

BILL TO DITCH THE Isthmus

House Committee Decides on a Measure.

MORGAN BILL TURNED DOWN

Territory to Be Acquired for the Canal With the Right to Defend It—Stock Company Idea Rejected as Undesirable—Concessions Ignored.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce today practically decided on a bill for the construction of the Nicaragua canal. As expected, the Morgan bill was laid aside as not meeting with the views of a majority of the committee, who believed its provisions to be impracticable and the idea of a stock company to be very undesirable. The Hepburn bill forms the basis of the new measure, which authorizes and instructs the President to acquire the territory necessary for the construction of the canal and the right to defend the canal and to construct the same. All concessions to the Maritime Canal Company, the Grace syndicate and others are entirely ignored by the bill. It is probable that an amendment will be proposed to pay the Maritime Canal Company \$1,500,000 for its concessions. This amendment, however, will not be acceptable to the committee, some of whom take the ground that the bill vests in the President authority to pay the canal company anything which may be found due it.

GALE OFF CAPE HATTERAS.

Clyde Steamer Troquels Had a Tempestuous and Perilous Trip.

Charleston, S. C., January 30.—The steamship Troquels, Capt. Kemble, of the Clyde line, arrived here shortly after 7 o'clock last evening, about five hours late, after one of the most tempestuous voyages Capt. Kemble has ever had. The ship left her slip, Pier 29, East River, last Friday afternoon with a full passenger list and well loaded with freight. The first evening out was all that could be desired, but at about 4 o'clock in the morning snow began falling. Later it turned into driving rain, with stiff winds from the northeast. Long before the gong for lunch sounded at 1 o'clock two-thirds of the passengers, among whom were fifty women, were too ill to leave their berths. Only two men and one woman appeared at dinner.

The wind had increased to a gale. A sea caught the ship, turning her half around in the trough of the sea. Capt. Kemble said that for over a half hour he had no control over the ship. By the aid of small sails the vessel was brought about again. Passengers were thrown from their berths and several of the women were injured. In the smoking room were four card tables, with heavy iron supports and oaken tops, screwed to the floor. A half dozen men who had been playing cards were holding on for support. A wave hit the vessel on her starboard side and threw the men to the floor, the tables piling on top of them. One man, who said he had followed the sea for twenty years and had never encountered such a gale before, was sent whirling through a closed and bolted door out against a lifeboat. He lost his purse overboard and strained both shoulders. The door on the opposite side of the room was also torn away.

GARCIA'S FINAL RESTING PLACE.

Remains of the Cuban General Will Be Sent to Havana on a Gunboat.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Arrangements were made with the War and Navy Department today by Colonel Garcia, son of the late General Calixto Garcia, for sending his father's remains to Havana. The body will be taken from the vault in Arlington cemetery some time this week and will be sent to Norfolk, where it will be placed on the gunboat Nashville, which will carry it to Cuba.

Blizzard in Texas.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 31.—This is the coldest day of the winter throughout Texas. The mercury last night in exposed places went within five degrees of zero. In the surrounding country it was down to or below zero. Business is almost suspended because of the blizzard. Two deaths from freezing are reported from the Panhandle, and fatalities among live stock are numerous.

Pulliam Under Arrest in California.

Stockton, Cal., Jan. 31.—An officer is expected here to take charge of Lawrence Pulliam, a defaulter from Asheville, N. C., who gave himself up to the authorities here about two weeks ago. He was formerly cashier of the National Bank of Asheville, and is said to have absconded with \$7,000.

TREATY LOSES SUPPORTERS.

Vote on Sullivan Resolution May Be Taken in the Senate Today.

Washington, Jan. 31.—When the Senate adjourned this evening friends of the peace treaty knew they had lost two men whom they believed might vote for ratification, and they received an intimation that another would probably be with them. The two against the treaty are Money, of Mississippi, who spoke against it today, and Turpie, of Indiana. The third Senator is Heitfeld, of Idaho. Fifty-eight certain votes are counted now for ratification, and as but two more are needed it is expected they will be secured before the vote is taken.

A member of the Foreign Relations Committee said tonight that the Sullivan resolution had been determined upon as the one which will be adopted, and it would not be surprising, he said, if a vote were taken on the resolution tomorrow.

The treaty's opponents were in good humor this afternoon. Mr. Pettigrew insisted that the treaty was defeated. He claims that thirty-four will vote against the treaty.

