDEMNITY QUESTION.

No Appreciable Change in Negotiations of Foreign Ministers.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—There were no developments over night in the situation at Pekin so far as the state department is informed. The troublesome subject of indemnities is still engaging the attention of the ministers here and not much progress is being made toward a final settlement. Incidentally, exchanges are going on between the various foreign officers in a rather irregular manner and it is possible that they will eventuate in the arrangement of a basis of settlement. Some such course as this was found necessary to secure the original agreement upon which the ministers are now in negotiation with the Chinese envoys, the ministers themselves having failed to arrange a base for the negotiations.

First Spanish War Claims.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The first claim presented to the Spanish war claims commission was filed today. The claimant is Maria Soler E. Martinez and the amount is \$216,666, the stated value of personal and other property connected with a sugar plantation in Cuba which was destroyed during the late insurrection in the island. Mrs. Martinez makes the claim by virtue of the naturalization of her husband as a citizen of the United States.

George Q. Cannon Still Lives.

MONTEREY, Cal., April 12.—George Q. Cannon slept several hours today and is resting easy tonight. Dr. Cliff stated tonight that Mr. Cannon's condition was truly perplexing, although most critical. In view of the extreme age of the patient, his demise could be hourly expected, but he did not care to say that his condition was absolutely hopeless.

Harrison Monument Fund Grows.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 12.—The movement toward erecting a monument to the memory of General Harrison in this city has been revived by Senator Fairbanks, who will lead the subscription list with a contribution of \$1,000.

Gonisen Will Visit America.

COPENHAGEN, April 12.—The well known actor, Emil Gonisen, is arranging to tour the United States during the coming summer. He proposes to read his most notable plays in New York, San Francisco and other large cities.

Succeeds Thunder.

BLACK RIVER FALLS, Wis., April 12.—The Winnebago Indians will tomorrow elect Striking Tree (John Little Soldier) as successor to President John Thunder, deceased.

The demand for tin and terno plates is unusually heavy and next week will find every plant of the American Tin Plate company in full operation.

Funds for Perry Monument.

DES MOINES, April 13.—Governor Shaw received a letter from Baron Kentare Kaneko of Tokio, Japan, president of the American society of Japan, soliciting subscriptions to a monument to Commodore Perry, to be unveiled at Kurihama, Japan, July 14, the forty-eighth anniversary of the landing of Perry at that point.

Abraham Lincoln's Ashes.

SPRINGFIELD, April 12.—The remains of Abraham Lincoln, which have been resting in a temporary vault during the reconstruction of the Lincoln monument, will be removed to the new monument within a few days. The removal will be private, only the trustees of the monument, state officers and representatives of the press being present. It is probable that the casket containing the body of the martyred president will be opened.

CUBANS GAIN NOTHING

Administration Will Not Recede from Its Present Attitude to End Delay.

THE AMENDMENT OR NO CHANGE

If the Proposed Conditions Are Rejected Military Authority Will Continue—The President Will Be Pleased to Make Clear the Points Not Understood.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Information was received at the War department to the effect that the Cuban constitutional convention is contemplating sending a commission here to consult the president and secretary of war regarding the Platt amendment and the relations of the United States with Cuba.

While it is known that the administration would much prefer to have the constitutional convention accept the Platt amendment instead of sending such a commission, it would rather the commission should visit this country and discuss the subject than that the Platt legislation should be rejected. Flat rejection would leave matters in a strained condition. The commission will visit this country upon its own responsibility, as an invitation to come might imply a disposition upon the part of this government to make concessions. It has been suggested that some of the most radical opponents of United States control be members of the commission, in order that they might ascertain definitely what the situation is in the United States.

There has been some discussion as to what such a commission can accomplish by coming to Washington. It is said for one thing that it can obtain definitely from the president and secretary of war a construction of the Platt amendment. The third section, relating to intervention, is the one which meets with the greatest objection from the Cubans, and it is believed that the administration can convince the delegation that there is nothing but the best of intention on the part of this government toward Cuba. The requirement that the Cubans shall adopt "substantially" the terms of the Platt amendment also can be construed.

The delegation, it is said, will learn that the Cubans can hope for no modification of the law by congress, and that nothing can be accomplished by waiting until another session. It will also be made plain that the present administration does not wish any modification, and that the spirit of the Platt amendment must be accepted. The delegates will be informed that they can tell the members of the convention upon their return that until the conditions of the Platt amendment are complied with the United States will continue to exercise authority in the islands under its military power.

There is a desire upon the part of the Cubans to have some information as to what may be meant by coaling stations. It is understood that the delegates have been given an intimation that the selections are not likely to be made within any of the cities of Cuba, but at points which the United States regards as convenient for warships. Probably the delegation may desire additional assurances from the president upon this point when it comes to the United States.

As to the time for the visit of the commission, there is no definite information. The president leaves here for the west the last of the month, and it is expected that he will not see any delegation of this character until after his return.

GEN. BOTHA WANTS PEACE.

Boer Commander-in-Chief Renews Negotiations With Kitchener.

CAPTOWN, April 11.—General Botha has reopened negotiations with the British for peace.

It is understood here that, although General Dewet at his recent interview with General Botha refused to surrender, General Botha, regarding him as irresponsible, undertakes to negotiate in behalf of the entire Boer forces.

The British authorities here consider that if General Botha surrenders Dewet's following can be easily taken. As explained here, this action was determined in part by General Botha's discovery at a recent meeting that General Dewet's intellect had weakened and that his influence was diminishing and that a continuance of the campaign, in view of General Dewet's irresponsibility, rested with General Botha alone.

Fire destroyed twenty-five houses in Andover, Hampshire, England, rendering 170 persons homeless.

