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WILL WAIT AND WATCH

Administration Circles Believe Cuban Will Not Accept Amendment.

NOTHING TO BE DONE UNTIL THEN

Existing Status Will Continue and No Convention to Be Called—General Wood Has Written Concerning Outlook and Will Be Answered.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The cabinet was in session over two hours today discussing the Cuban and Philippine situation. A communication has been received from Governor General Wood regarding the prospect for the constitutional convention accepting the Platt amendment, but its contents are not made public. It can be stated, however, that there is a hopeful feeling in administration circles that after the first session wears off the convention will see the wisdom of accepting the terms of the amendment. The answer to General Wood is to be sent tomorrow and the language of that communication is under consideration today.

Meanwhile the existing status in Cuba is to be maintained. No action looking to the calling of another convention is in contemplation if the present convention should decline to accede to these terms.

During the conference between Secretary Root and the Cuban commission the secretary wrote a letter to Senator Platt of Connecticut, who introduced the Platt amendment, asking for his views relative to intervention, as mentioned in the third clause of the amendment. Senator Platt replied, and his letter was furnished the commission confidentially by the secretary of war, and was incorporated into and made a part of the acceptance of the Platt amendment by the constitutional convention. The letter, however, appeared in a Havana paper and today was made public by the War department.

Following is the text of the letter: "I am in receipt of your letter of this date, in which you say that the members of the commission of the Cuban constitutional convention fear that the provisions relative to intervention, made in the third clause of the amendment which has come to bear my name, may have the effect of preventing the independence of Cuba and in reality establish a protectorate or suzerainty by the United States, and you request that I express my views of the question raised."

"In reply, I beg to state that the amendment was carefully prepared with the object of avoiding any possible idea that by that acceptance thereof the constitutional convention would thereby establish a protectorate or suzerainty in any manner whatsoever compromise the independence or sovereignty of Cuba, and, speaking for myself, it seems impossible that such an interpretation can be given to the clause. I believe that the amendment should be considered as a whole, and it ought to be clear on reading it that its well-defined purpose is to secure and safeguard Cuban independence and set forth at once a clear idea of the friendly disposition of the United States toward the Cuban people and to express intention on their part to aid them, if necessary, in the maintenance of said independence. These are my ideas and, although, as you say, I cannot speak for the entire congress, my belief is that such a purpose was well understood by that body. Very respectfully yours, "O. H. PLATT."

GIVES HIS TEN MILLIONS.

Carnegie Makes His Promised Gift to the University of Scotland.

LONDON, June 8.—Andrew Carnegie signed a deed today transferring \$10,000,000 in 5 per cent United States steel corporation bonds to trustees for the benefit of the universities of Scotland. The amount becomes immediately available. The next installment of interest can be used for the October term.

The deed contains a preamble saying that Mr. Carnegie, having retired from active business, deems it to be his duty and one of his highest privileges to administer the wealth which has come to him as a trustee in behalf of others, entertaining the confident belief that one of the best means of discharging that trust is providing funds for improving and extending the opportunities for scientific research of the universities of Scotland, his native land, and by rendering the attendance easier.

GERMANS MAY STAY GERMAN.

Berlin, June 8.—As a result of the agitation by the German Colonial society in favor of some modification of the law of 1870 under which thousands of Germans abroad were denationalized without any desire on their part for such result, the government announces that a new law is being drafted by the terms of which Germans abroad will lose their nationality only by their own volition. The new bill will be subjected to criticism.

WON'T LET HIM BE SENATOR.

Montgomery, Ala., June 8.—The first committee report of the constitutional convention was made today when the committee on executive reported. Among other things it makes the governor ineligible to any office within one year after the expiration of his term and his acceptance of the office of governor is a pledge to the people that he will not accept appointment or election to the United States senate during his term.

MUST BE ACTUAL SETTLERS.

Judge Harrington Renders Important Decision Relative to Homesteaders. ALLIANCE, Neb., June 10.—Judge Harrington handed down a decision which is far reaching and of great importance to the people of northwest Nebraska. It was in the case of Charles Tierman against Miller and Leth.

The plaintiff in his petition alleges that defendants procured twenty-nine colored people to file homesteads on government land in such a way as to completely surround his ranch and prevent his cattle from going to and from his watering place; that the entries were made in collusion and fraud; that the day the entries were filed the defendants procured the relinquishment of same and also leases to the land; that the defendants were about to fence in said land. The plaintiff therefore prayed that the court grant an injunction to prevent defendants from fencing said land until the matter could be investigated by the interior department.

