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STORMY SCENES ENACTED BY OUR LAW MAKERS

The Question of the Rights of the United States in Cuba the All Absorbing Topic.

Morgan Closes His Speech In Opposition to the Army Bill Amendment.

Lively Time in the House Over the Discussion of Sampson's Promotion.

Bill Passed to Divide Oklahoma Into Counties and Granting Full Civic Powers.

Washington, Feb. 26.—There was a full attendance on the floor and a large crowd in the galleries when the senate reassembled tonight to further discuss the Spooner amendment to the army appropriation bill.

Senator Morgan, who occupied the attention of the senate during most of the day, concluded his remarks late this evening. The greater part of his speech today was devoted to denunciations of the amendment to the army appropriation bill defining relations with Cuba. He questioned the right of the United States to assume suzerainty over any foreign country.

He asserted that Cuba would never accept the proposition and that the United States had no right to offer it. He dwelt on the popular feeling in Cuba against the United States and warned Americans not to deceive themselves in supposing they were going to meet a set of men in Cuba, who were not determined to have independence. He favored free trade with Cuba and the granting of unconditional independence to that country. In conclusion he said: "My advice would be to abandon the amendments and pass the appropriation bill."

Several senators spoke on the Spooner amendment tonight. Democrats denounced it in unmeasured terms and refused to consent to fixing a time for the final vote on the bill.

A sensational incident occurred in connection with today's proceedings. While Morgan was speaking Allen obtained the floor and declared in emphatic and excited terms that if Sampson was the author of the letter opposing Gunner Morgan's promotion he was a "concocted ass, and an arrant coward." He added: "We are not raising in this country a race of snobs," and declared that Morgan came from as good a race as Sampson. Allen's remarks were greeted with laughter and applause. Chandler wished to reply but Morgan refused to yield the floor.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

Washington, Feb. 26.—At the opening of the session of the house today the senate bill to authorize the attorney general upon the request of the secretary of the interior to appear in suits relative to school lands was passed.

Speaker Henderson today referred the St. Louis exposition bill with the senate amendments appropriating \$250,000 for the Charleston exposition and providing for the closing of the exposition on Sunday, to the special committee. Has been on the speaker's table for several days in the hope that it could be gotten into conference by unanimous consent. The request made by M. Tawney at the close of the session last night to concur and send the bill to conference having been met with an objection from Mr. Shepherd (Texas), the speaker decided to send the bill to committee.

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act, but before a vote was taken a motion to adjourn prevailed.

The house adjourned late this evening after one of the stormiest scenes enacted in a long time. It occurred near the close of the discussion on the second conference report on the naval appropriation bill.

Berry and Sulzer, in debate on the report, paid their compliments to Sampson, in connection with his letter (Continued on the eighth page)

SAMPSON'S PROMOTION

Chances Materially Lessened by Publication of His Letter.

Attempt to Secure Legislation in His Behalf Will be Vigorously Opposed.

Washington, Feb. 25.—General regret is expressed in naval circles over the publication of Sampson's views as expressed in his letter in regard to the promotion of gunner Morgan. It is believed that Sampson injured his cause by the sentiments he expressed. Sampson's enemies have not lost the opportunity afforded them by endorsing "snobs," and saying Sampson, son of a poor working man, seeks to draw the line of social distinction between American citizens and place himself and commissioned officers of the navy in the aristocratic class.

Sampson's friends admit that the chances of passing the measure creating the grade of vice admiral for the benefit of Sampson and Schley, are materially lessened. Some go so far as to say that an attempt to secure legislation in his behalf will be useless.

TWO MORE OFFICIALS EXECUTED IN PEKIN

Great Crowd Witnessed Beheading of Kih Sin and Hsu Chang Yu.

Pekin, Feb. 26.—Kih Sin and Hsu Chang Yu, two Chinese officials who were turned over by the Japanese to the board of punishment, were beheaded today on the same spot where Tsung li yamen executed many during the siege for favoring the foreigners. A great crowd witnessed the executions.

Before the executioner did his work, Lieut. Col. Shiba, military attaché of the Japanese legation, visited the condemned men and treated them to Champagne. Kih Sin said to him "I don't know what I have done to make me deserving of death, but if beheading me will make the foreign troops leave Pekin and my emperor to return, I am satisfied to die. I will die a patriot."

