

## PUERTO RICAN BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE

### Final Vote on Measure Taken at 5 O'Clock.

## PARTY LINES ARE DRAWN

Few Republicans, Who Could Not Be Whipped Into Line, Voted Against Measure—Quay Case Laid Before Senate—Other Matters Considered.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The closing struggle over the Puerto Rico tariff bill set for today in the house attracted great crowds to the galleries, and all the preparations indicated a field day replete with exciting incidents. Excitement was at a high pitch when the speaker's gavel fell at noon. As soon as the reading of the journal was completed, Mr. Dalzell of Pennsylvania, one of the leaders of the majority and a member of the committee on rules, presented the special order under which the house was to operate.

Without opposition the resolution of the senate committee on elections was adopted by a unanimous vote to recommend the declaration that the seat of Senator Clark of Montana is vacant. The senate committee on elections has decided by a unanimous vote to recommend the declaration that the seat of Senator Clark of Montana is vacant. The decision was made after a two hours' sitting at which all the members of the committee were present except one. The absentee was Senator Caffery of Louisiana and he wired his vote in opposition to Mr. Clark.

## THE COMPTROLLER'S REPLY.

He Answers Some Inquiries Regarding the Currency Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The comptroller of the currency, in answer to inquiries today, said: "The authority of section 5193, United States revised statutes, national banks have heretofore been permitted to deposit with any assistant treasurer of the United States lawful money in sums not less than \$10,000, and to receive therefor a certificate of deposit, which certifies that they were authorized to deposit it as part of their lawful money reserve."

"Section 5194 of the act of March 14, 1900, known as the currency bill, repeals the authority of the revised statutes and in consequence the banks will hereafter be prohibited from counting such certificates as part of their lawful money reserve."

"There are about \$14,500,000 of these certificates now outstanding which are held by banks in the principal cities of the west with the exception of a few western cities and also indicated in their reports as United States certificates of deposit."

"The repeal of this section of the act of March 14, 1900, is a very important one, and it will be the responsibility of the banks to have the necessary funds to meet their obligations on the day that they are required to do so."

"President to Visit Charleston. Charleston, April 11.—It has been practically determined that President McKinley will visit Charleston next July, during the session of the teachers' convention. Frank Q. O'Neill, who with Major Smyth, visited Washington and urged the president to come to Charleston, states that President McKinley took kindly to the invitation and expressed his pleasure that he would experience in visiting Charleston."

"Seizure of Tobacco. SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—Five hundred pounds of plug cut tobacco have been seized in various localities by internal revenue agents because the packages were insufficiently stamped. This tobacco, manufactured by a St. Louis firm, has been put up in packages weighing from an ounce and three-quarters to two ounces and the packages had been uniformly stamped as weighing an ounce and two-thirds."

"Wimmer Goes East. LOUISVILLE, April 11.—Yesterday was a odd, raw, rainy day at Churchill Downs and as a consequence work among the bookmakers was devoid of interesting features. The most noteworthy occurrence of the day was the leaving of Peter Wimmer with the big string of horses owned by ex-Secretary of the Navy Whitney for the east."

"Hemp Culture in Carolina. CHARLES, S. C., April 11.—A special agent of the United States department of agriculture has been to the South Carolina state farms during the past few days for the purpose of planting experimental plots of China and Italian hemp to test the practicability of growing them in the climate and soil of this vicinity."

"Murdered and Robbed His Wife. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 11.—For the possession of \$1 his wife had earned by doing washing, Charles J. Williams murdered the woman at Cummer's sawmill, 4 miles east of Jacksonville. Williams took the dollar from his dying wife's hand and left the house. He escaped and no effort was made to capture him."

"To Be Tried For Embezzlement. RALEIGH, April 11.—At the approaching term of the federal court here two negro postmasters are to be tried for embezzlement."

"Kellops Gets Four Years. NEW YORK, April 11.—James Kellops, a convict, was sentenced to four years in the state prison for embezzling \$1,000 from the bank of which he was cashier."

"Dr. Davis Dies Suddenly. KNOXVILLE, April 11.—Dr. L. W. Davis, a leading physician of this city, died this morning of heart trouble. He was planning to leave tomorrow for a trip to California for his health and was at the home of his mother at Tullahoma, Tennessee, when he died."

## CLARK WILL LOSE HIS SEAT.

### Committee on Elections Report Against Montana Senator.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Soon after the senate convened today Mr. Jones of Arkansas introduced and had adopted a resolution calling on the president, if not incompatible with the public interest, to transmit to the senate a detailed statement of the expenses of the commissioner general of the Paris exposition, and also to state the salaries of all employees of the commission. Mr. Jones stated that in the report already filed with the senate the detailed items of expenses and salaries were not included in accordance with the law. This he believed ought to be remedied hence his resolution. Mr. Chandler then asked unanimous consent that two weeks from date, on April 34, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, a vote be taken on the resolution relative to the seating of the Hon. M. S. Quay as a senator from Pennsylvania. Mr. Burrows expressed the hope that there would be no objection to the request. Without opposition the resolution of Mr. Chandler was agreed to.