To this petition defendants demurred. On the trial of the case several affidavits were read by plaintiff's counsel, R. C. Noleman, which bore out the allegations contained in the petition and in fact one or more of the entries made affidavits that the defendants hired them to make the entries for \$5 each.

Judge Harrington granted the injunction and in passing on the matter stated that there was no question that the circumstances surrounding the filing of the homesteads would tend strongly to verify the allegations contained in the plaintiff's petition, and if the entries were not bona fide the defendants were certainly trespassers and being trespassers they had no more right on the land than the plaintiff.

The decision puts a quietus on large corporations gobbling up the public domain, thereby preventing the small ranchmen, who have been in the country for years, receiving the benefit of the same.

OMAHA'S MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

OMAHA, June 10.—The first week of the festival has proven a great success, both in the matter of attendance and in rendition of vocal and instrumental selections. Since Prof. Pellsted's former appearance at OMAHA he has added talent to his organization and many choice selections are drawing delighted audiences, and the musical festival, lasting all through June, promises to be a great success, financially and otherwise.

SMALLPOX IN A CAR.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., June 10.—There was considerable excitement in the city over the rumor that the Union Pacific had sent off a smallpox infected car, containing three or four cases of smallpox. The car contained thirty soldiers and civilians en route to New York. Most of the men were discharged volunteers. At Cheyenne a man got on the train who became sick. He was put off at Lexington for treatment.

ALLIANCE PREPARES TO CELEBRATE.

ALLIANCE, Neb., June 10.—At a meeting of the citizens it was decided to have a celebration July 4. A large amount of money was pledged and the outlook is for one of the biggest celebrations ever held in western Nebraska. Captain Dorrington was chosen president of the day; Captain Akers, orator of the day.

FIVE THOUSAND FOR A FINGER.

FALLS CITY, Neb., June 10.—Leavis Russel, who brought suit against the B. & M. railroad for \$10,000 for the loss of a finger, was awarded \$5,000 by the jury in the district court here.

BEATRICE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 10.—A meeting of business men was held preliminary to the organization of the Beatrice Commercial club. The club is to be incorporated and will have a capital stock of \$1,000, divided into shares of \$10 each.

THREE HORSES BURN TO DEATH.

COLUMBUS, Neb., June 10.—Lightning struck the barn of Paul Gersch, a farmer, twenty-five miles northwest of here, and the barn, together with three horses and considerable hay and grain, was destroyed.

PRISONER ESCAPES FROM JAIL.

SYRACUSE, Neb., June 10.—William Clifton escaped from the jail, where he was confined on a charge of assault.

NEBRASKA SONS OF VETERANS.

LUSHTON, Neb., June 10.—The Nebraska Sons of Veterans, in session here, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Commander, I. E. Young of Lushton; senior vice commander, James McBeth, Osceola; junior vice commander, A. E. Westbrook, Seward; division council, Charles C. Stull, Osceola; William Cook, Lushton; George C. Townley, Aurora; delegate at large to the national encampment, A. A. Stull.

MILITIAMEN TO BE TRIED.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 10.—The eight militiamen who disobeyed the orders of their commanding officer at the state penitentiary on May 23 will be tried on the charge of insubordination as soon as a military court of discipline can be organized. All Company F men who come under the charge will be tried in this city, probably in the military department at the state house, and the other recruits before a different court.

THAT LETTER ARRIVES

General Wood Finally Receives Mr. Root's Explanatory Document.

WILL GO TO THE CONVENTION

Translations Immediately Begin in Preparation for the Cuban—Some Misgivings—Conversion Not Incorporated in Amendment Literally.

HAVANA, June 8.—The official instructions from Washington regarding the Platt amendment have arrived. They are being translated and will be sent to the Cuban constitutional convention today.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Before the receipt of the instructions at Havana General Wood had telegraphed the department here inquiring as to the whereabouts of the letter of Secretary Root explaining in detail the objections to the action of the constitutional convention.

In view of the several representations made in Havana regarding the interpretation by Secretary of War Root to the Cuban commissioners of the Platt amendment, it can be stated authoritatively that the secretary did not deviate from the declaration that the president and himself had no power to change an act of congress. It is said here that the amendments which the Cuban convention made to the Platt law and the incorporation of conversations with Secretary Root did not represent his views of the amendment nor was he correctly quoted in the alleged statements.

