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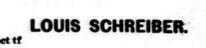
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GEN. LEE ON CUBA

HOLDS AMERICA MADE MISTAKE IN LETTING ISLAND GO

NEVER WAS BETTER GOVERNED

Lee Prater McKinley for Acting Where Cleveland Temporarily and Places Blame for Maine Disaster on Weyler's Young Officers.

NEW YORK—General Fitzhugh Lee addressed members of the Patria club Friday on "The United States and Cuba." He said in part:

"Cuba was never so well governed by Spain as it is today. Congress wearied of the wars in Cuba and passed resolution recognizing the right of belligerency of the revolutionists. Then came the war. I want to say that I reported to President Cleveland the exact condition of affairs that existed there. I reported the rebellion, with all its brutalities and horrors, and told him it would continue for several generations if not brought to a speedy end.

"Mr. Cleveland gave no attention to my reports and it was not until that great man now sleeping his last sleep in Canton, O., took charge of affairs in Washington that these atrocious conditions were brought to an end.

"Cuba is well worthy of the attention of the American people. It is the richest spot on God's green earth. No country ever rivaled Cuba in its products. It has been waiting for half a century for American energy and enterprise. If we had not sacrificed wisdom for sentiment we would own Cuba today. When we did have Cuba we should have held on to it, but some of the people wanted to show the world that they were acting for humanity's sake and not for the possession of territory.

"Prior to the war with Spain, when I was consul general in Cuba, there were repeated attempts to assassinate me. Wherever I went I had to sit with my back to the wall and a hand on my six-shooter. I received twenty and thirty letters a day in which I was threatened with all manner of deaths. Some threatened to waylay and strangle me, others to string me up to the nearest lamp post, and still others to tie me to a horse's tail and drag me around the streets in Havana.

Five Spanish women called at my office one afternoon and handed me letters from some Spanish officers in which they threatened to come to my office, tie me hand and foot, put me aboard the Maine and drive me out of the harbor. I received reports that even the Cubans wanted to kill me because war with the United States would thus surely result.

"While these reports were current, a man came into my office with the purpose, as I thought, of killing me. He moved toward me inch by inch, and just as he came within reach I had him covered with my revolver. I asked him what he wanted and to my surprise he said in English:

"I have just come from General Gomez's camp, suffering from a wound in the thigh. I want to leave Cuba. I want to go back to the United States."

"I asked him where he came from and he said, in the dravliest kind of a way: 'From Kansas.' That man was General Frederick R. Funston. So you see I had much to do with the later capture of Aguinaldo."

DISCUSS IMMIGRATION BILL.

Senators Amend Measure Regulating Ingress to the United States.

WASHINGTON—The senate Monday adopted all the committee amendments to the immigration bill, with the exception of one prescribing an educational test, and approved the action of the committee in striking out the clause prohibiting the sale of intoxicants within a capitol building, and then laid aside the bill until Tuesday.

The amendment fixing a \$3 tax on each immigrant furnished the principal topic for debate. Mr. Gallinger (N. H.) insisted that there was less necessity for it now than a year ago, but it was adopted without division.

A new amendment was adopted, designed to stop the alleged perjury on the part of persons seeking admission and the committee amendment making the head tax a lien on the property of the transportation lines was struck out. An amendment was also agreed to exempting aliens in transit through the United States and aliens once admitted and who have paid.

Three Thousand Are Dead.

SAN FRANCISCO—From the Guatemalan coast the Pacific Mail steamer City of Sydney brings the news that the deaths resulting from the recent eruption of Santa Maria volcano number about 3,000. This estimate is based upon the latest information that had been received at San Jose, Guatemala, previous to the steamer's departure for this port, but it is accompanied by the statement of Guatemalans that reliable reports were unobtainable.

Fire in Mine Still Burns.

MARQUETTE, Mich.—The underground workings of the Oliver Iron Mining company's section 16 mine, at Ishpeming, were still burning Tuesday night, though the fire is not as fierce as it was the day before. It is still impossible to enter the mine. All the shafts and openings are sealed with timber and clay, but owing to the crevices it is impossible as yet to block the smoke, and gases still continue to ooze forth.

