

REPUBLICANS TO "SOAK" THE SOUTH

But It Is Not To Be Done Till Next Session.

THERE WILL NOT BE TIME TO EXECUTE THE SCHEME AT THIS SESSION.

Washington, Nov. 22.—"Wait till next session and then we will soak it to the south." Such is the fiat that has gone forth from the white house and from the camps of the Republican party. No serious attempt will be made to cut down southern representation at this session, which will be barely three months long, a period really insufficient for the transaction of the absolutely necessary business that must be done. The leaders of the g. o. p. know perfectly well that so tremendous a question could be settled at this session only by devoting the entire time to it to the exclusion of all other topics and this they are unwilling to do.

It has been given out, apparently with authority, that President McKinley is opposed to the cutting down and that it is owing to his influence that the project has been abandoned. But the president's way of taking the popular side and then yielding to the demands of his "wicked partners" was too well exemplified in the Porto Rican case to cause any misgivings as to his real position in the matter.

Besides, the president positively has not intimated—though a good many people think he has—that he is opposed to such action altogether. It is only with reference to the present session that he has called a halt. Administration will take up all the available time of congress and the president is too wise a politician to wish to complicate them with a matter which, if in the least urged, would intensify opposition to the affair he has so much at heart and maybe produce most uncomfortable embarrassments. But that the president, after he gets everything in shape for smooth running in his next term, will give no thought to southern representation is too ridiculous an assertion to be discussed.

For two years the representation of the south in congress will not be a practical, but merely a sentimental question. The Republicans are firmly in the saddle until 1903. In this interval they will have ample time and opportunity to weigh every consideration which may enter into the subject, and the president will be prominent in counsel and suggestion. It is too early now to venture even upon the most slender forecast of what will be done, but whatever is agreed upon will be put in operation in time to affect the presidential and congressional elections of 1904, and, probably, the congressional elections of 1902.

The Crumpacker bill is in the house committee and will stay there. More

ills will probably be submitted at this session in one or the other house of congress, and any remonstrances will surely be filed. The southern Republicans and other Republicans will not be slow to seize pertinent and important occasions when they can shed a few tears. Efforts will be made to fasten the reduction of southern representation on the congressional apportionment bill. All this will come to naught, for so it is decreed.

But with the next congress, speedy action will be taken. As at present appears there are two courses of proceeding which chances seem to favor. One is to let the negro of the south vanish from political life and trust to the fortunes of political war, on the basis of belief that the south will divide on economic and other questions. In this case it would be necessary to pass a measure which, while nominally "righting the wrongs" of the negro, would be innocuous. This may seem impracticable, but it is said that it could very easily be done. The other course would be to pass a national law, overriding state constitutions and laws, prescribing that the negro shall vote and providing sufficient force of the national government to see that he does. This would be a very much enlarged force bill. It would be going back to the terror and the rigors of the reconstruction era.

There is no debate as to which of these will be most objectionable to the south, the real point being which will be the most profitable to the Republicans. The southern negro represents to the Republican party the bird in hand. The prospect of the whites in the south becoming Republican represents the two in the bush. Which is the more valuable? This is the knotty question with which the Republican leaders will struggle for the next year, and which they will decide as they deem to promise most for party interests.

CRITTENDEN MARRIOTT.

MANCHESTER, MARTYRS.

CHICAGO IRISH OBSERVING THE ANNIVERSARY.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—The Irish societies today celebrated the annual Manchester martyrs anniversary of the hanging of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien in Manchester, Eng. on the 23d of November, 1867, for complicity in the murder of a policeman. They were prisoners and were attempting to escape at the time.

The celebration is coupled with the reception of the Irish Hospital corps, which left Chicago last spring to participate in the Transvaal. A military mass in tribute to those killed in battle was celebrated at the Holy Name cathedral. There are 41 survivors, beside three prisoners of war, and three prisoners who escaped. From the corps three were killed in battle and three are missing. Exercises will be held by the United Irish societies in Central Music hall.

PHILIP MEMORIAL FUND.

New York, Nov. 23.—A committee, headed by William Sloane as president, has started a project to raise a \$100,000 memorial fund for the family of Rear Admiral Philip, who left his family greatly impoverished.

IN THE OLD NORTH STATE

Items of Interest Gathered From the Tar Heel Press.

