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CUBAN QUESTION IS DISCUSSED

PLANS FOR REPORTING WAYS AND MEANS BILL TO HOUSE BEING TALKED OVER.

Date of Taking Action on Tariff Reduction Bill May Be Ad- vanced to June 1.

NO DOUBT THAT BILL WILL BE PASSED

IT IS REPORTED ON GOOD AU- THORITY THAT THE PRESI- DENT WILL ACCEPT THE BILL

Washington, March 24.—The Cuban question occupied the attention of the president, the cabinet and congressmen today. Various congressmen, chiefly beet sugar men, called at the white house and discussed plans for reporting the ways and means bill to the house. General Wood and President-elect Palma dined with the president and talked over the plans for turning the Cuban government over to the people. The importance of securing action by congress on the tariff reduction bill in advance of the transfer was impressed on the president and the date may be advanced to June 1, or later if congress does not dispose of the question at an early day.

The efforts of the republican leaders are now being especially directed towards getting a bill reported with the approval of all the republican members of the ways and means committee. There is no doubt the bill would be passed, although the beet sugar men still talk of no surrender.

It is reported on good authority that the president told a congressman today that he was willing to accept the bill as it stands. General Wood said he was not trying to influence congress and he denied he had predicted an insurrection in Cuba.

Minor Bills Passed.

Washington, March 21.—Nothing important was done in either branch of congress today. In the senate several minor bills were passed, including one appropriating \$50,000 to improve and beautify the monument on Moore's Creek battlefield in North Carolina and one appropriating \$100,000 for public building at Georgetown, South Carolina. Conferences were ordered on the bill to repeal war taxes and the legislative appropriation bill. The house oleomargarine bill was laid before the senate as unfinished business.

Washington, March 24.—Soon after the senate convened today, Mr. Hale (Maine) offered a resolution which was adopted directing the committee of fisheries to inquire into the destruction by dynamite of sea fish along the eastern coast of the United States and to report by bill or otherwise a remedy for the trouble. By a resolution of Mr. Lodge (Mass.), which was adopted, the attorney-general was directed to transmit to the senate a list of the claims he is defending before the Spanish treaty claims commission together with the particulars as to each claim.

Mr. Dubois (Iaho) presented a petition from the American chamber of commerce at Manila, saying it was a "significant fact" that this was the second petition from that organization urging that the restriction on Chinese coolie labor be removed. Mr. Dubois added that testimony before the Philippines committee indicated that the Philippine islands could not be developed without Chinese labor.

Mr. Hoar (Mass.) inquired if the petitioners were American citizens.

Mr. Dubois replied that he under-

stood they were.

Mr. Hoar pointed out that under its rules, the senate could not receive petitions from people of a foreign power. The acceptance of the memorial seemed to him an admission on the part of the senate that the United States was not at war in the Philippines. The memorial was referred to the Philippine committee.

The rivers and harbors bill was received from the house and referred to the committee on commerce. Mr. Frye, chairman of that committee, gave notice that hearings on the bill would be given to senators for four days, beginning tomorrow morning, and that there would be no further hearings.

In the House.

Washington, March 24.—This was District of Columbia day in the house and some time was spent at the opening of the session in transaction of District business. The senate amendments to the bill to repeal the war revenue taxes were non-concurred in and the bill was sent to the conference. Messrs. Payne (N. Y.), Dalzell (Penn.), and Richardson (Tenn.), were appointed conferees. A similar course was taken with reference to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, and Messrs. Bingham (Penn.), Hemmway (Ind.), and Livingston (Ga.) were appointed conferees.

After the conclusion of the district business, debate upon the contested election case of Moss vs. Rhea, from the Third Kentucky district, was resumed. Mr. Bowie (Ala.), member of the committee which reported the case, argued in favor of sustaining the contention of the minority that Mr. Rhea was entitled to retain his seat.

The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce today voted to report the Hepburn pure food bill, so-called, to prevent the adulteration, misbranding and imitation of foods, beverages, candies, drugs, etc., and regulating interstate traffic in such goods. The bill was framed by the National Pure Food congress and for some time hearings have been in progress on this other pure food measure.

Elizabeth City People
Relent Toward Wilcox

TALK OF COMMUTATION OF DEATH SENTENCE—PRISON- ER GAY AND SAUCY.

Portsmouth, Va., March 24.—Wilcox, convicted of murder at Elizabeth City, N. C., for killing Ella M. Cropey, is gay and saucy. Guy Hall, a friend of former days, called on him in the jail today and Wilcox announced: "My time is limited, Guy, but you needn't worry. I shall send out invitations to my execution by April 22 at furthest. I will not forget you."

The people of Elizabeth City are relenting somewhat. Many substantial citizens favor sending the boy to the penitentiary for life. Some say a petition signed by the Cropeys will be sent to the governor asking that his sentence be commuted to life imprisonment.

MINERS CALL STRIKE; DATE TO BE FIXED

PROVIDED FINAL EFFORT AT RE- CONCILIATION PROVES UNAVAILING.