REED PASSES AWAY.

Former Speaker Succumbs at Arlington Hotel, Washington.

WASHINGTON—Thomas Brackett Reed former speaker of the house of representatives, died here at 12:10 Saturday night in his apartments in the Arlington hotel. The immediate cause of death was uraemia.

A change for the worse was noted in Mr. Reed's condition early in the morning. At 9:30 he was given a subcutaneous saline transfusion in order to stimulate his kidneys, which were failing to perform their proper function.

At 5 in the afternoon saline solution was again administered, about three-quarters of a pint of fluid being used.

The heart became weaker and weaker, but the patient retained consciousness until 11 o'clock at night, when a complete coma supervened.

At the bedside were Mrs. Reed and Miss Catherine Reed, Mrs. Gardner, MacDonald, Bishop and Goodnow, and the nurses.

Dr. Goodnow, who had been in consultation with the local physicians on Thursday, was again summoned from Philadelphia.

It is stated that Mr. Reed had been suffering from Bright's disease for some time, which reached the acute stage Saturday, and this furnished an additional cause for alarm. Mr. Reed passed away peacefully and without pain.

The remains of Thomas Brackett Reed left here Sunday afternoon for Portland, Me., where the interment will take place on Tuesday afternoon.

The casket was placed on a special train, leaving Washington at 4:50 and running as the second section of the Federal express, scheduled to arrive at Portland Monday.

Accompanying the body were Mrs. Reed, Miss Catherine Reed, Amos L. Allen, Mr. Reed's successor in the house; Asher C. Hinds, Mr. Reed's parliamentary clerk while speaker, and Augustus G. Payne of New York, a lifelong friend. At Mr. Reed's request there were no ceremonies of any kind and at Portland they will be of the simplest character.

Read Chronology.

1839—October 18, Thomas Brackett Reed, born in Portland, Me.

1860—Graduated from Bowdoin college.

1864—Joined the United States navy as acting assistant paymaster.

1868-69—Member of the Maine legislature, lower house.

1870—Member of the Maine senate.

1870-72—Attorney general state of Maine.

1874-77—Solicitor city of Portland.

1877-79—Representative in congress.

1889-91—Speaker of the house.

1895-99—Again speaker of the house.

1896—Prominently mentioned for president.

1899—Retires from congress.

Cheyenne Theater Burned.

CHEYENNE, Wyo.—The Cheyenne opera house, owned by James M. Carey and valued at \$50,000, was burned Monday. The Wyoming Tribune Publishing company, which occupied the basement of the building, suffered a loss of \$15,000. Adjoining property was damaged and the total loss is estimated at \$75,000, which is covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

RIGIDLY GUARD CATTLE.

Canada Modifies Restriction, but New York Doubles Efforts.

ALBANY, N. Y.—The state agricultural department is making desperate efforts to keep the foot and mouth disease out of this state. Every railroad, highway and ferry leading into the state is guarded by officers of the department, which is closely co-operating with the United States authorities.

LONDON—The Official Gazette on Monday announced that special orders had been issued permitting the Cunard liner Sylvania, from Boston, and the Leyland liner California, from Portland, Me., to land live stock under certain restrictions.

OTTAWA, Ont.—It was decided by the cabinet on Monday to permit the shipment of skins and hides through New England in bond.

An order in council was passed prohibiting wool grown in the New England states from being imported into Canada during the existence of the foot and mouth disease.

Pioneer Newboy is Dead.

NEW YORK—Henry L. Getchitt, who as a lad was the first newboy in New York to cry his papers aloud, has just died at his home in Brooklyn, a rich man. He was born on the east side and sold newspapers in the streets when the site of Cooper Union was a cornfield. Acting on an inspiration one day, he took up his stand in Park row and began calling out the names of his papers and an inkling of their contents to passersby. The present "extra" yell of the newboys dates from that time.