—Shelby special to Charlotte Observer: There is some excitement at Lawndale over a matter in which a beautiful married woman and a society lad are the principal parties. Mrs. John Harrelson was keeping boarders and Mr. Harrelson, her husband, had noticed some extra attention to Mr. John Lattimore, and determining to be sure he went to a room early in the morning last Saturday and found the young man and Mrs. Harrelson in there. He gave the young man five minutes to leave the town and it is reported he left ahead of time. He called a man in and asked him to take his wife to her parents and all agreeing to this departure, Mrs. Harrelson is now living with her parents. It is believed that nothing more will be done about the matter.

—Winston Sentinel: During the Greensboro fair Jas. H. West had his watch stolen—a fine one. The other day at New Bern he found a man trying to sell one and getting sight of it, saw it was his. The man said he bought it from a negro horse jockey and as he was a respectable man, able to prove his honesty, Mr. West paid him \$6 for it rather than have a lot of trouble getting it back. The negro from whom he bought was not to be found around the place.

—Laurinburg Exchange: Oron, the son of Mr. J. E. Peel of Laurel Hill township, met death in a tragic manner last Saturday, November 17. While out hunting with some young companions, he attempted to cross a ditch on a log. In crossing he lost his foothold, falling into the ditch and the hammer of his gun striking an obstruction discharged the load, causing death instantly. Oron was 14 years of age and a splendid boy. The accident is to be deeply deplored.

—Winston Journal: Chief Crutchfield tells us there is an unusual number of tramps in the city. A one-legged tramp whose profane and vile tongue has not been surpassed, even in the knowledge of police officers, was placed in jail this morning, but was released with the understanding that he leave town at once. Any family who may be disturbed by a tramp are requested to report, the matter at once to police headquarters and they will receive prompt attention.

—Wilmington Star: The new boat for the Merchants' and Farmers' Steamboat company, which has been in process of construction at the wharf near the Wilmington compress for some time, was yesterday launched and in a short time the machinery will be installed and she will be put on a regular schedule up the Cape Fear. The new boat is 111 feet long, 21½ feet in breadth and was pulled into the water by the tug Imperial.

—Greenville Reflector: W. J. Wyatt brought some sweet potatoes in the office the other day, known as the vineless variety, the vine of which grow in bunches and is not near so difficult to harvest as our ordinary product. For sweetness and table use they cannot be excelled.

—Nashville Graphic: Last Saturday at Springhope a colored man named

Ashley Woodard attempted to board a moving train. Woodard missed his hold and fell under the cars, the wheels passing over his legs and hand, terribly mangled him. Medical aid was soon given him, and while the doctors were amputating his legs Woodard died. It was first reported that Woodard was a railroad employe, but we learn that he was in no way connected with the road, and was only attempting to get a ride.

—Wilmington Star: Little Hugh Bierman, the eight years old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bierman, No. 413 North Third street, is suffering from the consequences of a terrible fall from the smokehouse in his father's yard on Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock. The little fellow fell a distance of six or eight feet and his head struck a spike in a cart standing near the house, inflicting an ugly gash on the right side of his forehead.

—Shelby Star: M. D. Elmore of Shade tells us that monazite mining in upper Cleveland is very active at present. Mr. A. E. Elmore is operating a mine on Mr. A. S. White's land in No. 10 township, and Mr. J. A. Newton is running several monazite mines in Nos. 10 and 11 townships. Sand digging is a thriving industry at this season of the year and the price has advanced some.

—Columbus News: Miss Sarah Ann Harrelson of Williamson's Cross Roads died on the 17th. She has been selling whiskey for the last 30 or 40 years in defiance to Uncle Sam. She died in poverty, and some people thought she must have had plenty of money, but we are informed that only seven dollars was found about the place.

NEW REGISTRY LAWS.

ADD MILLION VOTERS TO THE POLLING LISTS.

London, Nov. 23.—The new registry law takes effect in Scotland tomorrow, and in other parts of the United Kingdom later on. The new registry law adds, it is estimated, fully 1,000,000 voters to the polling lists. The Liberals claim the most of these new voters, and made the charge bitterly against Lord Salisbury that he and his colleagues were aware of the coming accession of innumerable votes and accordingly ordered a dissolution and a new election at the time they had in order to get a new lease of power before this fresh lot of ballot casters had a chance at them.

The new voters expected to vote this year and manifested keen disappointment at the close shave whereby they lost the privilege by a nose—in racing parlance.

