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SUGAR'S DEFEAT

AS A RULE, THEY TAKE IT GRACE. FULLY—TRYING TO GET PLEDGES FROM SENATE.

Cuban Tariff Relief Bill Reported from Ways and Means Committee Yesterday.

MANY SENATORS THINK REDUCTION INSUFFICIENT HOPED THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO PASS CUBAN TARIFF BILL BY REPUBLICAN VOTES ALONE, WITHOUT RECOURSE TO SPECIAL RULE.

Washington, March 19.—Speaker Henderson conferred today with his lieutenants in the house and leading republican senators regarding the full program for Cuban legislation, in line with the action of last night's republican caucus, endorsing the ways and means committee's plan for a 20 per cent reduction until December 1, 1903. The beet sugar men, as a rule, take their defeat with good grace. No particular haste will be displayed by the house leaders in pressing the bill and it is hoped that time will heal the wounds caused by protracted controversy and that it will be possible to pass the measure by republican votes alone and without recourse to the special rule.

The bill was reported from the ways and means committee today. It authorizes the president to negotiate with the new Cuban government for a 20 per cent. reduction, to continue until December 1, 1903, provided that Cuba enacts immigration and exclusion laws as fully restrictive as the laws of the United States. Many of the beet sugar men in the house are desirous of securing advance pledges from the senate that the bill would be continued. No such assurance will be given. A majority of the republican senators think the proposed 20 per cent. reduction insufficient, that time should be extended and that the measure should be an ordinary bill and not one granting authority to the president which, they say, he has already. When the bill reaches the senate it may be amended to meet these views.

Washington, March 19.—At the opening of the session of the house today Mr. Mann (Ill.), of the committee on elections No. 1, gave notice that immediately after the disposal of the rivers and harbors bill he would call up the contested election cases of Spears vs. Burnett and Moos vs. Rhea. The general debate upon the rivers and harbors bill then was resumed. Mr. Ransdell (La.), a member of the committee defended the appropriations for the lower Mississippi.

Democratic Caucus. Washington, March 19.—The house democrats held a caucus tonight on the Boer war and adopted a resolution that congress should express sympathy with the Boers and should appeal to Great Britain to accept overtures for peace, and that the United States should maintain perfect neutrality and see that it is enforced. A resolution by Sulzer, representing that the United States was committed to arbitration and requesting the president to urge this policy on the British Government, was defeated by a close vote.

Bill to Protect President. Washington, March 19.—Most of the time of the senate was taken up by the discussion of the bill for protection of

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the president. Spooner argued in favor of the measure, especially attacking Bacon's constitutional argument against it. Culberson offered a substitute making assassination or attempted assassination of the president, president or executive head of any foreign country punishable with death. The bill went over without action.

In the house discussion of the river and harbor bill was continued in committee of the whole, 27 of 115 pages being disposed of before adjournment. An amendment appropriating \$160,000 for the improvement of the Buttermilk channel in New York harbor was defeated.

DELIBERATE MURDER OF KNOXVILLE POLICEMAN

BLOODY CHAPTER OF A FEUD WHICH HAS EXISTED FOR MANY YEARS.

Knoxville, March 19.—Thomas C. Howard, a special policeman to collect city bail bonds, was killed this afternoon about 2 o'clock by Josh R. Jones and Moutre Jones, of Monroe county. It occurred at the corner of Gay street and Jackson avenue. It is another chapter in the Howard-McGhee feud which has existed between two prominent Monroe county families for a number of years.

From what eye-witnesses say, it was a cold-blooded murder. The Jones were coming from the train. The old man carried a small grip. When they passed the shooting gallery one of them saw Tom Howard standing just inside the plate glass.

"There is the ——— now," remarked one; "let's get him."
They stopped, turned back and pulled their guns. Two shots were fired at the back of the victim through the glass. Then the desperate men rushed inside. Howard, without looking to see who had shot him, leaped over the counter and fell to the floor. Both men rushed to the counter and leaning over, fired two shots.

J. F. Smith, a young man who lives at Lincoln Park, said he thought both men fired, but the condition of the weapons after the arrest showed that only one of them was discharged.

Howard was shot through the head and died instantly. The Jones then went to the Knoxville Banking company's bank and gave themselves up to Constable Charles Carter. The Joneses could not be seen, but according to the statement of the officers, Josh R. Jones, the old man, acknowledged to doing the shooting.

PRITCHARD WILL WORK FOR ADAMS' INTEREST

IN THE ALASKA JUDGESHIP MATTER—A MOVEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MARION.

Special to the Gazette. Washington, March 19.—Senator Pritchard has returned from North Carolina. The senator will immediately take the field in Judge Adams' interest for the Alaska Judgeship, as this appointment was held up at the request of Major Moody until Senator Pritchard could be heard from.

Mr. Robt. H. McNeill, who succeeds Mr. W. S. Hyams, as secretary to the committee on patents, is being made acquainted with his duties by Secretary Hyams. Mr. McNeill possesses the necessary qualifications and will no doubt make an efficient and acceptable secretary.

Mr. Charles E. House of Marion who has spent more than a week here mingling pleasure with business, today returned to North Carolina. While here Mr. House had several conferences with M. V. Richards, land and industrial agent of the Southern Railway, and he submitted to the above named official data furnished by manufacturers, shippers and merchants of Marion, with a view of obtaining better co-operation toward a progressive development of that thriving little city. He was courteously received by Mr. Richards, and assured that the matter would be given immediate and careful consideration by the proper officials.