Among the reports given out in Havana is the translation of a letter of Senator Platt, written to the secretary of war, and furnished as a confidential document to the Cuban commissioners when they were here. This letter briefly gives the views of the Connecticut senator on some features of the law which bears his name. Surprise was expressed that the letter should appear in print in Havana.

APPREHENSION AT MANILA.

Fears Porto Rican Decisions Will Cause Deficit in Revenue.

MANILA, June 7.—The fragmentary news received here of the Porto Rican decisions has caused apprehension that there will be such a deficit in the Philippine revenues that congress will need to make an appropriation to meet it. Fear is also expressed as to the result of the application of jury trials, and other features of the constitution not suited to the condition of the Philippines.

FREEZE RUINS FRUIT CROP.

Unexpected Cold Snap in Eastern Oregon and Idaho.

BAKER CITY, Ore., June 7.—The coldest weather for a period of twenty years has been recorded at Baker City. The mercury fell six degrees below the freezing point. Ice over an inch thick was formed in pools of water on the streets. All fruit, such as cherries, apples, pears, prunes, and plums, were killed and all vegetables were destroyed. So far as known growing grain was not seriously injured.

BOISE, IDAHO, JUNE 7.—THIS VICINITY

was visited by a severe frost, the like of which has not been known at this season for fifteen years. The government weather bureau at Boise reports a temperature of 39, while places throughout the valley report temperatures as low as 26 degrees. Fruit is damaged seriously, though the extent of the loss cannot yet be determined. In the Grande Ronde valley in Oregon there was snow.

WILLIAM B. COWIN PROMOTED.

OMAHA, June 7.—William B. Cowin, promoted from second to first lieutenant, is a son of General John C. Cowin of this city. He was first commissioned as an officer of volunteers at the breaking out of the war with Spain and continued in service as a volunteer until commissioned in the regulars. He has been serving in the third cavalry, stationed at present at the town of Bangar, Philippine islands.

PHILIPPINE IN SPANISH PARLIAMENT.

MADRID, June 6.—Among those who were recently elected to parliament are three Filipinos, residing in Spain. They propose, during the course of the debate on the speech from the throne, to bring up the question of the condition of the Philippines, alleging that the situation is worse than before the war.

FLAG DAY AT BUFFALO.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 7.—The tentative program for the flag day exercises at the Pan-American exposition grounds has been announced. They will take place in the Temple of Music on June 14. General Mills will be present and deliver an address. Richmond Pearson Hobson will also speak. Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, president of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will deliver an address on "American Patriotism."

GIVE THE BOERS A DRUBBING.

PRETORIA, June 7.—Colonel Wilson, with 240 of Kitchener's scouts, has surprised and routed 400 Boers belonging to Beyer's command, thirty-four miles west of Warmbaths. The Boers resisted stubbornly, but finally broke and fled, leaving thirty-seven dead, 100 prisoners and all their weapons and supplies, including 3,000 cattle, in the hands of the British. The loss of the letter was three men killed and nine wounded.

YERKES TELLS HIS PLANS.

His Syndicate Will Literally Electrify London's Underground Railway.

LONDON, June 7.—"Yes," said Charles T. Yerkes, when interviewed by a representative of the Associated Press, "we have practically got control of the London underground railway. That is what it amounts to. My syndicate is composed of British and American financiers, although far the largest proportion of the capital comes from the United States. We hope to begin work in a few months, as soon as the necessary consent of parliament has been obtained.

"The system we intend to install is almost exactly similar to that in use on the elevated lines in Chicago. We will sell the present antiquated cars and substitute those of an American pattern. We intend to rebuild the stations, to install arc lights and to make the road equal to any rapid transit line in the world. Yes, we must have American engineers to do the work. They know nothing about that sort of thing here. I tell you what, the trouble with the English concerns is that they don't know the value of a scrap heap.

"I intend to remain here for a considerable time, for there are likely to be several things needing my personal attention."

AS AMERICANS URGED.

Indemnity Payment to Be Guaranteed Jointly and Sewerally.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The ambassadors from most of the European countries were in conference with Secretary Hay yesterday, mainly because it was diplomatic duty, which afforded an opportunity for discussing the state of the Chinese negotiations, and the modus vivendi concerning the form of paying the indemnity is likely to be settled by a joint and several guaranty. This will be in complete accord with the American view that there should be no joint guaranty in the sense of binding each government to the securing the payment of the entire \$337,000,000.