## MANY TOWNS ARE IN DANGER

### Reports From Various Points Show That Rivers Are Rising.

DALLAS, April 10.—The flood situation in Texas this morning remains practically the same as yesterday. Most of the rivers appear to be at a stand, more rises and falls are feared, however, as the weather is cloudy, murky and generally threatening. The outlook in the Indian Territory is serious. A bulletin from Denison at 9:30 o'clock this morning says the Red river there is slowly rising, but no immediate danger is feared. The worst outlook in the Indian Territory is that the Canadian river is rising rapidly and its rising waters are nearly up to the tracks of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad and many thousands of dollars worth of property is in danger.

## CONFLICT OF AUTHORITY.

### Labor Troubles Precipitates Serious Differences Between Officials.

MIDDLESBORO, Tenn., April 9.—There is still a suppressed feeling entertained by both political parties to the local labor troubles here Saturday night. Sheriff Brown has taken several prisoners to Pineville for safe keeping. Chief of Police King has not yet shown up and it is not known where he is. A number of special deputy sheriffs are on duty and the Republican says they will be kept as long as they are needed. The Democratic council has sworn in no additional policemen, but the old force is now performing its duties unmolested. It is understood a large number of Winchester rifles have been shipped in.

## SECRETARY GAGE'S REPLY.

### He Sends Statement to House Relative to War Revenue.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—In reply to the house resolution asking for information relative to the war revenue tax, Secretary of the Treasury Gage has sent a comprehensive report on the subject to the house. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, he estimates the receipts at \$260,000,000, leaving an estimated surplus of \$70,000,000. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, the receipts are estimated at \$495,000,000, while the surplus is placed at \$89,000,000. Internal revenue taxes received under war revenue act of June 13, 1898, upon articles not heretofore taxed, for fiscal year 1899, were \$45,724,540.90, and for the first nine months of the present fiscal year ending March 31, \$39,830,708.68.

## DR. MELLEEN HAS RESIGNED.

### Retires From Chair of Greek and History at University of Tennessee.

KNOXVILLE, April 10.—Dr. George F. Mellen has tendered his resignation as professor of Greek and history at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Mellen is one of the leading educators of the south and came to the university eight years ago. He was originally from Demopolis, Ala. He has not announced where he will go. The board of trustees have created a department of history, economics and sociology and have appointed James B. Hoskin, A. M., associate professor in charge.

## ROYAL Baking Powder

Made from pure cream of tartar. Safeguards the food against alum.

## BRITISH SUSTAIN SEVERE REVERSES

### Six Hundred Are Killed and Wounded Near Brandfort.

## THE BATTLE AT WEPENER

Heavy Engagement Fought There. Details Unobtainable—Boers Bombed Ladysmith—Moving to Cut the British Line—Roberts' Report.

LONDON, April 11.—The seventh month of the war in South Africa opens with dispatches from Boer sources of another British disaster. If the news can be trusted, a terrible reverse has been inflicted upon the British arms. According to an official announcement in Pretoria a battle has been fought south of Brandfort, in which the British suffered a loss of 600 killed and wounded in addition to 800 captured by the Boers. This intelligence is amply confirmed by a correspondent on the Boer side, who reports from Brandfort that General Dewet on Saturday defeated the British for the third time within a week, the scene of this last engagement being Merksfontein.

## ITALIANS ARE MADE SLAVES.

### Laborers Are Horribly Treated in Phosphate Mines.

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## BRIDEGROOM DOING TIME.

### Bride Travels 400 Miles and Is Married in Jail.

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## AN INTERESTING SUIT FILED.

### Right of Southern Railway to Operate the South Carolina Contested.

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## W. A. NEAL PLACED ON TRIAL.

### Judge Benet Refused Motion For Change of Venue.

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 10.—The attorney for Colonel W. A. Neal, ex-superintendent of the penitentiary, charged with embezzling funds, made a hard fight for him. Motion for change of venue was made and argued, but Judge Benet refused the motion. A continuance was then asked on the ground that material witnesses were absent. The judge promised reasonable time to get witnesses. Efforts were then made to quash all juries drawn for this term, as was recently done in Charleston and several other counties. This failed, and the final and unsuccessful effort was to quash the indictments against Neal on various grounds. The case was called for trial and 11 jurymen were drawn when the panel was exhausted. Jurymen were put on the voir dire. An extra venire was ordered drawn. There are many witnesses for both sides. The attorney general, with assistants, is conducting the prosecution, while W. A. Neal has a powerful array of attorneys.