Confirmed by the Senate. WASHINGTON—Confirmations by the senate: Postmasters—Iowa: C. L. Roberts, Grinnell; J. F. Mentzer, Knoxville; W. B. Means, Boone; L. E. Cox, Belle Plaine; C. E. Hammond, Dows; E. P. Delander, Madrid; J. McKay, sr., Des Moines; N. A. Dill, Columbus Junction; T. H. Earnest, Cherryvale; J. A. Eaton, Erie.

THE BOARD'S PAY

SENATE THINKS \$4,000 ENOUGH FOR ARBITRATORS.

STATEHOOD BILL GOES OVER

Rumors Have it that Plans Are Being Laid to Kill the Measure by Artificial Obstruction, Thus Allowing Time to Turn Votes Against It.

WASHINGTON.—The senate on Thursday passed, with several amendments, the bill fixing the compensation of the arbitrators of the anthracite coal strike commission, and it now goes to conference.

The sentiment of the senate was strongly in favor of allowing members of the commission who are not in the civil or military service a lump sum for their services, and after considerable debate \$4,000 was settled upon as the proper amount, thus taking the matter out of the hands of the president.

Several other amendments were adopted fixing the expenses of commissioners and the assistant recorders at \$10 per day instead of \$15, and leaving the question of salary for the assistant recorders and employees to the commission. The name of the commission was changed to "anthracite coal strike arbitration."

An amendment offered by Mr. Daniel (Va.) to prohibit officers of the government from serving on commissions or performing duties other than called for by law provoked a lengthy discussion, but was finally withdrawn.

At 2 o'clock the statehood bill came up and there was a brisk exchange between Mr. Quay (Pa.), who favors the omnibus bill, and senators who oppose it. Mr. Quay and Mr. Bate (Tenn.) said they were ready to vote. Mr. Beveridge (Ind.), Mr. Lodge (Mass.), Mr. Hale (Me.) and others protested against passing the bill so soon after it was reported and it went over until Monday.

The air was full of rumors concerning the statehood bill, which it was said, was to be defeated, not by votes, but by obstruction; the vote being postponed from day to day until one by one all the votes for the omnibus bill were picked off.

Mr. Quay wanted it understood that the bill would retain its place as the unfinished business, and President Frye said: "The bill remains the unfinished business if it is in the power of the chair to keep it there, and the chair thinks it is."

The senate then resumed consideration of the coal strike commission bill.

Mr. Daniel (Va.) precipitated a lively debate by offering an amendment prohibiting the further assignment of officers and employees of the United States or senators and representatives on any commission. He did not criticize the president; on the contrary, he commended him, but he argued that there was an abundance of intellect, learning and wisdom among the people of the country outside of the government service which could be drawn upon.

Mr. Allison and Mr. Hoar appealed to Mr. Daniel to withdraw his amendment with the view of offering it at some other time when it could have better attention. Mr. Daniel finally consented and the bill was passed.

GOLD MONEY IS DISCUSSED

Senate Committee Talks with Wright on Philippine Currency.

WASHINGTON—The senate committee on the Philippines on Thursday discussed with Vice Governor Wright the monetary situation in the archipelago. It was generally agreed that there would be difficulties in changing the currency in the islands, but the consensus of opinion was that the unit of value should be a gold peso of twelve and nine-tenths grains of gold, which is one-half the value of the United States gold dollar, and the peso in silver should be made legal tender of equal value to the unit.

Governor Wright and the committee also agreed that United States currency should not be made legal tender, as the silver dollar would then be worth twice as much as the peso and thus encourage counterfeiting.

Governor Wright said at present the Mexican dollars were circulating at their bullion value and banks were manipulating them so as to make 4 or 5 cents each. Gold was held in the banks as a commodity and bought by merchants and others, who had to pay therefor foreign obligations in gold.

Need of Funds is Urgent.

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson appeared before the house committee on agriculture Wednesday to explain the urgent necessity for an emergency appropriation to enable his department to stamp out the foot and mouth disease now prevalent in some of the New England states.

Mr. Wilson advised the committee of conditions in the quarantined districts and said it had been found necessary to kill all infected cattle and he had ordered their slaughter.

