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CLEARING OUT. Read J. H. Law's ad on second page.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS

President Asked for Cuban Information.

Both Houses Send Requests to Him.

Have Agents of Autonomist Government Been Received.

Morgan Wants to Know if We Have Compromised Ourselves.

Treatment of the Reconcentrados in Cuba—The Question of Recognizing Belligerency Rights.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Both houses adopted resolutions today calling upon the president to transmit to congress, if not incompatible with public interest, what information he has received from the government's representatives in Cuba relative to the reconcentrados and whether they are allowed to return to their estates. Generally all information sent in regarding the unfortunate people and what Spain has done, if anything, to alleviate their misery, is called for.

The senate also adopted the following: "That the president inform the senate whether any agent of the autonomist government in Cuba, with authority to negotiate a treaty of reciprocity with the United States, or any other diplomatic or commercial agreement with the United States, has been recognized and received as a representative of such government in Cuba."

Senator Morgan said in relation to this last matter: "I want the administration to inform us whether it has received any agent from the autonomist government in Cuba or any agent designated by Spain to represent the autonomist government, authorized to make any suggestions on the subject of reciprocity or on any other subject. It is very important that we should know whether the government has compromised itself to the extent of recognizing the autonomist government of Cuba before it has been recognized by Spain. If the facts do not exist, I want the atmosphere clear so that there will be no uncertainty in our attitude."

Senator Morgan today reported from the committee on foreign relations the amendment offered by Senator Allen of Nebraska, recognizing the belligerency of Cuba. The report was against making it a part of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, but the report which was quite long, said that the senate had already voted on this matter and was still of the same opinion, and should be glad to have the house co-operate in the securing of the recognition of belligerency.

KLONDIKE SHIP SUNK

THE CLARA NEVADA BELIEVED TO HAVE GONE DOWN.

Steamer Took Fire After an Explosion on Her Return Trip From Skaguay.

Seattle, Feb. 14.—A special despatch from Union, B. C., says: "It is reported that the steamer Clara Nevada went down with all on board on her return trip from Skaguay. Parties on the shore heard an explosion on board the steamer and saw the vessel on fire near Swartz City."

The Clara Nevada was recently purchased from the government for the Klondike trade and had a large number of Klondikers aboard. Her machinery and boilers are said to have been defective. Forty passengers in addition to the crew were on the vessel.

COUNCIL GENERAL LEE

Washington, Feb. 14.—The state department today officially stated that Gen. Phelan Lee, former general of Cuba, has tendered his resignation.

ON PATTON AVENUE, NO. EIGHTEEN CORNER STORE FOR RENT. APPLY TO H. C. CHESTER, FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING.

OHIO'S CAPITOL TO BE RAISED.

Columbus, Feb. 14.—H. Sheeler of Chicago has made a proposition to lift the massive capitol of Ohio and place another story under the structure. Sheeler says he will accomplish this remarkable feat for \$300,000 and Senator Miller of Licking county has promised to introduce a bill to provide the funds for the undertaking. The present structure is inadequate for the use of the legislature and the previous legislature adopted a bill for the remodeling of the building. Plans have been drawn up for the undertaking, but the great cost may arouse opposition. The capitol is of granite and stone and covers two acres of space. It is estimated that there are many hundreds of thousands of tons in the structure.

Mr. Sheeler proposes to raise this immense structure without disturbing a single occupant of the building. He will cut off the building at the base and will raise it with screws. This work alone will require a forest of timbers, thousands of screws, and the labor of a thousand men for three weeks. The entire work of completing the structure would occupy about three months. Mr. Sheeler's plans include remodeling the dome and putting in elevators and all modern conveniences.

POLICE COURT.

Twenty-one Cases Disposed of Yesterday.

The police court was unusually active yesterday morning, there being twenty-one cases booked for the session. The aggregate fines amounted to over \$85.00.

M. W. Lively was present to see that the numerous offenders did not go unpunished.

Ed Jones and James Bridges were fined \$10.00 each for engaging in a drunken row on North Main street Sunday.