It will be joint, however, in the formal aspect of being executed by all of the powers jointly at the same time and probably by the same instrument. This instruction doubtless will include a provision by which each government is to assume no liability beyond the amount of its own share of the indemnity, which, in the case of the United States, is limited to \$25,000,000.

ON THE VERGE OF A CRISIS.

Spain Nonchalantly Tranquil, But Symptoms of Uproar Apparent.

MADRID, June 6.—The situation throughout Spain remains critical. Nominal tranquility has been restored at Coruna, but the octroi offices are still occupied by gendarmes and arrests continue to be made. A general strike is threatened owing to the refusal of one factory to employ 300 workmen. The railway men have struck at Vigo and anarchist excitement is rife in Barcelona, where the "reds" met in defiance of the civil governor's prohibition and passed several resolutions.

CUBA WAITS IMPATIENTLY

Official Instructions from Washington Regarding Platt Amendment.

HAVANA, June 6.—The official instructions from Washington regarding the Platt amendment have not arrived. The delay is causing annoyance to General Wood, as he had promised that the convention would have the letter Tuesday and a meeting was called to discuss the document. The conservatives are not hopeful of holding the fifteen who voted in favor of the resolution adopting the Platt amendment.

SENOR GAMAZO, LEADER OF THE DISSENT

liberals, in an interview characterized the crisis as an exceedingly grave moment for Spain, adding "the government must act with great energy with regard to the Catalan and separatist movement to prevent the evil from becoming irremedial."

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MRS. MCKINLEY GAINING

Dr. Rixey So Reports in the Last Bulletin to the Public.

PATIENT DOING VERY WELL NOW

Doctor Finds Her Resting Quite Comfortably and is Encouraged—The Best Informing, However, Realize that There is Yet Danger.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Dr. Rixey made his usual nightly visit to the White House shortly after 9 o'clock and remained about an hour and a half. On leaving he said: "Mrs. McKinley is resting very comfortably now. She has gained a great deal this evening, but there is no marked change. She is doing very well."

While the improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition is slight, the fact that there had been no setback during the day, but on the contrary, a very little gain, was very gratifying to the White House household and the president expressed his pleasure several times during the evening.

In view of the gravity of the condition of the sufferer, too much confidence is not attached to the patient's condition. It is realized that whatever gain or improvement is shown may prove but temporary. For this reason the bulletins as officially announced by the physicians once a day refer to the gain in condition in very guarded language.

THOUSANDS HEAR BELLESTED.

The famous Cincinnati band now playing a month's engagement at the Omaha Musical Festival is drawing large audiences and patrons are delighted with the entertainments. During the Trans-Mississippi exposition the Bellested organization won a warm place in the hearts of music-loving people, and now on his return to the west they are giving a second enthusiastic welcome. The concerts continue all through June.

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BANK CASE IS ARGUED.

State's Suit Against the Omaha National Again SubMITTED.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 8.—Yesterday was argued before Commissioners Day, Hastings and Kirkpatrick of the supreme court the case of the state against the Omaha National bank and J. H. Millard, and now United States senator from Nebraska. The suit is for the sum of \$201,884. The legislature of 1895 appropriated from the general fund to the sinking fund the sum of \$180,175. A warrant for this amount was drawn on Treasurer Bartley and sold through Millard to the Chemical National bank of New York, in whose possession it remained until October, 1896. It was then sent to the Omaha National bank, where, on January 2, 1897, Bartley made and executed to Millard and the bank his check for \$201,884, payable to Millard, president, and in return received the warrant. The check was paid by charging that sum to the state treasurer's account and crediting the account of the Chemical National and an Atkinson bank with a like sum. The action is to recover from the defendants the amount of money eventually lost to the state as a result of the transaction.

The case has twice been tried in the lower court and the state beaten by direct instructions. The supreme court held, in the criminal case, that the diversion by Bartley of the state's funds to pay this identical warrant was conversion, and the state now insists that this ought to be final as determining the character of the action, the bank's attorneys insisting that it is one of trover, and therefore cannot be excepted to by the identical money taken.

STATE CAPITAL NOTES.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 8.—Articles of incorporation of the Woolstenholm, Steele & Sterne Cattle company of Bedford, Thomas county, were recorded in the secretary of state's office.