He estimated that it would cost about \$700,000 to stamp out the disease. The committee also was asked to secure legislation which will give the secretary of agriculture authority, after an inspection of live stock, to give a certificate to the shipper which will permit of the transportation from one state to another and through states without further inspection by state authorities.

HOMAGE TO REED.

House of Representatives Adjourns in Respect to His Memory.

WASHINGTON.—The house on Monday paid a remarkable tribute to the memory of ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed.

His death had created a profound impression and there was a universal desire among the members that the house show a signal mark of respect to his memory.

For the house to take such action on the death of a former member had only three precedents in its history, namely, on the occasions of the death of Benton, Blaine and Alexander Stephens, when the house adopted resolutions and adjourned out of respect to their memories.

It was decided to follow these precedents in the case of Mr. Reed. The chaplain at the opening of the session paid a feeling reference to the death of the ex-speaker. No business was transacted beyond the formal reading of two messages from the president and an arrangement to postpone the special order for the day, the London dock bill, until Tuesday.

Mr. Sherman of New York, then amid profound silence arose and in a few feeling remarks offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the following minutes be spread upon the records of the house of representatives:

"Hon. Thomas Brackett Reed died in Washington December 7, 1902. For twenty-two years he had been a member of this house; for six years its speaker. His service terminated with the fifty-fifth congress.

"Within this chamber the scenes of his life's great activities were laid. Here he rendered service to his country which placed him in the front ranks of American statesmanship. Here he exhibited characteristics which compelled respect and won admiration.

"Forceful ability, intrinsic worth, strength of character, brought him popular fame and congressional leadership. In him depth and breadth of intellect, with a full and well rounded development, had produced a giant who towered above his fellows and impressed them with his power and wisdom.

"A distinguished statesman, a lofty patriot, a cultured scholar, an incisive, an unmatched debater, a master of logic, wit and satire; the most famous of the world's parliamentarians, the great and representative citizen has gone into history.

"Resolved, That in honor of the distinguished dead the house now adjourns."

In presenting the resolution Mr. Sherman said:

"Mr. Speaker, the life of ex-Speaker Reed ended yesterday. Its span measured many years less than the allotted life of man; and yet there was within it so much of moment that his fame became great and will be lasting. He was a citizen of my state since his retirement from public life, although it was as representative from Maine that he rendered his services to the republic, and it is in the state of Maine that he will have his final resting place.

"To have served with Mr. Reed was an honor, to have been in close touch with him an inspiration, to have enjoyed his confidence and friendship, a delight. He was so great, his service to his country so valuable, that it seems to me we may fitly depart from what is the usual custom of the house when one not in public life dies. I, therefore, Mr. Speaker, offer the resolution which I sent to the clerk.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the speaker declared the house adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Reed.

The ways and means committee has reported favorably on the resolutions to adjourn from December 20 to January 5.

JUSTICE SHIRAS MAY RETIRE.

Governor Taft of the Philippines May Be His Successor.

WASHINGTON — The prospective retirement of Justice Shiras from the supreme court, which was announced by his son some very distant day, it is believed here may result in the promotion to the supreme bench of William H. Taft, the chairman of the Philippine commission. Governor Taft's elevation to the court would be the fulfillment of the general understanding at the time he resigned from the federal court bench in Ohio and took up his present duties at the request of President McKinley. It also will be in the nature of a reward for his long and arduous work at the head of the Philippine commission.

Says Swift Buys Railways.

KANSAS CITY.—George H. Ross of Chicago, for several years traffic manager of the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa railway, has succeeded Theodore C. Bates of Boston as president of the Union Depot, Bridge & Terminal Railway company. Mr. Bates says he resigned so that the company's interests might be in the hands of a practical railroad man. A dispatch from Boston however, positively asserts that Mr. Bates sold his interests, and the Winner bridge piers in the Missouri river, and the valuable river land and terminals owned by it, have been purchased by Swift & Company, who contemplate building an independent stock yards and a new plant.

Eric Raises Switchmen.

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