Cuban Constitutional Convention.

HAVANA, April 11.—The Cuban constitutional convention reached no result regarding the proposal to appoint a commission to go to Washington in reference to the future relations between Cuba and the United States. The whole time was taken up by Senator Juan Gualberto Gomez and General Sangui, who made long and impassioned speeches, the former against the Platt amendment and the latter in its favor.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA.

Union Stock Yards—Cattle—There was a very light run of cattle and as the demand on the part of packers was in good shape the market ruled active and stronger all around on all desirable grades. Receipts included about 40 cars of beef steers and the quality was fairly good.

Packers were all after the better grades and it was not long before everything was out of first hands. The market could best be described by calling it active and stronger, although some sales were made that were undoubtedly higher. There were only about 15 cars of cows on sale and as packers all wanted a few they started out and paid strong to a dime higher prices than were offered yesterday. The greatest advance was, of course, on the better grades as that class of cattle was what packers were looking for. The supply of feeders was very light and the few choice bunches offered were picked up at good, steady prices. The commoner grades, however, and cattle on the northern order are very hard to move as the demand for them is exceptionally light.

Hogs—There was not an excessive run of hogs at any of the principal markets and as a result prices improved. The market here opened strong, with the first sales going largely at \$5.87½ and \$5.90, but it soon became apparent that there were not enough to go around and sellers held their droves at firmer prices. After the first round it became a \$5.90 and \$5.92½ market, with the better hogs selling at \$5.95 and from that up to \$6.05, or about a nickel higher than yesterday. The top prices were paid for three loads of prime heavy hogs weighing from 381 to 400 pounds.

Sheep—There was a light run of sheep here today and the market could be quoted about steady with yesterday, or a dime lower all around than at the first of the week. Lambs sold as high as \$5.05 and wethers brought \$4.75 and ewes sold as high as \$4.35. Ewes apparently are holding up better than wethers. The few feeders that have arrived this week have met with ready sale at good, steady prices.

KANSAS CITY.

Cattle—Beef steers steady to strong; Texans steady; feeders, cows and heifers about steady; native beef steers, \$4.75 to \$5.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.50 to \$4.00; western fed steers, \$4.50 to \$5.10; Texas and Indians, \$4.10 to \$4.50; cows, \$2.25 to \$4.00; heifers, \$2.75 to \$4.75; canners, \$2.10 to \$3.10; bulls, \$3.25 to \$4.50; calves, \$4.00 to \$6.00.

Hogs—Market 5/8¢ higher; top, \$6.07½; bulk of sales, \$5.90 to \$6.00; heavy, \$5.50 to \$6.07½; mixed packers, \$5.90 to \$6.00; light, \$5.45 to \$5.90; pigs, \$4.00 to \$5.25.

Sheep and Lambs—Market steady; western lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.10; western wethers, \$4.50 to \$4.85; western yearlings, \$4.75 to \$4.90; ewes, \$4.25 to \$4.50; culls, \$3.00 to \$4.00; spring lambs, \$6.00 to \$7.00.

THREE HUNDRED MILLIONS.

Ministers at Pekin Believe This Amount Can Be Raised by China.

PEKIN, April 13.—The committee of ministers which is considering China's financial resources has reached the conclusion, based upon the information thus far obtainable, that \$300,000,000 in gold can be raised without injuring China's resources. The examination by the committee is thus far incomplete and it will probably learn that other Chinese resources for indemnities are available.

The discussion of politics has this week given place to amusement, commencing with the German races at the Hunting park Monday last. The remainder of the week was devoted to international races, contests at arms and tent-pitching at the Temple of Heaven. The Russians particularly are celebrating the eastern holidays and express a desire that the foreign troops leave Pekin. They are seemingly as anxious for the withdrawal as were the besieged ministers for the arrival of the troops.

LONDON INSURANCE SWINDLERS.

Pretending to Represent American Company They Bleed Widows.

LONDON, April 13.—The Statist has discovered a clique of swindlers, making London its headquarters, which professes to represent a leading American insurance company.

"These swindlers," it will say tomorrow, "notify the family of a man recently deceased that the last premium, which ought to have been paid at a given date, usually very recent, has not, as a matter of fact, been paid, and if it is not forwarded by a specified date the policy will lapse. The widow hastens to send the remittance. The victims usually are French and Germans."

Dockery Appoints Cahill.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 13.—Governor Dockery has appointed John F. Cahill of St. Louis commissioner-at-large to represent Missouri at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo, and the West Indian exposition at Charleston. Mr. Cahill was Mexican consul in this city for several years and is a fine Spanish scholar.

Deputy Auditor for Cuba.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Another step toward the establishment of full civil government in Cuba was taken today by the appointment by General Wood of Ernest Ponts y Sterling as deputy auditor of the island.

Lincoln's Body Yet Rests.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 13.—It is probable that the removal of the remains of Abraham Lincoln from the temporary vault in which they have reposed during the reconstruction of the Lincoln monument will be postponed for two or three weeks, or possibly until a later date, as the catacomb is not yet ready for their reception. The date, in any event, will not be made public, as it is desired to avoid a public ceremony.

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Frederic Harrison's visit to the United States is his first one. He admitted, indeed, in New York that he had never crossed the Atlantic ocean before, and he has reached his 70th year. After his address on George Washington in Chicago, the 22d, Mr. Harrison will lecture at a number of American universities to arouse interest in Alfred the Great, the thousandth anniversary of whose death will arrive next October. A number of Englishmen hope to erect a colossal monument to Alfred's memory, and Mr. Harrison correctly observes that the memory of Alfred happens to be a possession of America, as well as of England.

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