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CUBAN CRISIS IS PASSED.

Constitutional Convention Decides Not to Dissolve.

WILL CONTINUE SESSIONS.

Conservative Element Scores a Victory Over the Radicals—Latter May Cause Demonstrations Against United States by Impassioned Appeal to the People.

Havana, March 8.—The Cuban constitutional convention met in secret session yesterday afternoon for a formal discussion of the Platt amendment. The conservative element scored a victory. It was decided to continue the sessions of the convention and to refer the amendment to the special committee on relations, with instructions to bring in a report. General Sanguilly favored dissolving the convention and returning the amendment without discussion. The other delegates were unanimously in favor of continuing the sessions and of sending some answer to the executive department in Washington. The argument turned on the question whether the convention had power to adopt a scheme of relations that would be binding upon the future republic.

The radical element did not flock to General Sanguilly as had been expected, and the convention's action in referring the question to the special committee on relations indicates a willingness to recede from the former attitude. It is evident that many of the delegates still hope the amendment will be changed, but there is no bitter feeling now apparent. It is doubtful whether the convention will ever agree to accept the amendment, but the conservatives maintain that the willingness of the radicals to discuss and, if necessary, to send a committee to Washington, gives a more hopeful aspect to conditions which were growing strained.

It is generally believed that the crisis, if any existed, has passed and that by the time the committee reports the present excitement will have died out. Much depends upon the attitude of the radical delegates. If an impassioned appeal to the people is issued, as it is rumored will be the case, it may cause demonstrations of protest against the United States. But nothing in the nature of an uprising is any longer feared.

ASSAILANT IRRESPONSIBLE.

Emperor William Painfully Injured on the Cheek Just Below the Eye.

Berlin, March 8.—The opinion prevails that the emperor will suffer much pain and probably some fever and inflammation for the next few days, and that it will require at least a fortnight before the wound inflicted by Weiland is healed. Professor Bergman has ordered the rooms in which the emperor is to be kept darkened because of the danger that the eye may be affected. Weiland's examination proved that he was not responsible for his action. He said he felt unwell yesterday and feared an epileptic attack. While he was waiting for the arrival of the emperor the sound of a fountain playing in a court yard caused him to imagine that he was sailing a ship, his former vocation having been that of a ship's captain. Under this delusion his excitement increased, and he attempted to heave a lead and three pieces of iron. Then he lost consciousness. The missile was a fishplate weighing 550 grams. The emperor was struck on the cheek just below the right eye.

Sharp Note to Denmark.

London, March 8.—The United States government has addressed a note to the Danish government, almost threatening in tone, says the Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail, saying it will not permit any transfer of the Danish West Indies to any foreign power, and in the event of Denmark refusing to sell, the United States will require that the island's maritime neutrality shall be properly guaranteed and the United States' sphere of influence be respected.

British Reoccupy Pearson.

Cape Town, March 8.—It is officially announced that Colonel Gorring has reoccupied Pearson, on the Great Kiet river, March 5. He says the town should have been impregnable to the Boers, but the town guard offered inadequate resistance and the Boers captured the place together with 60 rifles, 15 men and 25,000 rounds of ammunition.

John Sheridan Receives Sentence.

Havana, March 8.—John Sheridan, formerly in charge of the money order department of the Havana post-office, who was arrested Jan. 20, charged with the theft of \$1,300 sent from the postmaster at Guantanamo Dec. 26, was sentenced yesterday to two years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$1,300, the amount of his defalcation.

Ten Killed in a Prussian Mine.

Gelsenkirchen, Prussia, March 8.—Ten persons were killed and many injured yesterday by an explosion of firedamp in the Consolidation mine. It is feared that others are entombed. The adjoining shaft collapsed and at present it is impossible to reach them.

London, March 8.—According to a dispatch to the Daily Express from Odessa a pilgrim steamer was caught

in a storm in the Black Sea and 72 pilgrims were washed overboard and drowned.

Dewey Reported Hard Pressed.