Shamokin, Pa., March 24.—The U. M. W. convention today adopted a resolution calling for a strike to take effect on a date to be fixed by the district executive board, providing a final effort at reconciliation with the operators through the medium of the civic federation proves unavailing.

If a man is inclined to lead a fast life, he should head it to the nearest hitching post and tie it.

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SURRENDER OF BOER GENERALS

NOT BELIEVED PROBABLE IN LONDON—DOUBTS OF LEA- DERS' INFLUENCE.

Government Officials, It Is Pointed Out, May Be Unable to Influence Commanders.

CAUTION PERMEATES LONDON UTTERANCES

ACTING PRESIDENT SCHALK- BURGER'S ARRIVAL AT PRETO- RIA A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO BOER CIRCLES THERE.

London, March 24.—In the house of commons today, the war secretary, Mr. Broderick, announced that a fortnight ago Mr. Schalk Burger had intimated to Lord Kitchener his desire to be granted a safe conduct through the British line and back, in order to see Mr. Steyn with reference to the possibility of peace proposals. Lord Kitchener, with the consent of the government, has acceded to the request. The announcement of the war secretary was received with cheers.

There is little disposition in London to regard the news of a visit of the Boer government to Pretoria as any too hopeful. Official circles express the doubts, held throughout, of the ability of Acting President Schalk-Burger and the other civilian leaders of the Boers to induce such men as General DeWet and Delarey to surrender. Possibly they think the representatives of the Transvaal government are desirous of suing for peace, but there is nothing to show that they have any authority to impose submission of the commandants in the field. The most hopeful sign they see is the announcement that Lord Kitchener permitted Mr. Schalk-Burger and his companions to proceed to the Orange River colony, the contention being that unless the British commander-in-chief in South Africa, who is on the spot and therefore most thoroughly conversant with the situation, recognized the possibility of the fruitful results and believed in the good faith of the Transvaal government, he would not have permitted the visitors to continue their pilgrimage to the headquarters of their Orange River colony allies. The same caution permeates the newspaper utterances, and the comment in well informed circles. Some significance is attached to the fact that, in approaching Lord Kitchener, Mr. Schalk-Burger and those associated with him have carried out to the letter the advice given by the British foreign secretary, Lord Lansdowne, in his reply to the peace note of the Netherlands government, said the quickest and most satisfactory means for arranging a settlement would be by direct communication between the leaders of the Boers and British commander in South Africa. There is no sign, however, that the Transvaal mission received any mandate from the fighting general or that the latter appeared to recognize the authority of their acting president to negotiate terms for peace. It is felt that there is little likelihood of a simultaneous surrender of the burghers still in the field on the order of the Boer government. The best to be hoped for is that the present overtures will so modify the situation as to bring peace nearer.

The Pall Mall Gazette would "like to think that the brave skillful commanders, DeWet and Delarey, have arrived at the height of moral courage, once attained by Gen. Lee, and have realized that the truest patriotism does not consist in the prolongation of a hopeless struggle."

The paper confesses, however, that the military situation is not auspicious for such a change of mind.

The St. James Gazette extracts from the unilluminative dispatches thus far received from Pretoria the theory that Mr. Schalk-Burger and the other members of the paper have possibly already surrendered and have been released on parole for the purpose of seeing President Steyn and General DeWet.

The news from South Africa had a general good effect on the stock exchange.

The Hague, March 24.—Acting President Schalk-Burger's arrival at Pretoria was a complete surprise to Boer

circles here. It was surmised that the step taken was connected with the instructions sent to Lord Kitchener to communicate the text of the Anglo-Dutch notes to the Boer leaders.

A TRAIN WRECKED; MANY PERSONS INJURED

THE LIST INCLUDES FRED STIKE- LEATHER, A MAIL CLERK, FOR- MERLY OF ASHEVILLE.

Special to the Gazette.
Charlottesville, Va., March 24.—While running at an unusual rate of speed, in order to make up time, passenger train No. 33 of the Southern, north bound, was wrecked by sliding into a landslide about 4:15 yesterday morning, at Coveseville, a station 15 miles south of this place.

Two persons were killed, Nicholas Lown, colored, a Pullman porter, and a tramp whose name is unknown.

The injured: John Turner, fireman, fatally burned; Mail Clerk A. L. Holter, seriously burned; Mail Clerk Roberts, burned; R. N. Jefferson, back injured; E. L. Loving, burned; H. N. Link, arm broken; J. L. Schmidt, right side injured; Mail Clerk J. F. Stikeleather, bruised; D. P. Wine, head bruised. Turner was sent to the University of Virginia hospital and the others were sent on to Washington for medical attention. The passengers escaped without injury.

The engine was ditched. Six coaches were burned.

Fred Stikeleather, the mail clerk mentioned as having been hurt in the wreck, is the son of Capt. J. A. Stikeleather of Olin. He formerly lived in Asheville, and is well known here. He is the brother of J. G. Stikeleather, a nephew of F. Stikeleather and a cousin of E. Stikeleather, Jr. On learning of the accident last evening J. G. Stikeleather wired the physician in charge of the hospital in Washington asking about his brother's condition. The reply was that the patient had been badly bruised and shaken up, but that his condition was not serious.

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