J. S. Jenkins had a fine of \$15.00 marked up against him for free application of the rod to the better half.

A Sunday drunk cost Charles Martha \$10.00.

Ed. Belote and Kate Deaver paid \$5.00 each for a scrap on College street.

Lula Davis, Willie Sehorn, and Ed. Heed were released on bonds of \$50.00 each. Harrison Brown being their surety. George Cox was released on promise to return when wanted. These are the offenders who engaged in the Olympic Creek row Saturday.

No sooner was Heed released than he filled up on "acqua contropista" and raised trouble with an old man on South Main street, throwing off his load of wood. The appearance of an officer he greeted with an attack, two men drove a hand cuff and a lock-up were Ed's reward.

George Brown wound up the court with a \$5.00 drunk.

WONT ANNEX HAWAII.

NO HOPE OF OBTAINING THE REQUIRED VOTE.

This is the Statement of a Prominent Advocate of Annexation in the Senate.

Washington, Feb. 14.—A republican United States senator, a prominent member of the committee on finance and an advocate of annexation, said today in regard to the fate of the pending Hawaiian annexation treaty: "I have just informed Senator Davis, chairman of the committee of foreign affairs, that in my judgment it is a waste of time to discuss the annexation treaty any further, that only fifty-three votes could be counted upon in favor of the bill, and that I saw absolutely no prospect of securing the additional seven votes required. Mr. Davis acknowledged the accuracy of my statement in regard to our present strength. My honest convictions are that both senate and house will adjourn without acting on the question of the annexation of Hawaii."

DORA CLAY AGAIN

She Barely Prevents a Killing on Her Account.

Valley View, Ky., Feb. 14.—Dora Clay, wife of General Clay, barely prevented a killing on her account yesterday. Will Bryant, a young man whose attentions to her have caused so much scandal, was trying to shoot Roy Foherrghill, whom she intended victim to escape. Foherrghill has made many remarks about Bryant's conduct and found Dora and Bryant together in a secluded spot. Foherrghill undertook to frighten Bryant by firing a gun over her head. Bryant drew a revolver to shoot Foherrghill and was taking aim when Dora rumbled before the weapon and the bullet went wild. Bryant says he will yet kill Foherrghill.

FIRE IN SPARTANBURG.

Special to the Gazette. Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 14.—A fire this morning in the Walker Block here consumed the greater part of four stores. The loss, which exceeds \$5,000, was partially covered by insurance. Most of the various stocks were saved. The buildings were on Main street adjoining the Windsor hotel and were occupied by a soda water factory, a plumbing and machine shop and an original package establishment.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

ESTABLISHED. Good paying business for sale. For particulars address N. O. P. Gazette.

ARMS SENT TO CUBANS

Big Filibustering Expedition Gets Off.

Ruse by Which it Escaped the Spies.

Detectives Put on a Wrong Scent in Florida.

Vast Amount of Ammunition for the Insurgents.

Armed Tug Guarding Entrance to Long Island Sound to Capture a Suspected Filibustering Vessel.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 14.—Yesterday a large number of Cubans put the Spanish detectives on a false clue regarding a suspected Cuban expedition and while the deaths were off on a wild-goose chase the largest expedition that ever left America departed in two directions, one party going to Pascogoa and another to Cedar Keys. The two bodies met at Pascogoa and under command of Col. Garcia, son of Gen. Calixto Garcia, and other Cuban leaders, left for Cuba on two schooners loaded with fifteen thousand rifles, three big dynamite guns and over half a million cartridges. Two Spanish spies have disappeared and it is said the Cubans bound and gagged them and took them along.

AFTER A FILIBUSTERER.