Bloomfontein, March 8.—It is reported that General Dewey is now without guns and hard pressed.

ORGANIZATION IS COMPLETE.

Raisers of Both Cattle and Sheep May Be Admitted to Association.

Denver, March 8.—The organization of the American Cattle Growers' association was completed yesterday. The constitution as adopted permits men engaged in raising both cattle and sheep to become members, provided cattle raising is their paramount interest. Denver was made headquarters of the association and annual conventions will be held here on the first Tuesday in March. The basis of representation is by individual memberships, in person or by proxy. Each member pays an initiation fee of \$5. There may also be levied a tax of 1 cent a head on all cattle owned by each member of the association.

The selection of secretary was left to the executive committee. Resolutions in favor of leasing the public range and denouncing the Grout bill were adopted, after which the convention unanimously adopted resolutions extending congratulations to the officers of the National Live Stock association "in their success of defeating the Grout bill and the executive committee of this association is instructed that if, in their judgment, it is practicable for this association to be enrolled as a member of the National Live Stock association, the committee is authorized to take the necessary action to accomplish this result."

The convention adjourned sine die.

STILL SENDING TROOPS.

Twelve Thousand to Sail for South Africa the Coming Week—Hot Fighting at Lichtenburg.

London, March 8.—Whatever negotiations are proceeding in Pretoria—and Mr. Kruger declares they can only be for an armistice—the government evidently has no intention of slackening reinforcements. The war office issued a detailed statement last evening of transports that are to sail for South Africa within the coming week with 12,000 troops. The casualty list reveals the fact that two officers were killed at Lichtenburg March 3. Lord Kitchener's telegram "an sending reinforcements" was dated March 6. Evidently therefore the fighting continued for several days and detailed advices are awaited with anxiety. According to the Daily Mail's dispatches, General Dewey and Mr. Steyn have separated, the former being at Petrusburg, west of Bloemfontein, and the latter at Smithfield.

TO HELP THE ABYSSINIANS.

British Officers Will Act as Advisers to Commander-in-Chief.

London, March 8.—Two British officers, Major A. H. Tracy and Captain R. P. Cobbold, start today for Adis Abeba, capital of Abyssinia, where they will act as advisers to the Abyssinian commander-in-chief, Ras Makonnen, in his approaching expedition against the Mad Mullah, who has been causing a disturbance in northern Somaliland. King Menelik will place 20,000 men in the field and the British will co-operate with his majesty's army by simultaneously dispatching a force of troops from Berber, the seaport of East Africa, on a bay of the gulf of Aden.

DELAREY ATTACKS BRITISH.

General Kitchener Compelled to Send Reinforcements to Garrison.

London, March 8.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener: Pretoria, March 6.—Lichtenburg, being attacked by Delarey's forces, fighting continued all day long. The garrison consists of 20 yeomanry and 200 Northumberland Fusiliers, with two guns. Major Fletcher and Lieutenant Hill are reported killed. I am sending reinforcements. Pretoria, March 6.—It is said here in Boer circles that the leaders of the burghers in the field will surrender with a majority of their followers if assured of amnesty and assistance in starting life afresh and if a free pardon is granted to the rebels.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

General Benjamin Harrison is Very Sick with the Grippe at his Home in Indianapolis.

An autograph letter of George Washington, dated 1776, was found among some waste paper stored at the Bryant paper mill in Kalamazoo Thursday.

William J. Bryan passed through Chicago Thursday on his way to Buffalo. Between trains Mr. Bryan received a number of calls from Democratic politicians.

The Southern Pacific announces that its new coast line between San Francisco and Los Angeles will be opened on March 31. The road is 481 miles long and for 100 miles passes over the cliffs skirting the Pacific ocean.

The first provisional squadron of cavalry, now in course of organization at the Presidio, San Francisco, has been assigned as the first squadron of the Fifteenth United States cavalry and ordered to prepare for early service in the Philippine archipelago.

FRYE IS AGAIN HONORED.

Elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

MORGAN CONCLUDES SPEECH

Urges Adoption of His Resolution Declaring Abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty—Does Not Expect to Live to See Work on Waterway Begun.

Washington, March 8.—William P. Frye of Maine was elected unanimously president pro tempore of the senate to serve during the present session. This is the second time Senator Frye has been honored by his colleagues. Five years ago—on Feb. 7, 1896—the Republicans then being in a minority, he was elected unanimously. His services as president pro tem, especially since the death of the late Vice President Hobart, have won for him the cordial appreciation of his followers for his able and impartial administration of the post. At yesterday's session Mr. Morgan of Alabama concluded his speech in support of his resolution declaring the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty between the United States and Great Britain. His peroration was really pathetic. He had devoted the best years of his official life, he said, to advance the construction of the Nicaragua canal, but now he did not expect to live to see the work upon the great waterway begun.

OFFICIALS TURN TRAITORS.

General MacArthur Sends Records of Many Cases Tried in the Philippines.

Washington, March 8.—A large mail has been received at the war department from General MacArthur. It includes the record of many cases of murder, treason and other high crimes and misdemeanors on the part of the native Filipinos.

A native named Lucino Almeida was convicted by a military commission of flagrant violations of the laws of war and was sentenced to hard labor for 20 years and to pay a fine of 20,000 pesos. General MacArthur commuted the sentence to deportation to Guam.

Another case of treachery reported by General MacArthur is that of Catalino Landayan, who was convicted by a military commission of violating the laws of war and giving intelligence to the enemy and sentenced to 15 years' confinement at hard labor.

PLATT AND DEPEW OBJECT.

New York Senators Protest Against Nominating Sanger.

Washington, March 8.—Senators Platt and Dewey of New York are both opposing the proposition to nominate Colonel Sanger for the office of assistant secretary of war. Senator Platt saw the secretary of war yesterday and entered a formal protest on the ground that Colonel Sanger is not a consistent Republican.

Senator Dewey also has indicated his opposition. Neither of them was consulted before the nomination was decided upon. The selection seems to have been made by the secretary but the senators claim that if that official is to assert that prerogative he should find a man who would be acceptable to them. Senator Platt expressed the opinion that the protests which have been made will have the effect of preventing the president from sending in the nomination.

Defers Federal Offices.

Des Moines, March 8.—The Iowa delegation in congress will not dispose of the federal appointments in the two collection and judicial districts of the state until after the campaign of this year. No recommendations will be made to the president until the convening of congress next winter unless it is with reference to the United States marshals.

Penitentiary Wall Falls.

Lincoln, March 8.—One of the burnt out walls of the penitentiary building fell in to the guards' kitchen room at 7 o'clock last night and slightly, though not seriously, injured Henry Polin of Omaha, Patrick Murphy and Peter Yarsen, the latter a guard. The men were severely bruised, but it is not believed any of the injuries will be permanent.

Abolishes Office of Mayor.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 8.—Governor Stone yesterday signed the Pittsburg "Ripper" bill and appointed James Moir, the present mayor of Scranton, recorder for that city. The bill provides a new charter for the three cities of Pittsburg, Allegheny City and Scranton, abolishes the office of mayor and gives the governor power to appoint a recorder.

Awarded Damages for Being Tarr'd.

Toledo, March 8.—At Bellefontaine yesterday a jury awarded Nellie Jackson \$700 damages against the commissioners of Logan county for injuries sustained at the hands of a mob that took her from jail at West Liberty in company with Edward Jackson and David Rickman and tarred the trio in November, 1899.

Dewey Gets Prize Money.

Washington, March 8.—The treasury department yesterday issued a warrant in favor of Admiral George Dewey for \$9,750, on account of prize money found to be due him from the court of claims for the destruction of the Spanish fleet in Manila harbor May 1, 1898.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Belgian Inventor Puts Into Use a System of Automatic Repeaters.