Adjutant General Colby has issued orders approving the election of Lieutenant Henry Olson of Company I of the First regiment, and accepting the resignation of Assistant Adjutant General Charles M. Richards, who will become captain of Company L of the First regiment.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The Old Reliable.

Chicago received 24,875 cars of live stock during May, compared with 25,000 cars in April, and 24,029 cars in May, 1900.

At Zearing, Ia., Thomas Gorman, a life insurance agent, was fatally stabbed by Clay Reed, because Gorman persisted in talking insurance to his wife.

The Building Trades council of Denver declared the hodcarriers' strike irregular and ordered the strikers back to work. The Hodcarriers' union will act upon the matter.

John V. Barnes was elected president of the New York produce exchange. His election was a victory for the independents, or younger, element of the exchange.

Governor Gage has offered a reward of \$5,000 for the arrest and conviction of the persons implicated in the lynching of the five men at Lookout, Modoc county, California.

Samuel Potts, 24 years of age, of Osceola, Mo., who enlisted in the Thirty-ninth Illinois infantry to serve in the Philippines and then deserted, was captured by the police at Marion, Ind.

At Kansas City former Judge F. M. Black handed down a decision to the effect that the police board had no power to revoke licenses of saloon keepers who keep their places open on Sunday.

Henry E. Perrine, a well known business man of Buffalo, N. Y., is dead. His second wife, who survives him, was Mrs. Folsom, mother of Mrs. Grover Cleveland. Mr. Perrine was 74 years of age.

Emperor William has decorated General Bonnal, director of the French war school, with the crown order of the first class, and has bestowed on Colonel Gallet the crown order of the second class.

The Great statue or memorial commission has issued a pamphlet inviting the competition of artists for models which must be submitted between March 1 and April 1, 1902. The statue will cost \$240,000.

Richard C. McCormick died at Jamaica, L. I., aged 68. He was formerly territorial governor of Arizona and was assistant secretary of the United States treasury in 1877 and elected to congress in 1895.

The report that Emperor William and Queen Wilhelmina have agreed upon a convention whereby Germany assumed the protection of the Dutch colonies is a mere creation of commercial advantages is absolutely without foundation. Queen Wilhelmina's visit to the emperor was wholly devoid of political significance.

Irvin Butterworth tendered his resignation as president of the Columbus, O., board of trade. He also tendered his resignation as president of the Columbus Gas company, and will leave for Denver, where he will assume the duties of vice president and general manager of the Denver Gas company.

Seven thousand dollars was found under a sidewalk near the former boarding place of Stewart Jelleff, held at Mineral Point, Wis., on a charge of robbing the First National bank recently. Two bottles of nitroglycerine and a bunch of skeleton keys were also found. All was discovered by citizens who were searching privately.

Kansas reports recent copious rains in all sections of the state. The Confederate Soldiers' Home, an institution for the care of indigent veterans, was opened at Atlanta, Ga., on the anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis.

Rural free delivery service will be established in Iowa July 1 as follows: Arlington, Fayette county, three carriers; length of routes, sixty-seven and one-quarter miles; population served, 2,235; carrier, John Gladwin, Sr., M. Wellman and R. N. Hibbard.

A special to the Denver Republican from Lander, Wyo., says: Word was brought in of the killing of the sheep herder who killed Frank Armajo, the Indian, on the reservation Sunday, by the Indian police, thirty miles from the Muddy.

The salaries of the following postmasters in Iowa have been changed: Sioux City, increased from \$3,300 to \$3,400; Des Moines, \$2,700 to \$3,800; Shenandoah, \$2,100 to \$2,300; Wapello, \$1,400 to \$1,500; Washington, \$2,100 to \$2,200.

Chancellor Francis H. Snow, who has been at the head of the university of Kansas for eleven years, has tendered his resignation. The resignation will be accepted and Chancellor Snow will be given the chair of natural history.

Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army declared that there is no truth in the report to the effect that negotiations are in progress looking to the amalgamation of the Volunteers of America and the Salvation Army.

Brigadier General Thomas Wilson, U. S. A. (retired), is dead at New York. General Wilson was in his 70th year. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General for "faithful and meritorious service during the civil war."

Albany Law school, from which President McKinley was graduated in 1867, has made him a doctor of laws. Ballington Booth, head of