COLORADO & SOUTHERN

Denver, March 19.—The Republican today prints an interview with Paul Morton, vice-president of the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, in which he is credited with saying that the Colorado & Southern Railway company had changed hands, that no other railroad or corporation now owns the road, but that it is in the hands of private individuals who have purchased the road for an investment. Mr. Morton did not say, however, who the individuals were.

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LAWYERS ARE DISGRUNTLED

ATTORNEYS FOR PATRICK IN MURDER CASE REFUSE TO GO ON WITH IT.

Court had Ordered Jury to Disregard Moore and had Ruled Testimony Out.

HAND WRITING EVIDENCE NOT CONSIDERED COMPETENT

A SINGULAR CLIMAX IN THE DEFENSE OF THE CASE BEFORE THE NEW YORK CITY RECORDER.

New York, March 19.—The defence in the Patrick murder trial rested this afternoon unexpectedly and abruptly, and when there were still five handwriting experts to be called in the prisoner's behalf. This move was the result of a row between Recorder Goff and Patrick's lawyers. At the morning session the recorder told the jury to disregard Lawler Moore's remarks and told Moore he need expect no further indulgence. Moore wanted to quit at the noon recess but his colleagues decided to try again. When, however, the testimony of the defence's handwriting expert was ordered stricken out in the afternoon House and Turner joined in with Moore and the defence withdrew.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DANISH WEST INDIES

PRESIDENT'S PURPOSE TO EFFECT A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AT THE OUTSET

Washington, March 19.—Although the details of the program for the acquisition of the Danish West Indian Islands have not been perfected, the discussion of the subject by the cabinet has indicated a purpose on the part of the president to erect a provisional government in the Islands at the outset. The American flag having been raised by an officer of the army or navy (which one is not yet certain, though it may be noted the United States steamship Machias is now at St. Thomas), some person, probably a civilian, will be dispatched from the United States to take charge of affairs, as provisional governor of the islands. Meanwhile a scheme for a permanent government will be submitted to congress, probably approximating the Porto Rican government act, and if this is favorably acted upon, a permanent government will be installed before the end of the fiscal year.

WILCOX'S MOTIVE FOR KILLING MISS CROSEY

WAS UNRFQUITED LOVE, LAWYER J. H. SAWYER DFCLARES.

Elizabeth City, March 19.—Argument in the Wilcox case was continued today. J. H. Sawyer of counsel for the state and W. M. Bond of the defense spoke.

Sawyer held that Wilcox wilfully, with malice, deliberation and premeditation killed Nellie Crosey by striking her on the head with a "black jack." Motive was unrequited love. He said: "He loved the girl; he loves her today. She didn't care for him. She would not have anything to do with him. He could not win her back. She was going to leave and get rid of him. The hell within him made him kill her."

Bond said the evidence against drowning was not convincing, and that all symptoms failed after thirty-seven hours, when a body had been buried in the water. The argument concludes tomorrow.

NEW SPANISH CABINET

Madrid, March 19.—The queen regent has signed the appointments of the new ministry and the cabinet officers took the oath this evening.

FRANCE AND RUSSIA CONVEY A WARNING TO ENGLAND AND JAPAN

Such is the Construction Put Upon a Note to the Joint Powers, Signers of the Pekin Protocol—"Satisfaction at Affirmation of Essential Principles, But," Etc., Etc.

Paris, March 19.—The French and Russian governments have sent a joint note to the signators of the Pekin protocol in which they express satisfaction at finding in the Anglo-Japanese alliance affirmation of the essential principles which they themselves have declared established, but add that being obliged to "Take into consideration the eventual-

ity of aggressive action on the part of a third power or of fresh troubles in China, jeopardizing the integrity and free development of that power and becoming a menace to their own interests, the two allied governments reserve it to themselves to consider in such cases means of assuring their protection." The note emphasizes Franco-Russian co-operation in the east and is taken as a warning to Japan and England.

BOSTON STRIKE CONSIDERED AS PRACTICALLY SETTLED.

Boston, March 19.—With less than 300 men idle of the 20,000 who participated in the sympathetic strike here last week, traffic in the various trades affected by the trouble has resumed normal conditions and the strike is considered as practically settled.

EVANS DENIES HE HAS BEEN OFFERED SECRETARYSHIP

Washington, March 19.—Commissioner of Pensions H. Clay Evans was shown today a despatch from Birmingham to the effect that a special from Chattanooga stated that close personal friends there of Pension Commissioner H. Clay Evans claim to have information that President Roosevelt will make him secretary of the interior. "There is absolutely no foundation for the report," said Mr. Evans, "and I would be glad to have the Associated Press deny it."

KING EDWARD IS REVIVING CUSTOM OF TAKING SNUFF

London, March 19.—King Edward has set the custom of snuff-taking which, as a result, promises to be generally revived. At the Marlborough house dinners a Georgian silver snuff box, once used by the prince regent, is handed to his majesty at the beginning of the dessert, while the ladies are still at the table. The king helps himself liberally, sharing his pinches with favored guests.

HANGED FOR MURDER; HEAD SEVERED FROM BODY

Memphis, March 19.—A German special from Aberdeen, Miss., says: Will Lanier, murderer of the two Bidde brothers, met death on the gallows at one o'clock today. He was firm to the last, and made an address in which he stated that the cause of his downfall was gambling and illicit whiskey making. When the rope stretched, the spectators were horrified to see his head leap from his body, severed as completely as though cut with an axe. A large crowd gathered to witness the execution, but perfect order prevailed.



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