Washington, March 8.—An interesting account of successful experiments in wireless telegraphy is contained in reports received at the state department from Consul George W. Roosevelt at Brussels, Belgium. The experiments were conducted by Emile Guaurin, the inventor of an automatic repeater. He established the facility of attempting to send messages over a distance of 25 miles without the aid of captive balloons or masts. He then turned all his attention toward the transmission of the electric rays by relays and in this, it is stated, was entirely successful. He telegraphed from a station on top of a structure in Brussels to one on the tower of St. Rombant church in Malines. Numerous messages were received and transmitted with great distinctness and two messages were received at a time when communication with the ground from the transmitter had been interrupted. This was the first instance on record where wireless messages were exchanged between two large cities with the antennas placed on high monuments and without the help of captive balloons or kites. The rays arriving at Malines traversed several towns over chimneys, monuments, woods and other obstacles which tend to stop or weaken the electric radiations.

Danube Out of Its Banks.

Vienna, March 8.—Several Hungarian villages have been isolated by the floods. All along the banks of the Danube and its tributaries great damage has been done. The lower quarter of Buda Pest is flooded to a depth of five feet. The bitter cold is driving wolves from the Carpathian mountains to the villages below. They have killed 12 people during the last four weeks.

ELEVATOR ACCIDENT.

Cage Falls at Moline Plow Works and Two Men Are Killed and Seven Others Injured.

Moline, Ill., March 8.—Two men were killed and seven injured yesterday by the fall of an elevator in the works of the Moline Plow company. The dead: Arvid J. Burgstoen and E. D. Swanson.

Herman Anderson had his left hand amputated at the wrist and A. W. Brunstrom was badly mangled.

The accident occurred while the men were going to work. Twenty-five workmen crowded upon the platform. The elevator ascended a few feet, when a drum gear gave way, letting the cage fall from the first story to the basement. The iron counterbalance weights shot up to the top of the shaft and four of them, weighing 100 pounds each, became disengaged and crashed down on the mass of men. One weight struck Burgstoen, crushing his head. Swanson was struck by another weight that injured him fatally.

GERMANS ROUT CHINESE.

Company of Third Asiatics Kill Fifty and Capture Two Banners.

Berlin, March 8.—The war office has received the following from Count von Waldersee, dated Peking, March 6: A company of the Third Asiatics, under Captain Ingerson, came into contact yesterday, south of Man Sheng, with 400 Chinese regulars, who had apparently been separated from their main body. The Chinese were scattered and 50 of them were killed. Two of their banners were taken. A small detachment was sent from Tien Tsun to Tsung March 3 to suppress brigandage. Three companies of infantry, a squadron of cavalry and a battery, all under Lieutenant Colonel Arnold, left for Yang Tsung March 5 with the same object.

IN PURSUIT OF ASSAILANT.

Mob Follows Trail of Negro Who Murdered White Woman on Corsicans.

Corsicans, Tex., March 8.—At the head of a mob of 200 citizens of this county Conway Younger is pursuing the negro who assaulted his wife and cut her throat last night. Not a word has the stricken man spoke since he learned from the lips of his little child the story of the crime. The capture of the fugitive is but a matter of time, for the bloodhounds that are being used took up the trail promptly. Nothing can save the pursued man if captured.

The crime was committed while Mr. Younger was away from his home. There was no one to tell the tale save a little 3-year-old child. "A big negro knocked mamma down and dragged her away," the child told its father when he returned from work.

Montana Legislature Ends Its Work.

Helena, Mont., March 8.—The legislative duties are ended. The one measure which the Amalgamated Copper company and the Helix interest fought so hard in the hands of the governor, who has several days in which to veto or sign it. This bill permitted a change of venue in several cases where prejudice can be shown on the part of the judge of the district in which the case was originally brought.

Discusses Nebraska Deadlock.

New York, March 8.—Senator Hanna and Henry C. Payne, vice chairman of the Republican national committee, are in this city to discuss the Nebraska senatorial situation.

Last Chance to Elect.

Helena, Mont., March 8.—Up to 1 o'clock this morning 12 ballots had been taken in joint session of the Montana legislature for the short term senatorship without result.



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