Newport, R. I., Feb. 14.—Orders were received by Commander McLean of the torpedo station today to dispatch a boat with all hands to the eastern entrance of Long Island Sound to intercept the filibusterer alleged to have left Bridgeport, Conn., last night for Cuba. The only boat available was the tug Leyden upon which were placed two rapid fire guns and a crew of gunners. She sailed this afternoon, commanded by Lieut. Niles. If the tug catches up with the filibusterer and she refuses to surrender, the rapid fire guns will not be allowed to remain idle.

The local collector of customs at Bridgeport received advices from Washington last night to the effect that a tug with three barges had just departed from Bridgeport. It was believed on a filibustering expedition. According to advices from Washington the tug and barges were loaded with arms and dynamite to be transported to another boat somewhere on Long Island Sound. The Washington authorities, it is said, received their information of this filibustering expedition from spies stationed at Bridgeport.

CELEBRATED PORTIS MINE SOLD.

Rock Mount, Feb. 14.—Arrangements for the sale of the celebrated Portis mine, situated in Nash and Franklin counties, have been consummated. This property has a record of about two million dollars, although including but part of the surface has been scratched and there remains unlimited quantities of ore in sight. The purchase price to be paid is \$120,000, which is very cheap for a property of such undoubted value. Thees, who has taken three quarters of a million from the Hart mine in South Carolina during the past eight years will be superintendent. This assures legitimate working and consequent success. Machinery will be placed on the property and active work commenced at once.

SPAIN'S DISAVOWAL.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Midnight—Spain has sent a disavowal of the De Lome letter, "a disclaimer," the administration calls it and says the incident is closed.

The letter written by Dupuy De Lome to Canallas, which caused the incident just ended was turned over to their representative, Calderon Carliste, today.

De Lome and family leave for New York tomorrow to take the steamer for Spain.

A long dispatch relative to Spain's disavowal was received from Woodford but was not given out at a late hour.

The Dairy Lunch Room handles Baltimore milk and cream fresh every day.

SCHOOL HISTORY.

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—Superintendent of Public Instruction Mebane has sent the following circular to teachers and school principals throughout the state:

"I am anxious that the next biennial report that is sent out from this office shall show, not only what North Carolina is doing in the public schools and state institutions, but also shall show what our denominational colleges and high schools are doing—the academies, private schools, and in fact, want all the educational interests of the state to be represented in this report."

"In order to do this a considerable expense will be incurred, and in order to meet this expense I have decided to offer space in this report at exactly what it will cost the state to print it. We want a short, concise history of the various schools, academies, and colleges, and an outline of what has been done and is being done. Do not mention what you expect to do. I hope you will do greater things in the future, but want this report to show what is being done now. Would be glad to have a cut of your building and faculty to publish. The state printer estimates the cost to be about \$1.50 per page. This is a very reasonable expense to the schools, and will do them a great deal of good as well as the state. This report will be sent to every state in the United States, as well as distributed throughout North Carolina. I expect to have a brief general history of the work done by the denominational colleges, and especially what the academies did for us as a state in early years."

TO SUBMIT LEE'S LETTERS.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The state department, in response to the house and senate resolutions of today, has begun the work of putting the letters and dispatches from Consul General Lee and consuls in other cities in Cuba in order for transmission to congress.

Many dispatches from Lee and others giving details of starvation, misery and cruelty toward reconcentrados will be withheld owing to fear of an outburst of public feeling that would surely follow. The greater number of Lee's dispatches in which he speaks very freely about both the starvation of the pacifists and complete failure of autonomy will be withheld entirely.

TO CONTROL RAILROADS.

A RADICAL MEASURE PASSED IN KENTUCKY.

The McChord Bill Gives the State Commission Power to Fix Rates.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 14.—The McChord bill, which gives the state railroad commissioners the power to fix rates, passed the lower house this afternoon with a whoop. It got through the senate last week by a narrow majority, but it seems certain to become a law.

Representative Charlton presented a petition from 15,000 railway employes protesting against the bill, but it did no good. The opponents of the bill declared that it gave the commissioners complete control of the railroads, throwing competition to the winds and was a menace to labor. The populists and silverites urged that similar bills had been passed in Arkansas and Virginia and ought to be passed here. After three hours' debate it went through by a vote of 84 to 22.