The time of the executive session this afternoon was consumed almost entirely by Gray's argument for the treaty and Money against it. Mr. Gray said he went to Paris opposed to taking the Philippines, but was compelled by the logic of events to change his mind. Mr. Money made a long argument against the power of the United States under the constitution to acquire territory intended for colonies. He wanted the army and navy withdrawn from Manila.

CONTRABAND WAR MATERIAL.

Guns and Ammunition Concealed by Cubans Found Near Santiago.

Santiago, Jan. 31.—A number of men belonging to the quartermaster's department yesterday discovered a large quantity of ammunition and several hundred guns concealed on an unfrequented trail about seven miles north of the city. The munitions were guarded by armed Cubans, who resisted attempts of the Americans to take the supplies until informed that reinforcements would be sent for if necessary. It is believed that the munitions were stolen during the Santiago campaign or purchased from Spaniards after the surrender.

Your correspondent is also informed that over 1,000 rifles and a supply of ammunition are concealed in a village near Holguin, also under guard. Colonel Hood is investigating the matter.

CAMBON TALKS IN LONDON.

He Disappoints Those Who Expected Something Sensational.

London, Jan. 31.—Paul Cambon, French Ambassador, addressed the French Chamber of Commerce in London today. He did not fulfill the expectations of those who predicted he would take a leaf from the book of Sir Edmund Monson, British Ambassador to France, whose recent speech in Paris caused a sensation in political and diplomatic circles in both countries. Cambon did not refer in any way to the international situation. He appealed in a general way to the Chamber to use its influence to promote harmony in the interest of common prosperity.

CRUELTY FOR CRUELTY.

Negro Boys Made to Suffer for an Outrage on a White Boy.

Sodus, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Two colored boys who branded the twelve-year-old son of Daniel White with hot knife blades, narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of an enraged mob. The culprits were dragged up and down frozen streets by halters and then a rope was thrown over the limb of a tree and one boy was swung into the air. The rope broke, but the mob being too intent on administering speedy justice to wait for a new one, tied both boys to a tree trunk. Fifty lashes were then applied and the boys were left suffering in the biting cold. Later four women took pity on them and released them.

Cuban People to Pay Cuban Army.

Havana, Jan. 31.—At the session of the city council today dispatches were read from many cities joining in a movement to secure payment of the Cuban army by the Cuban people. The council demanded that forty millions be appropriated for that purpose, and it was decided to present a second petition to Governor General Brooke to use his influence to secure payment of the troops. Robert P. Porter, special American commissioner, has taken a letter to Gomez from General Brooke inviting the Cuban warrior to come to Havana. An attempt will be made to have him accept three millions as first payment of the troops.

Quay Still Thirteen Short.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 31.—There were few absentees, paired or otherwise, when the joint session of the Legislature was called to order today. The twelfth ballot was taken and resulted in no election. Quay lacked 13 votes. The better judgment of the Quay leaders is that there will be no election until after the trial of Senator Quay in Philadelphia, February 20th.

HOUSE PASSES THE ARMY BILL

Vote Divided Closely on Party Lines.

DEBATED FOR FOUR HOURS

Amendment Adopted to Break Up Canteen Business—Cumplings and Cannon Clash—Chances Unfavorable for the Bill Coming to a Vote in the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The Army Reorganization bill passed the House today, after more than a week's discussion, by a vote of 166 to 126. It was almost entirely a party vote, only six Republicans voting against the bill and four Democrats and one Populist for it. Barber, of Maryland; Connelly, of Illinois; Johnson, of Indiana; McEwen, of New Jersey; Loud, of California; and Wadsworth, of New York, voted with the Democrats; and McClellan, of New York; Taylor, of Alabama; Berry, of Kentucky; McAleer, of Pennsylvania; and Skinner, of North Carolina, with the Republicans.

In four hours' discussion of the measure today the bill was amended in some particulars, notably by the addition of a section abolishing the army canteen and forbidding the sale of liquor in army camps or posts, and by a provision prohibiting the appointment of civilians to the engineer corps.

The feature of the debate was a controversy between Cummings, of New York, and Cannon, of Illinois, over the former's proposed amendment forbidding the use of the army to quell strikes or riots except upon appeal of the governor of the State where disorder occurs. Mr. Cummings said that organized labor feared an increase of the army because it might be used unconstitutionally to suppress it. Mr. Cannon retorted severely, saying that Mr. Cummings slandered labor.