CENTURY ENDS THIS YEAR.

Paris, Nov. 23.—This gay city, having decided that this year of grace 1900 is the last year of the Nineteenth century and not the first year of the Twentieth, has made arrangements for a lively celebration of the going out of the old year and the advent of the new year. In many Parisian drawing rooms many festivities will be presented, among the most striking being a great masked ball, in which each of the guests will be required to personify by his or her costume one of the striking events or great inventions of the century.

NEW APPORTIONMENT.

NO DECIDED EFFORT NOW TO CUT DOWN THE SOUTH.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Representative Hopkins of Illinois, chairman of the house committee on census, which committee will have charge of the legislation affecting the apportionment of the house, expresses the opinion that there will be no decided effort during the next session of congress to decrease the congressional representation of the southern states, because of the fact in all probability the subject would be discussed, but he thought upon the whole the committee would favor the plan of basing representation upon the number of inhabitants.

Discussing the general subject of reapportionment, Mr. Hopkins said: "The committee on census will meet during the first week of the session to frame a bill providing for reapportionment. I think that a proposition will be adopted which will increase the present membership of the house. It has been suggested that we authorize one member for every 198,000 inhabitants. That seems to be the ratio that is in general favor among members of the committee. This proposition would entail an increased membership of from 15 to 30 members. According to calculations if made, this reapportionment would add members to the house from New York, Illinois, and perhaps other states. States like Nebraska and Maine might lose members by the proposed law. Some of the southern states might also suffer from the apportionment agreed upon, although to what extent cannot be ascertained."

LEE HOME FROM CUBA.

LITTLE TO SAY OF FUTURE OF THE ISLAND.

New York, Nov. 22.—Major-General Fitzhugh Lee, who has returned from Havana, having been appointed to the command of the department of the Missouri, had little to say about Cuba. He has now severed all connection with the island, after an intimate acquaintance with his affairs for nearly five years except for a brief period during the war.

The general says that the Cuban constitutional convention has made little progress, but is nearly ready to begin with real business. Asked how long it would take the convention to adopt a constitution the general replied:

"Nobody knows what the outcome will be. Until this is settled there is little to say of the future of the island." General Lee will go to Richmond for a short stay before going to Omaha, where he will establish headquarters about the first of next month.

MANCHESTER MARTYRS.

Dublin, Ireland, Nov. 23.—The memory of the Manchester martyrs—Allen, Larkin and O'Brien—who were hanged as political prisoners 33 years ago, was duly observed here. All the societies and exercises appropriate to the occasion and masses were celebrated in the different Catholic churches.

KERENS MAY GO IN.

MAY BE MADE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Richard C. Kerens of Missouri is being brought forward as a probable member of President McKinley's new cabinet. He is being mentioned in connection with the portfolio of secretary of the interior, which is at present held by Ethan Allen Hitchcock, also of St. Louis. Mr. Hitchcock's friends here believe he will not remain in the cabinet after the conclusion of his present term. He is said to be desirous of returning to business pursuits.

Powerful influences are at work in behalf of Mr. Kerens, who played an influential part in the recent Republican campaign. To his acumen is credited the restoration to the Republican column of the states of Washington, Wyoming and Utah. Furthermore, his personal organization materially reduced the Democratic plurality in Missouri. Personally Mr. Kerens has not sought political preferment. The president is known to regard Mr. Kerens with a feeling of close friendship. The latest story about the secretaryship of state is that Secretary Hay may be persuaded to retain the portfolio, at least for a time, following the president's second inauguration.

QUEEN WILHELMINA.

ANNIVERSARY OF HER ACCESSION TO THE THRONE.

The Hague, Holland, Nov. 23.—This is the anniversary of the accession to the throne of Wilhelmina, Holland's sprightly and much loved queen. She has made things lively in this little country since she began to rule, and now has all the matrons and maidens continually talking about her trousseau for her marriage on the 17th of January. Before her engagement was announced the good vrowes were kept in little-battle for months by the ever changing stories of her coquetry. No maiden fair in all history has ever kept so many knights in alternate fits of joy and despair as this Queen of Holland, who has a will of her own as determined as ever was Queen Elizabeth of England or Queen Catherine of Russia. She found the man of her choice and asked him to be hers, and he is, albeit, not particularly happy over it as the aforesaid gossips declare.

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