SAMPSON AND SCHLEY FAIL OF CONFIRMATION

Washington, Feb. 26.—The senate in executive session tonight confirmed the nominations of officers of the Navy and marine corps who were advanced for distinguished service in the war with Spain except Sampson and Schley.

VANDERLIP RESIGNS.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The resignation of Hon. Frank A. Vanderlip, assistant secretary of the treasury, was announced at the department today to take effect upon the qualification of his successor, not later than March 8.

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TAKING REINS OF GOVERNMENT

Cuban Convention Will Promulgate Election Law and Hold Elections.

Can Only be Stopped by Peremptory Orders From United States Which Will Cause Trouble.

New York, Feb. 26.—According to Havana despatches to the World, the Cubans regard their constitution as in effect since the day it was signed. The convention before the end of the week will promulgate the election law and within 90 days thereafter elections will be held and Cuba will require United States to turn over all government property to the officers who have been elected.

The United States cannot prevent the progress of the program except on peremptory orders to stop, which orders will be accepted as a notice that the pledge of the United States has been repudiated. In this event serious trouble can scarcely be avoided.

SEMI-LIKE BRITISH SUZERANITY

London, Feb. 26.—The St. James Gazette says today it sees in the senate's proposals, relative to Cuba, great similarity with British suzerainty over the Transvaal under the convention of 1884 and wonders how long the United States would submit to any further ill treatment of American citizens similar to Mr. Kruger's mal-treatment of British subjects and ridicules the idea of America submitting a dispute between the United States and Cuba to the arbitration of a foreign power.

GOMEZ GIVES ASSURANCE.

Havana, Feb. 26.—Gen. Gomez visited Gov. Wood this morning and assured him that the stories of unrest and dissatisfaction at the continuance of the United States intervention were false and that he had been misrepresented in statements to the effect that he favored an immediate withdrawal of the United States troops.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

Organized by the Philippine Commission For the of Bualacan.

Sentiments of Peace and Satisfaction With American Sovereignty Prevalent.

Guguinto, Bulacan Province, Feb. 26.—The United States Philippine commission arrived here from Manila and organized a provincial government.

An insurgent commander is still at large with a band of 300 men. Nevertheless sentiments of peace and satisfaction with American sovereignty seem to be as prevalent as in the provinces where previously organized.

The party arrived here in army wagons and native carts and were driven to the military headquarters. As many natives as could be crowded into the hall were present. The presidents of the town welcomed the commissioners, declaring that the people of the province, which had been watered with the blood of Americans and Filipinos, earnestly hoped for the establishment of a peaceful government guaranteeing the personal liberty.

Judge Taft said he rejoiced at the fact that the people of the province of Bulacan no longer misunderstood the object of the American government which solely was to secure for the people the blessings of civil liberty and to develop their self-governing capacity.

During the afternoon there was a big meeting in the chapel and the bill applying the provincial act to Bulacan probably will be discussed.

CONFESSED TO KILLING.

Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 26.—Miss Ida Finkelstein, the school teacher, who was robbed and shot by a negro late Monday afternoon died at the hospital late last night. The police this morning arrested the murderer who proved to be George Ward, aged 27, a car-wash laborer. He at first denied the charge but later made a full confession. He said she taunted him about his color and then slapped him in the face and in a fit of anger he shot her and then cut her throat. He has been in the insane asylum and is believed to be demented now. The knife with which he cut the girl's throat was found in his pocket.

NATIONAL BANK CHARTERS.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The senate committee on finance today authorized extending for twenty years the charters of national banks.

Grant's No. 24 cures Cold and La-Grippe. 25c. Grant's Pharmacy.

TODAY'S GAZETTE.

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TERRIBLE VENGEANCE

Negro Murderer Lynched and Burned by Indiana Mob.

Thousands Witness Ghastly Spectacle of the Burning of a Human Body.

Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 26.—George Ward, the negro who confessed to the murder of Miss Ida Finkelstein, was taken from the Vigo county jail by a mob at 12:30 today. The mob which had been once repulsed by deputy sheriffs with shot guns broke into the jail while the sheriff was at the court house. A rope was placed around the negro's neck and he was dragged to the wagon bridge across the Wabash river three blocks away and hanged to the draw-bridge.