The River and Harbor bill will come up as unfinished business tomorrow.

ANTI-ANNEXATION RESOLUTIONS IN THE SENATE

Mr. Bacon's resolution against acquisition of foreign territory came up in open session of the Senate today, the question being on a motion to refer the resolution to committee. Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, pointed out the bad effect the resolution would have on conditions in the Philippines, and made a plea for ratification of the treaty. Mr. Bacon and other joined in the discussion, Bacon declaring that he would vote against the treaty if the resolution were not passed. No action had been taken when the Senate went into executive session.

Mr. Berry (Dem.), of Arkansas, addressed the Senate in support of Vest's anti-expansion resolution. He began his speech with the declaration that if the people of the United States, when they elected McKinley to the presidency, knew that within two years after his inauguration he would be asking Congress to grant him an army of 100,000 men to be used in subduing and subjecting people 7,000 miles away, who wished to form an independent government of their own, he would not have received the electoral vote of a single State of the Union.

FROM SPANISH SOURCES.

Spaniards in the Philippines Opposed to Annexation to United States.

Barcelona, January 31.—The Barcelona Diario publishes advices from Manila saying that Spaniards there prefer the independence of the Philippines to annexation by the United States, forgetting the conduct of insurgents when compared with their hatred of Americans. Natives are emboldened by their success, and will be content with nothing less than independence. Americans are confident with their cannon and warships, and are calmly awaiting reinforcements in order to give the rebels a sharp lesson.

General Otis, the Diario's advices say, has given to Americans several important civil posts. American police maintain an "exaggerated supervision" over the people, seeing an enemy in every one. Revolutionists are tired of American promises and demands. Aguinaldo, after taking the oath, has renounced the presidency of the Filipino republic, remaining simply a general of native troops.

The steamship Chateau Lafayette disembarked 1,250 repatriated Spanish soldiers from Cienfuegos last night. All the men were deplorably emaciated. Fifty-six died on the voyage, and 350 others are seriously ill.

MEETING OF THE CABINET.

Conduct of Filipino Agents Discussed in an Informal Way.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The regular meeting of the cabinet lasted only a little more than an hour this morning, the conference of the President with his advisers pertaining to matters of routine administration only. The only reference to the situation in the Philippines was occasioned by the reading by Secretary Long of encouraging dispatches received from Dewey. There was no special discussion of the insurgent situation at Iloilo.

Secretary Hay told the cabinet that he had received a fresh communication from the Filipino Junta in Washington, enclosing a memorial, with the request that it be transmitted to Congress. The communication will be absolutely ignored, and no notice will be taken of the request that the memorial be sent to Congress.

A member of the cabinet said it was evidently the purpose of the Filipino envoys to secure constructive recognition of the authority of Aguinaldo from the government. Such a circumstance as compliance with Aguinaldo's request to send certain communications to Congress would doubtless be seized upon by Filipinos as recognition in a constructive sense.

The policy of the government will be simply to ignore the agents of Aguinaldo, and this policy will be observed so long as the operations of the Junta do not become more flagrant and dangerous than at present.

BOOM IN COTTON GOODS.

Prices Advancing and Outlook Promising for a Long Time to Come.

New York, Jan. 31.—The boom in the cotton goods business is getting bigger all the time, and cotton goods men say the outlook is fine for a long time to come. There has been a general advance in price of goods of all grades, and further advances are announced. Cotton goods men in New York said their information from Fall River was that there would be a further advance in print cloths probably within a week to 2½ cents a yard. The only thing in the situation which looks bad from the manufacturers' standpoint is that labor unions in Fall River have begun agitation for an increase of wages.

TAR HEEL SOLDIERS IN CUBA

May Be Relieved Within Two Months.

Officers of Seventh Corps Give a Good Report of Them—News of the Day in the Queen City.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 31.—Special-Lieutenant Colonel Curtis Guild, Jr., inspector general of the Seventh Army Corps, and Major George R. Fowler, one of the surgeons of the same corps, were on the train from Florida delayed almost all day yesterday by a wreck. They are members of General Fitzhugh Lee's staff, and are direct from Havana, en route to Washington. They bring good news regarding the condition of the North Carolina troops. The First Regiment is in fine condition, they report. Colonel Guild thinks that if the present plans are carried out all the volunteers now in Cuba will be out of the island within two months. He expects them to be replaced by regulars enlisted under the Hull act providing for a large increase in the standing army. He thinks the North Carolina boys will be out of Cuba before the rainy season, when yellow fever and other terrible diseases threaten. At present living in Cuba is comparatively healthy and pleasant. General Lee and his family are keeping house in a fine old Cuban mansion near Havana.