Governor Bradley may veto the bill, but it is believed it can be passed over his head.

DE LOME'S SUCCESSOR

Senor Lewis Pilo-Barnabe Appointed Minister.

Madrid, Feb. 14.—Senor Lewis Pilo-Barnabe has been appointed minister to the United States, successor to Senor De Lome, resigned.

The new minister is a son of Vice-Admiral Pilo, former Spanish representative to the United States.

The man who discounts and the man who pays promptly are the men who buy most cheaply. The inducements to sell are so greatly enhanced by those combinations that no bargains escape them, and they are thereby often enabled to sell at a profit at prices that mean ruin to their slipshod competitors.

THE BUSINESS MAGAZINE.

Our 17 years experience of the above statement justifies us in saying it is absolutely correct.

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ARTHUR M. FIELD, LEADING JEWELER, Church Street and Patton Avenue, Asheville, N. C.

SENSATIONAL ZOLA TRIAL

Much Testimony Proving Dreyfus Innocent.

Alleged Gravity of the Situation in Paris.

Fears That Meline is Unfit to Deal With a Crisis.

The Anti-Jew Prejudice Evidently Subsidizing.

Proceedings at Yesterday's Hearing in the Assizes Court—One Witness Who Declared Dreyfus Wrote the Boredeau.

Paris, Feb. 14.—Yesterday's complete calm still reigns in Paris, but the strange quiet serves to emphasize the gravity of the situation, which now impresses itself on everybody. The Paris correspondent of the London Times goes so far as to say that many people are looking for the everlasting sword, and declares that if Bonaparte would now appear he would destroy the French republic at one stroke. The utterance is too extreme, but it is impossible to deny that the present calm is ominous.

The anti-Jew prejudice which was the chief figure of the popular agitation before the trial is certainly subsidizing and its place has been taken by cries of "Vive l'Armee" on one side, and "Vive la Republique" on the other. The latter cry is now small and weak, but it will not long continue so if the French people cease gain a true understanding of the situation. Prime Minister Meline is weak and it is feared that he is unfit to deal with such a crisis as may arise.

Today's proceedings were of a sensational character, much testimony being submitted proving Dreyfus innocent, though one witness, expert in handwriting, swore the famous boredeau, or memorandum was in the handwriting of Dreyfus. He swore he got 200 francs for his work but could have gotten 200,000 had he reported the boredeau not written, by Dreyfus.

M. Laborie, Zola's counsel twitted the witness Bertillon with being unwilling to testify in court while giving interviews to newspapers. M. Bertillon said the interviews were false. Being pressed by M. Laborie to explain how, unless he had seen the secret documents, he was able to prove at the court martial that Dreyfus wrote the boredeau. The witness answered he could not explain without the documents which were no longer in his possession. His statement caused a sensation. Bertillon persisted in not answering questions and as he left the witness stand M. Laborie remarked: "and that is the man upon whose evidence Dreyfus was convicted."

If you are up late come to the Dairy Lunch room and get a lunch before you go home.

In Eastern North Carolina the acreage in tobacco is to be almost if not quite doubled this year.

NORTH CAROLINA GEMS.

The rare beauties of nature, so well represented in Western North Carolina, are becoming better known every day as people who are better educated in the formation and utility of minerals have from time to time shown their appreciation of these Gems by using them in all kinds of adornment.

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WE OFFER:

- One lot of 41 gems at 50 cents each.
- One lot of 40 gems at 60 cents each.
- One lot of 100 gems at 75 cents each.
- One lot of 40 gems at \$1.00 each.
- One lot of 22 gems at \$1.25 each.—Sold.
- One lot of 5 gems at \$1.50 each.
- One lot of 2 gems at \$2.00 each.
- One lot of 5 gems at \$2.50 each.—Sold.
- One lot of 3 gems at \$3.00 each.
- One gem for \$4.00.