

CUBAN FRAUDS IN THE SENATE

Two Notable Speeches in Defense of McKinley's Conduct of Affairs.

MESSRS. PLATT AND SPOONER

Senator Hale of Maine Criticized the Government's Course—Tillman Called Attention to Evils of Carpet-Bag Rule—The House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—This was a day of rasping political controversy and oratory in the Senate.

The controversy those on the Democratic side of the chamber, acrimonious as it may seem, had little to do.

Senator Spooner will continue his speech to-morrow.

The Morgan resolution calling on the Secretary of War and of the Navy for information relative to the cost of transportation of troops and supplies to the Philippines was agreed to.

The Bacon resolution, directing the Committee on Relations with Cuba to investigate the receipts and expenditures in Cuba, was called up.

Senator Spooner, who has been speaking for the last half hour, is still going on.

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ROBERTS' DRIVING THE BOER FORCES

British Infantry North of Kroonstad Drawing Near to the Transvaal Border.

BOERS RETIRING TO THE VAAL

Some of Their Force Already across the River—Asserted That Pretoria is Able to Stand a Year's Siege.

The Fighting at Mafeking.

By cable to the Morning Star.

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TERRIBLE EXPLOSION AT CUMNOCK COAL MINES

Twenty-two Miners Killed—Heartrending Scenes at the Entrance of the Shaft.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 23.—Twenty-two miners, ten white men and twelve negroes, lost their lives in an explosion at Cumnock coal mines.

The explosion occurred at 4.30 o'clock and is supposed to have been caused by a broken gauge in a safety lamp.

The names of the killed are as follows: William John Connolly, mine superintendent.

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MRS. E. H. LELAND, PITTSFIELD, MASS., Writes: "Some five years ago I had nervous prostration and malaria. I tried several medicines, but was no better."

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Flour was very firm, being held higher in some instances, shut out demand.

Wheat—Spot strong; No. 2 red 78 1/2c. Options were fairly active and firm to-day.

Corn—Spot strong; No. 2 42 1/2c. Options were strong and higher, advancing all day.

Cotton—Spot strong; fair refining 40c; centrifugal 96 1/2c; middling 37c.

AUGUST COTTON

Price, McCormick & Co.'s Circular—Higher Prices Expected.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Messrs. Price, McCormick & Co., in their circular issued to-day say: August and July contracts on the New York Cotton Exchange to day have been in a state of semi-panic.

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WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any errors from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

BAKING—Standard 8 1/2c. Best 9c. Western 8 1/2c.

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, May 17.

SPICITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 48 1/2 cents per gallon for machine made casks and 48 cents per gallon for country casks.

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