A crowd variously estimated at from 2,000 to 3,000 gathered at the jail immediately after it became known that the murderer was under arrest. They succeeded in battering down the front door. They were driven back, however, by the jailer, Lawrence O'Donnell, who fired over their heads with a shot gun. Three deputy sheriffs were struck by scattering shot, but none of the crowd was hurt. The excitement increased as the news of the foul deed became known. Arrangements were made to take the prisoner before the court for his sentence at 3 o'clock, but he was lynched long before that.

The mob used a large piece of timber for a battering ram and broke in the jail door and with clubs, guns and revolvers drove back the few deputies on duty. On the way to the bridge the victim was beaten with sticks and shot at by members of the mob and he was unconscious when hanged and in all probability dead.

When the body was dropped from the bridge one strand of the rope broke and the leaders of the mob thinking their victim might drop into the river hauled the body up again and it was dragged to the west side of the river and burned.

The body was in a horizontal position at the stake, the feet protruding at one end and the head at the other. The fire had barely been started when a man arrived with a can of turpentine which was fed to the eager flames. After that combustible oil seemed to flow spontaneously toward the fire and the flames leaped high while the body of the wretched murderer was slowly burned.

There was no attempt at disguise on the part of the members of the mob. Within ten minutes of the time when the mob reached the bridge with the victim people assembled in ever increasing numbers. When the body was taken down the bridge west of the draw was barricaded and the crowd was stopped there, but the east bank of the river and the bridge on the city side of the draw was crowded with thousands of men, women and children, gazing at the awful spectacle of a human body being consumed in vengeful flames. In all that crowd not one word of sympathy for the poor wretch was to be heard, though many deprecated the final act of burning.

TO CURTAIL PRODUCTION FROM COTTON MILLS

Sixty-Five Mills Give Notice of Approval of the Plan.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 26.—Secretary George B. Hiss, of the Southern Cotton Spinners' association, has informed the president of that association that 65 cotton mills in the south have sent in their approval of the curtailment of yarns, as agreed upon in the meeting held in this city on February 16, and that these mills represent 380,000 spindles.

GERMANY'S POPULATION IS 56,345,014 SOULS

Highest Increase of Any Quadrennial Period in Thirty Years.

Berlin, Feb. 26.—The census taken December 1, 1900, shows the population of the empire to be 56,345,014, of which number 27,731,067 were males. Thirty-three of the largest towns have populations of over 100,000 each, or an aggregate of 9,108,814. Since 1895 the increase in the population of the empire has been about 4,000,000 or 7.9 per cent. The highest rate of increase for any quadrennial period during the last thirty years.

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DO NOT WISH WITHDRAWAL

Conservative Cubans Desire That Americans Remain Longer in Island.

Everything Disorganized and Municipal Government in Perfect Chaos.

GOMEZ ONLY ONE WHO COULD CAUSE TROUBLE

HE HAS NO INTENTION OF DOING SO—IF AMERICANS WITHDRAW.

CUBANS WILL BE FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES IN TWO MONTHS.

Havana, Feb. 26.—La Realidad, organ of the conservative party, says conservatives do not wish the United States to withdraw from Cuba yet.

It is declared that everything is disorganized and municipal administration is in perfect chaos. The municipal judges and councilmen, it says, were elected because they were most unscrupulous and daring.

Several prominent revolutionary papers also express a desire for the Americans to remain longer.

General Gomez said if the Americans withdrew the Cubans would be fighting among themselves within two months. He declared he was the only leader who could cause the Americans trouble, but he had no intention of doing so. He didn't wish to be president. The country was in no condition to be handed over to the Cubans.

It is understood that constitutional convention today approved the proposition that Cubans should not enter into relations with any foreign country that might interfere with her independence, and also that Cuban's shouldn't allow any portion of their territory to be used as a base of operations either against the United States or any other country.

It is claimed the delegates don't believe that congress will support McKinley in his demand for certain relations.

BODIES MAY BE RECOVERED FROM WRECK

Depth of Water Over the Sunken Rio Will Permit Work of Divers.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—The Examiner says the position of the wrecked Rio de Janeiro has been located by sounding in thirteen fathoms of water, a depth at which divers can work. It is said to be exactly one quarter mile southwest of Fort Point buoy. It is not impossible that the imprisoned bodies may be recovered if the wreck has been carefully located. About 300 bags of mail are in the sunken ship.

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