The negro, Ed. Whitley, who is supposed to be in custody in Asheville, killed Police Officer Moran April 2, 1892. It was an unprovoked murder and a most atrocious crime. Quite a large reward has been offered for him. If he can be identified he will be brought back here and tried for his life.

Mayor Springs is in New York and Mayor pro tem Brevard is hunting in Florida, so Alderman George S. Wall is now acting mayor.

It is reported that the plan to provide Davidson College with artesian wells has failed and a system of tube wells will be installed. The bore in one of the artesian wells at a depth of several hundred feet reached a stratum of solid granite.

Hon. W. M. Little, a former resident of this city and until recently consul at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, is in the city. He has about decided to locate in Birmingham, Ala., for the practice of law.

Seven Men Buried Under Snow.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 31.—A snowslide swept away the roundhouse at Roger's Pass on the Canadian Pacific this afternoon, and buried nine employees of the railway. Two were rescued alive, but the rest have perished. Gangs of men are searching for bodies tonight.

AN OLD NEGRO FROZE TO DEATH

Staid Out Doors All Night and Perished.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN PERSON

Orange County Merchant Burned Out—The Fatal Burning of the Carden Ladies Evidently Accidental—Durham News Brevities.

Durham, Jan. 31.—Special.—Some people from the country in Durham today tell of the freezing to death of an aged colored man in Lebanon township, ten miles from this city. His name was George Latta. Early yesterday morning some neighbors found his dead body near his home. It is said that he left his home the day before and either got drunk or lost his way and froze during the night. Latta was about 70 years old.

Mrs. J. R. Chamblee, 60 years of age, died at her home near this city last evening of pneumonia. She leaves a husband, but no children. Mrs. Chamblee was a sister of James B. Warren, recent candidate for sheriff of Durham county, and had many relatives in this section of the State. The remains were laid to rest this afternoon.

A special from Roxboro to the Daily Sun today says that Green Goins, colored, was shot and fatally wounded by John Richardson, a friend of his, late last evening. The two men had been out hunting and were returning home, when Richardson accidentally discharged his gun and the entire load took effect in Goins' back. The wounded man will die.

Stephen F. Gates, a merchant who was in business near Caldwell, Orange county, had the misfortune to lose his store house and stock of goods by fire Sunday night. A gentleman from that section who was in Durham today said his loss was about \$2,200—\$300 on building and \$1,900 on stock. He carried an insurance policy for \$400. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue. Mr. Gates got his start as a farmer, and is an industrious, hard-working man.

The burning to death of the Misses Carden, near Durham, seems to have been purely an accident. One of the old women was sick, and it is thought that the other one heated some rocks to go to her feet and had the clothing caught fire from the hot rocks. The coroner went out to the scene yesterday afternoon, but could find nothing to show foul play. The two bodies were buried in the same grave, not far from where they met such a horrible death.

Mrs. Robert Howard, aged about 45, died at her home in this city last evening. She left two children, twins, about ten days old.

Theo. Brown, the cigar man, has opened a branch store in Charlotte. He now has one store here, two in Raleigh, one in Fayetteville and the new one in Charlotte.

J. J. Lumley has been elected superintendent of the Durham Electric Lighting Company. He is an old employee of the company and is a good electrician.

The Louise Brehany Ballad and Opera Company will appear in the opera house here February 12th.

Rentfrow's Jolly Pathfinders are showing here this week. They are playing to full houses notwithstanding the inclement weather.

EDUCATION IN PORTO RICO.

American Teachers Engaged to Help Dispel the Darkness of Ignorance.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Assistant Secretary of War Melklejohn has received a letter from General Henry, military commander of Porto Rico, in which he says he has appointed Gen. John Eaton, formerly United States Commissioner of Education, to be superintendent of public schools for Porto Rico. General Henry says that steps have been taken to secure the services of fifty or more American teachers for the especial purpose of introducing in the island American methods of instruction and teaching English. General Henry believes that the ignorance of the masses in Porto Rico is due, not so much to the character of the schools under Spanish dominion as to the fact that, although attendance is obligatory, the law is not uniformly enforced. He says there is so much poverty among the lower classes, added to climate and racial causes, that little disposition is shown among adults to work. Hence, children from early age are made to labor, especially in the country, where education advantages are usually rare and poorest.