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## THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA

### Boers Vigorously Attack British at Wepener—Losses Heavy.

LONDON, April 10.—The Boer attack on General Brabant's force at Wepener was resumed again at dawn today. The enemy's attack on two or three sides on Monday lasted until 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the firing ceased, and it was believed that the enemy had been beaten off, but it was announced this morning from Alwalworth that the fighting had again begun. General Brabant's force, numbering from 2,000 to 3,000, hold positions in a rough country. It is not known what the numerical strength of the Boers is, but whatever it may be, it is being rapidly augmented. A body of 2,000 Boers is marching toward Springfield from Smithfield, between Wepener and Springfield. The detonation of heavy shells was heard at Wepener on Monday. Sir Godfrey Lagden, the British resident commissioner of Basutoland, has left Maseru for the border.

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## LIGHTENS LABOR

### Cobwebs about a house are usually the sign that the housewife has more than she can do, the way she goes about it; that all her time and strength are utilized in doing heavy work; that she uses soap in her cleaning. If she would only use

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heavy work would be so lightened that the little things needn't be neglected. Gold Dust gives a woman time to rest, time to visit, time to read, and time to sew. It is much better and cheaper than soap for all cleaning. For greatest economy buy our large package. THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY CHICAGO ST. LOUIS NEW YORK BOSTON

## FREE COCKTAILS ARE SERVED

### Whisky Dumped In Custom House Sewer Flows Into Cisterns.

CHARLESTON, April 9.—One thousand dollars worth of fine Cabinet rye whisky was dumped into the sewer of the custom house the other day, while state constables were trying to break in the doors. The constables were making things so hot for the officials the other day that 39 barrels of liquor could not be removed, and in order to throw aside suspicion the liquor had to be poured into the sewers. There was so much dumped at once that the pipes could not carry it off and as a result a great part of the stuff was forced through other pipes and finally drifted into the cistern room which the drinking water was drawn from. Every cooler in the building was "spiked." The officials refused to drink. The water was tested and the liquor was in evidence so strongly that the negroes from the water front got in droves and begged for a taste. The water from the custom house cistern is used at the Clyde Steamship company's office and the clerks mixed cocktails. The only ingredients needed were sugar and ice and a dash of bitters. It was really surprising how strong the drinks were and for a time the fact that free drinks were on tap created a decided sensation about the custom house. It was a novel experience.

## DISPENSARY BOARD MEETS.

FIRST Session Held Under New State Law. COLUMBIA, S. C., April 7.—The state board of directors of the dispensary are holding their first meeting under the new law. There being a question as to the terms of office of the incumbent county boards of control, the board has decided that they are not affected by the fact that the new law provides a different method of selecting them and that new boards have been selected by the legislative delegates in each county. The old boards will hold till their terms expire. Several months ago the old dispensary board decided that the liquor privileges would be abolished after June next, allowing the people engaged in the business some time to prepare for closing up. The directors now announce that the terms of the privilege of all such dispensaries will end on June 12, and it will be for the present board to decide whether beer dispensaries are to continue or not.

## WILL IMPROVE THE TOWN.

Union May Issue Bonds For Sewerage and Waterworks. UNION, S. C., April 9.—At the last council meeting a petition was presented signed by a majority of the freeholders of the town, praying council to order an election to ascertain whether coupon bonds to the amount of \$50,000 shall be issued. The bonds desired are \$25,000 for the building and equipping of a sewerage system, \$12,000 for the improvement of the waterworks and \$13,000 for the erection of a town hall. The request was granted and an election is ordered on April 25.

## OPERATORS SIGN THE SCALE.

COLUMBUS, O., April 7.—It is announced at the state headquarters of the United Mine Workers that an agreement has been reached between the miners and operators of the Ballaure district of the new Philadelphia mine and all differences settled. The new Philadelphia contract scale was signed and a new scale made granting an increase of 20 percent to outside day laborers. About 5,000 men are affected.

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## Hidden Beauty

In Egypt the custom is for Princesses to hide their beauty by covering the lower part of the face with a veil. In America the beauty of many of our women is hidden because of the weakness and sickness peculiar to the sex. If the Egyptian custom prevailed in this country, many sufferers would be glad to cover their premature wrinkles, their sunken cheeks, their unhealthy complexion, from the eyes of the world with the veil of the Orient.

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## CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought. It will probably land tomorrow. The governor has been notified of the desire of the authorities that the prisoners be freed with every certainty and immediacy.