

OPPOSITION TO THE CUBAN TARIFF TREATY.

Amendments Urged by Senators to the Provisions Relating to Tobacco and Cattle, Also to Sugar.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 14.—The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations today agreed to recommend the adoption of an amendment to the Cuban reciprocity treaty, providing that the reduction of twenty per cent. in the tariff on Cuban sugar shall not be further reduced by any preferential rate given to another country. This action was taken at the first session of the best sugar men.

Today's meeting also served to develop objections to other features of the treaty. Senator Tamm, of Florida, made an argument before the committee, urging amendments to the provisions relating to tobacco and cattle, and also to sugar. Both Democratic members of the committee, indicated opposition to the treaty on other grounds. Senator Bacon of Oregon announced placing the Cuban treaty on the same basis as other reciprocity treaties, with reference to the House of Representatives, but that such a course is unconstitutional, in that it is an interference with the authority vested in the House of Representatives to originate all tariff legislation.

FIRE AT PENSACOLA, FLA.

Bryan Sanatorium Destroyed—One of the inmates injured—Two Fatalities.

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PENSACOLA, Fla., Jan. 14.—Fire, which destroyed the Bryan sanatorium, a three-story infirmary on Baylen and Grand streets, early this morning, caused the death of W. L. Bracken, of St. Andrews, Fla., one of the inmates, and seriously, perhaps fatally, injured another. The fire started in a room occupied by a patient in the hospital.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION AT GUNPOWDER WORKS.

Two White Men and Ten Chinese Killed. Buildings Blown Into Kindling Wood. No Witnesses Survive.

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NANAIMO, B. C., Jan. 14.—A terrific explosion occurred at the Hamilton Powder Company's works, Departure Bay, this morning. George Simonette, James Falford and ten Chinamen were killed. Only one body, that of a Chinaman, was recovered. The others were absolutely blown to fragments. The gun-cotton storage house exploded first, the concussion exploding the gelatin in the drying house, four hundred feet away, where the great loss of life is supposed to have occurred. The ground was excavated to a depth of six feet where the building stood. The buildings were blown into kindling wood and scattered with fragments of human flesh over several acres. The tramway was torn up and a length of machinery running in a spiral around a tree, like a whip-lash, James Preston, a nitro-glycerine maker, had a miraculous escape and owed his life to his coolness. He was hurled into the air four thousand feet from the explosion when it occurred, and was thrown down. The window and part of the wall being blown into kindling wood, he was hurled into the air, and fell in a position to begin the work of construction.

GERMANY MAKES DENIAL.

Of Report That It Is Seeking to Acquire Colombia's Interest in the Panama Canal Company.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—The German government has sent a note to the United States relative to the report that Germany is seeking to acquire Colombia's interests in the Panama Canal Company, affirming that the report is utterly baseless, and, it is understood, expressing the opinion that Germany's commercial relations with the United States are not affected by the construction of the canal by the United States.

WILCOX TRIAL AT HERTFORD.

Only Eleven Jurymen Secured—A Second Verdict Drawn—Five of the Jurymen Are Q's.

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CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 14.—The net results of the day's proceedings in the Wilcox murder case at Hertford, N. C., are eleven jurymen, with the regular jury and the special venire of twenty-five men drawn, and a second venire of twenty-five men drawn, and five of the selected jurymen are Q's. They "affirmed" instead of kissing the Bible, and wearing Ex-Sheriff Wilcox, father of the alleged murderer, is pleased with the jury, while the State's attorneys were apparently afraid of the Q's.

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Mrs. Wilson's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gummy and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea, and all the other ailments of infants. It cures the poor little wretches of the Nicaragua routes and is in a position to begin the work of construction.

COTTON MARKETS.

New York, Jan. 14.—Cotton quiet at 8 1/2; net receipts 66 bales; gross receipts 3,250 bales; stock 170,694 bales.

THE BILL PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES.

Providing for Rebate of Duty on All Imports of Coal for One Year.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The bill reported from the Ways and Means Committee yesterday to provide for a rebate of the duties on foreign coal for a period of one year, was passed in short order by the House today by practically a unanimous vote—288 to 5—those voting against it being Messrs. Cushman and Jones of Washington, Gaines of West Virginia, Modell of Wyoming and Patterson of Pennsylvania.

SENATOR TILLMAN ADDRESSED THE SENATE.

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