Foster to Succeed Wilson

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 31.—A. G. Foster, of Tacoma, was tonight nominated in the Republican caucus to succeed United States Senator Wilson. The deadlock was ended by Wilson giving his support to Foster. Foster will be elected.

EAGAN MENDS HIS LICKS.

His Lawyer Asks Leave to File a Supplemental Bill.

Washington, Jan. 31.—A new feature has been added to the case of General Eagan through his attorney's application to Judge A. J. Scales at Davis for permission to file a supplemental plea. The lawyer's brief will be accepted by the judge advocate general and its merits considered. None of the published statements concerning the verdict against Eagan have been strictly accurate. It is true that he was convicted of both charges and specification to each. Practice and precedent prohibit a court-martial from including in the case of an officer convicted of conduct unbecoming an officer, a commendation to the mercy of the President; but as some of the court were anxious to reduce the force their verdict, it was agreed that individual representations should be made to the secretary of war for mitigation of sentence. This action is distinct from action of the court, but the fact that General Merritt and others have asked that the sentence be reduced will have great weight.

NEGRO SOLDIERS ON A TEAR.

Tenth Cavalry Carry Things With a High Hand in Texarkana.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 31.—A telegram received here from Texarkana says: "There passed through Texarkana tonight eight train loads of negro soldiers, 1,200 in number, composing the Tenth United States Cavalry, en route to San Antonio. When they arrived they were a drunken mob and tried to tear up the town. A number of them kicked in a door, entered a house and started to run the place at points of loaded rifles, breaking up the furniture. Constable Rochelle attempted to arrest the negroes and a chase for the cars resulted. Just as the cars were reached Rochelle captured the leader, and as he did so a hundred loaded guns were leveled at him. Every car window held a drunken negro with a cocked rifle, and after the guns had been escaped into the cars.

County Attorney Vaughan placed himself in communication with the Governor, and as a result the trains were held here seven hours. The negroes wanted were kept in a car with an armed guard outside. It then became known that the trains were surrounded by irate Texarkans who had their pockets filled with dynamite, ready to send the entire horde to destruction.

Regulars to Sail for Manila.

New York, Jan. 31.—Nearly 2,000 men of the regular army will arrive in New York tomorrow to take ship for Manila. The Third regiment of infantry is coming from Fort Snelling, Minn., and a battalion of the Seventh infantry from Ohio. They will sail Thursday. These with the regiment which has already started to San Francisco are expected to sail in a few days. Another shipment of troops will sail from this port next week to make up reinforcements of between 5,000 and 7,000 for the forces in the Philippines.

Cotton Houses Swindled.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 31.—Two of the largest cotton houses in the South have been victimized by forged bills of lading purporting to have been issued by agents of the Seaboard Air Line at Vaughan and Gason, N. C., for twelve and ten bales respectively of cotton supposedly for shipment to the Perry Company and D. Eideridge of this city by W. J. Judkins. From each of these firms Judkins received a check for \$200. The forger was arrested while cashing his checks.

Royal Visit to Japan Abandoned.

London, Jan. 31.—A dispatch to the Morning Post from Berlin says it is stated that the proposed visit of Prince and Princess Henry of Russia to Japan has been abandoned. The Japanese government professing inability to guarantee their safety.

New Spanish Financial Scheme.

Madrid, Jan. 31.—Senator Pulcerver, minister of finance, outlined a new financial scheme to the cabinet today. It is stated that it involves new taxation that will yield \$50,000,000 pesetas annually.

Squadron of Evolution Nearly Ready.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Arrangements for the cruise of Sampson's squadron of evolution have progressed so far that the Navy Department was able to announce today that the squadron would sail from Havana about February 1st.

The Philadelphia Sails for Samoa.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The Navy Department has been notified that the flagship Philadelphia sailed this morning from San Diego, Cal., for Honolulu. On her way to Samoa, under instructions to protect American interests there.

New Senator from Wisconsin.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 31.—Joseph V. Quail was today formally elected United States Senator to succeed Mitchell.